



SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 23, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

School Board Meeting Room

500 East Ocean Boulevard

Stuart, Florida 34994

Members Present:

Lorie Shekailo, Chair
Dr. David Anderson
Maura Barry-Sorenson
Laurie Gaylord
Nancy Kline, Superintendent
Doug Griffin, School Board Attorney

Members Absent:

Susan Hershey

MCEA:

Jeanette Phillips
Dianne Falvo

AFSCME:

Lisa Edwards
Mark Brody

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Lorie Shekailo at 7:00 p.m. A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Additions, Deletions or Amendments to the Agenda

Lorie Shekailo reported that Agenda Item 6 has been removed from the Agenda. Mrs. Shekailo also noted that additional backup has been added for Agenda Items 3 and 4, Exhibit 5 for Agenda Item 5 has been added, and the Exhibits for Agenda Items 7-A and 7-C have been updated.

B. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda as amended was made by Dr. David Anderson, seconded by Maura Barry-Sorenson, and carried unanimously.

2. Open to the Public – None.

3. Hearing on Recommendation for Suspension Without Pay, and Statement of Charges and Petition for Termination of District Employment of Larry Stonecipher – Case No. 2008/09:002

4. Hearing on Recommendation for Suspension Without Pay, and Statement of Charges and Petition for Termination of District Employment of Javier Suarez – Case No. 2008/09:003

School Board Attorney Doug Griffin suggested that Agenda Items 3 and 4 could be consolidated and heard simultaneously. The Board agreed.

Chair Lorie Shekailo called the hearing to order. Representing the Superintendent was Attorney George Roberts with the firm of Roberts, Reynolds, Bedard & Tuzzio, and assisting him was District Employee/Labor Attorney Kim Sabol; representing Larry Stonecipher and Javier Suarez was Attorney Cara Barrick and Bruce Loren with the firm of Bruce Loren & Associates.

Both parties presented exhibits (copies attached to original minutes) to the Board, and their cases were heard and discussed. Doug Griffin presented the Board with Draft Orders (copies attached to original minutes) that included all of the specific charges included in the Superintendent's petition.

Regarding Mr. Stonecipher: Dr. David Anderson moved to approve the charges by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Maura Barry-Sorenson and carried unanimously.

Motion to suspend Mr. Stonecipher without pay pending the holding of a formal hearing on those charges if requested was made by Laurie Gaylord and seconded by Dr. David Anderson. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

If a formal hearing is requested by the employee, Dr. David Anderson moved that the hearing be conducted by the School Board. The motion was seconded by Laurie Gaylord and carried unanimously.

Doug Griffin noted that the actions being adopted are embodied in the Order and asked the Chair to seek a motion approving the Order as presented. Motion to approve the Order as presented was made by Dr. David Anderson and seconded by Maura Barry-Sorenson. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Regarding Mr. Suarez: Motion was made by Dr. David Anderson to approve all the components contained within Draft Order. The motion was seconded by Maura Barry-Sorenson and carried unanimously.

Chair Lorie Shekailo announced that the proceedings were concluded and the hearing adjourned.

5. Approve Agreement with Fastrack Management & Consulting, Inc.

Motion to approve the Agreement with Fastrack Management & Consulting, Inc. was made by Dr. David Anderson and seconded by Maura Barry-Sorenson. Upon being put to a vote, the Motion carried three to one. (Mrs. Gaylord opposed voicing concerns that she had not had the opportunity to review the contract.)

6. ~~Approval to Contract for Forensic Audit*~~ - Doug Griffin

7. Personnel Items

- A. Approve Field Trip Requests**
- B. Schedule of Personnel Recommendations**
- C. Approve Leaves Authorized by the Superintendent**

Motion to approve the Personnel Items 7-A through 7-C was made by Dr. David Anderson, seconded by Laurie Gaylord, and carried unanimously.


8. Open to the Board:*

Maura Barry-Sorenson indicated that she had attended a program on transparency in government and recognizing that it is the taxpayers' money that the Board is functioning under. She indicated it is difficult to make the decisions that had to be made tonight.

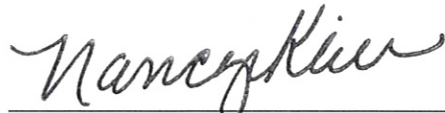
Dr. David Anderson agreed with Mrs. Barry-Sorenson.

Nancy Kline indicated that she echoes Mrs. Sorenson's thoughts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.



CHAIR (Lorie Shekailo)



SECRETARY (Nancy Kline)