



**Regular School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 15, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**School Board Meeting Room**  
**Stuart, FL 34994**

**Members Present**

Lorie Shekailo-Chair  
Laurie Gaylord-Vice-Chair  
Dr. David Anderson  
Susan Hershey  
Nancy Kline  
Dr. Sara A. Wilcox, Superintendent  
Doug Griffin, School Board Attorney  
Austin Flinn, School Representative (SFHS)

**Members Absent**

**Staff Present**

Sean Lewis, Kerry Lewis, Cathleen Brennan, Linda King, Delores Calloway, Rae Hollenbeck, Darla Miloszewski-Roddy, Deana Newson, Rodger Osborne, Ruth Pietruszewski, Dr. Joyce Holmes, Julie Sessa, Marshall Skinner, Joe Flanagan, Ray Parrish, Teresa D'Albora, J. Lisle Bozeman, Gail Olsen, Essie Rains, Don Merritt, Joan Hunt, Nancy Marin, Tracey Miller, Larry Green, Pat Schmoeyer, Steve Weil, Mike Lindgren, Joan Neal, Jeff Carver, Debbie Hayner, Jeff Younglove

**Public**

Dan Noel, Eileen Helfman, Portia Scott, Alan Forst, Diane Spencer, Christopher Leddy

**Press**

BPPost –Mike Bender

Stuart News – Kelly Tyko

**MCEA** – No Representation

**AFSCME** – Lisa Edwards

Call to Order by the Chair and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

Lorie Shekailo welcomed Austin Flinn, the new School Board Student Representative. Austin attends South Fork High School.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda:\***

**A. Additions, Deletions or Amendments to the Agenda**

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox called the Board's attention to new personnel recommendations.

**B. Approval of the Agenda**

*Dr. David Anderson moved approval of the modified agenda, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**2. Approval of the Minutes:\***

*Nancy Kline moved approval of the 7/18/06 Regular School Meeting minutes, and the 8/1/06 Special School Board Meeting/Public Hearing to Adopt 2006/2007 Tentative Annual School Budget minutes, Sue Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**3. Recognitions:\***

**A. Recognition of 2005-2006 Five Star Schools: Crystal Lake Elementary, Hobe Sound Elementary, Jensen Beach Elementary, Palm City Elementary, Port Salerno Elementary, Sea Wind Elementary, Felix A. Williams Elementary, Jensen Beach High, and Martin County High**

Hank Salzler explained that the Five Star School Award was established to recognize how vital community involvement was in our schools to overall student success. It is the highest award offered by the Florida Department of Education. In order to receive this award, schools must achieve and document 100% of the required criteria in the categories of business and community partnerships, family involvement, volunteers, student community service, and School Advisory Councils. Compiling the portfolio takes hours by many people at the school. The cooperation and teamwork shown by these schools in preparing the portfolio is an outstanding achievement in itself. The portfolios were displayed in the School Board's lobby. This year nine schools had earned the award for 2005-2006. Hank Salzler introduced Debbie Hayner, MCSD Volunteer Liaison, and presented the award to the nine schools.

**4. Presentations:\***

**A. Daughters of the American Revolution-Constitution Week, September 17, 2006-September 23, 2006-Attorney Portia Scott**

Portia Scott, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and President of the Martin County Bar Association, emphasized the need to cling to our Constitution. She stated that this year significant issues faced our nation. She emphasized the ideal of justice being dealt with an even hand. She informed Board members that the Board of County Commissioners and the City of Stuart were issuing proclamations of the same sort. She introduced the Honorable Alan Forst, Vice-President of the Martin County Bar Association and Chair of Constitution Week. He announced that the nation observes Constitution Week in mid-September. There is a public law mandating that schools receiving federal funds must engage in an educational program during Constitution Week. Attorneys and judges participate in an interactive program that engages students. Every principal will be contacted about the presentations. This year the attorneys and judges propose to make their presentations to smaller student audiences. Alan called the Board of Education's attention to a new initiative of the Florida Supreme Court's Chief Justice. Commencing later this year, the Justice Teaching Program will have local judges and lawyers working with the schools to put on educational programs throughout the year. He stated that our local Chief Judge, William Roby, was leading the effort in our area. Alan reported that William Roby and he would be attending Chief Justice Lewis's initial planning meeting early next month. The comment was made that he who forgets history is doomed to repeat it. His ending statement said that the Constitution made the United States the country that it is. Lorie Shekailo read the proclamation.

Dr. David Anderson moved approval to proclaim the week of September 17-23, 2006, as Constitution week, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Results of Post-Occupancy Evaluation Survey from Hobe Sound Elementary, J.D. Parker Elementary, Port Salerno Elementary, and Operation Departments (COPY ATTACHED)**

*Exhibit 4-B stored on shelf in Superintendent's Office.*

Julie Sessa, Director of Facilities and Planning, thanked J. Lisle Bozeman, Capital Projects Planner, for spending so much time analyzing the questions in this document. She reported that after the elementary school prototype workshop, Board members had requested a post occupancy evaluation on Hobe Sound, J.D. Parker, and Port Salerno Elementary schools. The Board members wanted the survey in order to make a decision on choosing a prototype. Nancy Kline had originally asked for the survey, since she felt it would be helpful in making decisions. Julie showed a power point presentation. The purpose of this study was to evaluate staff's and occupant's satisfaction with the facility design. 35 respondents completed the survey. Operational departments were also asked to take part in the survey by completing a separate set of questions regarding likes and dislikes. Each board member was given a Post Occupancy Evaluation binder. Julie reviewed, section by section, the notebook that had been created with the survey results, comments, and factors, enhanced with color photos and charts. Eleven major factors were evaluated and achieved the following results:

1. Overall satisfaction with facility; all sites 91% or greater
2. Safety; all sites 91% or greater, with 2 at 100%
3. Convenience; 75% or greater expressed satisfaction
4. Group Interaction; all sites 91% or greater
5. Function; all sites 91% or greater, with two sites at 100%
6. Flexibility; 75% or greater expresses satisfaction
7. HVAC-comfort; 75% or greater expresses satisfaction
8. Lighting-artificial; all sites 83% or greater, with one site at 100%
9. Lighting-natural; all sites 83% or greater, with one site at 100%
10. Acoustics; 75% or greater satisfaction
11. Student traffic patterns; all sites 83% or greater, with one site at 100%

All sites taken together averaged 90% satisfaction overall on the 11 major factors considered. Based on the results of the post occupancy survey, any one of the three school plans were candidates for reuse. Julie reviewed the new elementary A timeline. Julie reminded Board members that the DOE dictates what size the facility will be. Dr. Sara A. Wilcox informed Julie that the Board would like to make a recommendation at the next Board meeting. She stated that we have three school plans that have high levels of satisfaction. Lorie Shekailo asked if there was any plan that fit on the site better. Julie said they had studied the square footage of each design, and there was a small variation in square footage. The Tuscowilla site is 15 acres. Julie said she didn't think there would be any issue with any of the three designs on that site. Dr. Sara A. Wilcox asked if there was any information about utility costs. Julie had acquired cost information, but she had a hard time comparing apples to apples. Bills had still come to finance under construction for a couple of months. She found one month where she felt she could do an accurate comparison, so she divided out the square footage of the school by the rates. Julie came up with HSE at \$1.52 per sq.ft, PSE at \$1.96 per sq ft, and J.D. Parker \$1.25 per sq ft. Dr. David Anderson asked how many of those schools had been hardened for hurricanes. PSE and HSE had been hardened for hurricanes. J.D. Parker is in a flood zone. Nancy Kline suggested at looking at more than one month of utilities to get a better comparison. Julie agreed, however, it was too early to get any comparison data. Some of the schools had summer school and others used the facilities at night and after hours. Lorie Shekailo asked if the new elementary school in Palm City would be hardened for a hurricane shelter. Julie explained that the County had obtained a CDBG grant for \$400,000 to harden the elementary school. Dr. David Anderson felt the location of the new Palm City elementary school logistically warranted it being made a shelter. Board members discussed the three sites. Sue Hershey said she could make her decision by next week but wanted to make a trip out to each of the sites. Nancy Kline requested to see more information on energy consumption at each site. Board members came to a consensus to choose a prototype in the next week.

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**5. Open to the Public:\***

- Christopher Leddy, parent of four children attending Martin County School District, stated he was very satisfied with the school district. He brought forth parents' concerns relating to the shortage of physical trainers and offered booster club parents' suggestions. Hank explained the scheduling plan the district had put into place, focused on contact sports and student's safety. Hank guaranteed that no school would be shortfalled.
- Diane Spencer dispelled the rumor that French would be replaced by Chinese in the high school curriculum. Dr. Sara A. Wilcox told her that the subject had not even had discussion at the district level, and no decision had been made to teach Chinese. She guaranteed that the recommendation would have to come before the Board.

**6. Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda:\***                      **None**

**7. Approve Consent Agenda:\***

Laurie Gaylord moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Sue Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. 06/07 FY Attendance Zones:\*** - (COPY ATTACHED)

**B. Requests:\***

1. Use of Facilities:\*( COPY ATTACHED)
2. Field Trips / Use of Buses / Vehicles:\*( COPY ATTACHED)

**C. New Agreements:\***

1. Approve 2006-2007 Addendum to Charter School Agreement between Indian River Community College and the School Board of Martin County (COPY ATTACHED)
2. Approve 2006-2007 Supplemental Education Service Provider Contracts: ACES Academic Consulting Services; A-Z in Home Tutoring; ATS Project Success; Babbage Net School; Brainfuse One-To-One Tutoring; Bright Futures Learning; Club Z! Inc.; Huntington Learning Centers, Inc.; The Mentoring Center, Inc.; Successful Academics,LLC Sylvan Learning Center; Sunshine After School Child Care Inc. (COPY ATTACHED)
3. Approve Agreement with Professional Development Institute, Inc., (PDI) for Literacy First Consultant Services, Travel, and Website License Agreement (COPY ATTACHED)
4. Approve Agreement between Educational Based Services, Inc., and Martin County School District for Speech Services (COPY ATTACHED)

**D. Renewal Agreements:\***

1. Approve Renewal Agreement between the School Board of Martin County, Florida, and Indian River Community College-CNA Program (COPY ATTACHED)
2. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the United Way Volunteer & Community Resource Center/RSVP and Martin County School District for the period 9/30/06-9/29/09 (COPY ATTACHED)
3. Approve Agreement between St. Lucie County School Board and Martin County School Board for Students Living in Harbor Ridge and Beau Rivage West to Attend Martin County Schools for 2006-2007 School Year (COPY ATTACHED)
4. ~~Approve Agreement between the Martin County School District and the YMCA of the Treasure Coast, Florida, Inc~~

**E. New Grants:\***

1. Approve Florida Department of Education Project Application for the School of Visual Communication & Journalism at Martin County High School for \$40,000 (COPY ATTACHED)
2. Approve Support of the Martin County Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Initiative for Hurricane Hardening of Elementary A for \$400,000 (COPY ATTACHED)

**F. Renewal Grants:\***                      **None**

**G. Personnel Items:\***

1. Schedule of Personnel Recommendations (COPY ATTACHED)

**9. Items Removed from the Agenda:\***                      **None**

**10. Construction:\***

Dr. David Anderson moved approval of Item 10, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approve Low Bid & Award Contract for Challenger Clinic Remodeling #060545- (COPY ATTACHED)
- B. Approve Reduction in Retainage from 10% to 5% for all Subcontractors for Dr. David L. Anderson Middle School (“AA” Middle)- (COPY ATTACHED)
- C. Approve Contract for Creech Engineers for Professional Services to Provide Boundary & Topographic Survey for South Fork High School- (COPY ATTACHED)
- D. Approve Change Order and Final Payment to Pirtle Construction Company for Hobe Sound Elementary Replacement School-(COPY ATTACHED)
- E. Approve Lease Agreement Restated with East Coast Migrant Head Start Project, Inc. for Indiantown Property-(COPY ATTACHED)

**11. Finance:\***

- A. Approve Purchase Orders / Contracts – (COPY ATTACHED)

Nancy Kline moved approval of Item 11, Dr. David Anderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**12. Bid Recommendations:\***

Sue Hershey moved approval of Item 12, Dr. David Anderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approval to Piggyback
  1. School District of St. Lucie County, RFP 06-19 for Hurricane/Disaster Recovery and Debris Removal (COPY ATTACHED)
  2. School District of St. Lucie County, RFP 06-24 for Hurricane/Disaster Recovery Services for Indoor Air Quality (COPY ATTACHED)
  3. Palm Beach County School Board District Bid #06C-33M for Term Contract for Musical Instruments, Manufacturer Discounts (COPY ATTACHED)
- B. Approval to Renew Piggyback
  1. FL State Contract #250-000-03-1 for Information Technology Hardware (COPY ATTACHED)
- C. Approval of Award on CO-OP Bid
  1. School District of St. Lucie County CO-OP Bid #06-25 for Term Contract for Diesel, Gasoline, Heating and Emergency Generator Fuel (COPY ATTACHED)

**13. Approve Initiation of District Accreditation Process (COPY ATTACHED)**

Laurie Gaylord moved approval of Item 13, Dr. David Anderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**14. Approve State of Florida Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Education Program Statewide Provider Agreement (COPY ATTACHED)**

Prior to the vote being taken, Nancy Kline publicly stated that she would abstain from voting on Item 14, since the Early Learning Coalition was her current employer. She had filled out a form 8B, Memorandum of Voting Conflict, (COPY ATTACHED) and would file it with the Clerk to the Board to be incorporated in the minutes.

Laurie Gaylord moved approval of Item 14, Sue Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**15. Approve Fee Support Price Increase for Community Education (COPY ATTACHED)**

Marshall Skinner, MCSD Director of VACE, explained how the Community Ed Program’s enrollment had dropped being effected by the cost of living increases and the hurricanes. The largest number of students participating in the programs were senior citizens. Marshall explained how rising costs have left seniors with less money to enjoy recreational classes, and many were spending money on hurricane shutters and still repairing damages. Enrollment numbers seemed to be coming back, and Marshall explained that the programs will be re-evaluated at a later date.

Dr. David Anderson moved approval of Item 15, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**16. Approve AFSCME Contract Agreement for 2006-2007 (COPY ATTACHED)**

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox informed Board members that the AFSCME contract had been ratified. There were 578 members who voted. 560 voted yes, and 18 voted no.

Laurie Gaylord moved approval of Item 16, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**17. Approve Equity Report for the 2005-2006 School Year (COPY ATTACHED)**

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox pointed out a minor change made on a page two-thirds of the way down the sheet. Board members inserted the new sheet and replaced the old one.

Sue Hershey moved approval of Item 17 with the minor change, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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**18. Rule Revisions:\***

Lorie Shekailo asked if any members of the public wished to speak. No one requested to speak.

**A. Public Hearing on School Board Policy 5511 Dress Code (COPY ATTACHED)**

*Sue Hershey moved approval of Item 18, Dr. David Anderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**19. Open to the Board:\***

David Anderson

Commented that the District can't sacrifice French for Chinese.

Austin Flinn

Apprised Board members on the Homecoming events, giving them the times, locations, and dates. He explained where the Homecoming parades would begin. He updated Board members on the High School activities.

Nancy Kline

Welcomed Austin as the new Student Representative. She was proud of the smooth transition and pleased how smoothly school opened. She thanked the Bargaining Committee.

Laurie Gaylord

Announced that she was happy to be back in school and looking forward to the new school year.

Sue Hershey

Was looking forward to the Academy at Martin County High School. She commented that Halpatiokee Park was coming up for review. She stated that she was thrilled with the teachers' contract.

Dr. David Anderson

Enlightened all that Martin County School District, pending ratification of the teacher's contract, would have the highest beginning salary in four counties. He expressed his wishes to give School Board staff what the firefighters were paid.

Lorie Shekailo

Voiced her happiness for union contracts being settled. She reported that she had attended the MADD session and that Dr. Sara A. Wilcox informed them about our prevention programs. She said that the community had recognized the district's efforts. She expressed her pride that all went well on the first day.

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox

Thanked the District and all the schools for a smooth opening. She stated that everyone had worked so hard to get everything ready for a good start. She stated that the opening was wonderful and went well. She explained how it takes everyone working together to accomplish the goal. She voiced her opinion that building a school adjacent to Halpatiokee Park would be a great idea. She thanked the two unions for working together. She reported that both unions had settled their contracts. AFSCME had ratified their contract, but MCEA's contract was pending ratification. She conveyed her feelings that she wished she had more salary money, because expenses and the cost of living were rising.

Lorie Shekailo

Related that the FSBA President's retreat conflicted with the SFHS Homecoming Parade. She asked Austin Flinn to relay the message to SFHS that Board members would do their best to have their presence at the parade.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Lorie Shekailo adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

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**CHAIR (Lorie Shekailo)**

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**SECRETARY (Sara A. Wilcox, Ph.D.)**