

Regular School Board Meeting

September 12, 2006

Tuesday, 10:00 AM

School Administration Building

301 Fourth Street SW

Largo, FL 33997

Attendees

Julie Janssen, Deputy Superintendent	<i>non-voting</i>
Deborah Beaty, Adm. Assistant	<i>non-voting</i>
Mary L. Tyus Brown, Board Member	
Nancy N. Bostock, Chairman	
Lanse Johansen, Chief Business Officer	<i>non-voting</i>
Carol J. Cook, Board Member	
Clayton Wilcox, Supt. & Ex- Officio Sec.	<i>non-voting</i>
Janet R. Clark, Board Member	
Linda S. Lerner, Board Member	
Jane Gallucci, Board Member	
James Robinson, School Board Attorney	<i>non-voting</i>
Mary L. Russell, Board Member	

Meeting Minutes

A. Invocation

1. Invocation by Reverend Matthew Miller, Faith Presbyterian Church, 11501 Walker Avenue North, Seminole, Florida

Minutes

The Invocation was delivered by Rev. Miller. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

1. National Anthem Project Video

Minutes

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a video was shown of the All County High School Orchestra & Chorus performing the National Anthem.

2. South Ward Elementary School Video

Minutes

A video was shown to highlight the students, staff, and programs at South Ward Elementary School.

C. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

1. Introduction of Representatives of Professional and Community Organizations by Dr. Ron Stone,

Associate Superintendent, Human Resources and Public Affairs

Minutes

Dr. Stone introduced the following representatives: Randy Dodds, PESPA; Michelle Dennard, PCTA; Amy McAuley, PCCPTA; Mamyé Hodges, North Pinellas Retired Teachers Association; Dr. Barbara Hires, Oscar Robinson, and Michael Bessette, Operations Team; Bob McIntyre, Gerry Hogan, Mitch Lee, Charley Harris, Rich Engwall, and Jean Wittner, Pinellas Education Foundation; Ed Hoffman, Jr., of Hoffman Architects, AIA, PA; and, Tom Tobin, St. Petersburg Times.

D. Explanation of Process for Signing up to Speak

1. Meeting Procedures

Minutes

Mrs. Brown reviewed the process to be followed by the audience for participation at School Board meetings and guidelines to be followed for all members of the audience during these proceedings.

E. Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to adopt the agenda.

Dr. Wilcox informed the Board that Item H.25 is being removed from this agenda to allow further review of this item by the School Board Attorney.

Dr. Wilcox informed the Board that the presenter in Item J.1, Sheila Nahmias, has requested that her presentation be removed from this agenda and delayed one month.

PULL: CONSENT #3, #5, #8, #13, #14, #15, #17 - page 184 only, #20, #23

Mrs. Cook reminded the Board that the minutes to be approved should reflect the changes requested by Mrs. Lerner.

Mrs. Cook requested that Items #3 and #4 under Special Order Agenda be heard in reverse order.

The motion to adopt the agenda, as amended, was approved with a 7-0 vote.

F. Special Order Agenda

1. Presentation by Mr. Elliott Rakofsky, Director of Community Relations, PARC

Minutes

Mr. Rakofsky addressed the Board to share information regarding the many services provided by PARC to the members of our community. Mr. Rakofsky took this opportunity to enlighten the Board regarding new programs that will be implemented by PARC and provided a packet of information to each of the Board Members. Mr. Rakofsky encouraged Board Members to take the time to visit their agency and see first hand the difference PARC is making for children with disabilities. Mrs. Brown thanked Mr. Rakofsky for his presentation and encouraged Board Members to visit PARC.

2. Introduction of Newly Appointed Administrators

Minutes

Dr. Wilcox introduced the following Newly Appointed Administrators:

Ms. Andrea Zahn, Director, Communications

Ms. Jeani Fullard, Supervisor, Elementary Reading & Language Arts, Area I

Ms. Patricia Clay, Supervisor, Business Tech & Workforce Education
Mr. Henry Perry, Supervisor, Vehicle Maintenance

The administrators were greeted and congratulated by the Board Members.

3. Presentation by Mr. Terry Boehm, Mr. Bob McIntyre, and Mr. Ed Hoffman

Minutes

Mr. McIntyre addressed the Board to share news regarding an exciting project, the Jacobson Culinary Arts Academy in Tarpon Springs. Ed Hoffman, Jr., of Ed Hoffman Architects, AIA, PA, addressed the Board to present the site plans for the Academy. Mr. Hoffman stated that he was very excited to be working on this project and acknowledged the contributions to this effort by Publix. Charlie Harris, Attorney at Law with Trenam Kemker, addressed the Board to review the three agreements: 1) Temporary Use of Property; 2) Contract with Creative Contractors, and, 3) Contract with Ed Hoffman Architects, AIA, PA. Mr. Harris stated that the approximate cost of the project is \$4 million, to be totally raised by the Education Foundation. Mr. McIntyre thanked the Board for their support and partnership. Mrs. Gallucci shared with the Board that the Board of Directors for NSBA were in Pinellas this past weekend and visited the academies at Tarpon Springs High School. Mrs. Gallucci stated that the visitors were very impressed by and appreciative of the breakfast that was prepared and served to them by the culinary arts students. Comments followed by Board Members.

4. Presentation of an Appreciation Award by Margo Walbolt, Cultural Affairs Manager, City of Clearwater, for Long-Term Participation in the Clearwater-Nagano Exchange Program

Minutes

Jan Kucerik, Supervisor for World Languages, introduced Margo Walbolt. Ms. Walbolt addressed the Board to thank the Board and the Superintendent for the significant contributions that Pinellas County Schools has made to the Clearwater-Nagano Exchange Program. Ms. Wolbolt presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Board acknowledging their long-term participation in this program.

G. Unfinished Business

1. Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 2.23 DISTRICT SAFETY AND SECURITY

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Amendment to Policy 2.23. Dr. Wilcox stated that this is the second reading and that it puts the district in compliance with the Department of Homeland Security's National Incident Management System (NIMS).

2. AGENDA ITEM: Recommend Adoption of the Recommended Order of the Administrative Law Judge to Dismiss Ms. Timberly McKenzie, Bus Driver.

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Bostock to Enter the proposed Final Order adopting the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order Dismissing Ms. McKenzie, effective the end of the work day September 12, 2006.

Mr. Robinson described the procedures that are to be followed during this discussion. Mr. Robinson stated that there were no exceptions filed by either party; that the Findings of Fact made by the Hearing Officer will be considered as fact; and, that it is the responsibility of the Board to only consider the penalty appropriate for Ms. McKenzie. Mr. Robinson stated that each side will receive fifteen minutes to present their comments and that the Board is not to retry this case.

Ms. Timberly McKenzie addressed the Board to state she believes her action was not a "firing offense" and requested that the Board not terminate her employment.

Ms. Laurie Dart, Staff Attorney, addressed the Board to present a background on this issue. Ms. Dart stated that a recommendation for dismissal of Ms. McKenzie was originally presented to the Board by the Superintendent in April 2005; that the employee requested an Administrative Hearing; that the hearing has taken place; that the Final Order is being recommended to the Board in its entirety; that Administrative Law Judge found that the employee took eight days away from her job without permission, five of those days being in one pay period, for the purpose of taking vacation; and, that she knew there would be a consequence to her action. Ms. Dart, referencing Policy 2.14(7)(d)1., stated that "if no exceptions have been filed by any party, the findings of fact made by the hearing officer will be considered as fact and the only issue remaining for the School Board is to decide on the penalty."

Discussion followed by Board Members, Dr. Wilcox, Mr. Robinson, and Ms. Dart.

It was moved by Mrs. Russell and seconded by Mrs. Lerner to table this item to allow the Board to read the entire record. Mrs. Bostock reminded the Board that the complete record has been in the Board Office giving them that opportunity. Discussion followed. The motion to table failed with a 1-6 vote, Mrs. Russell being the only affirmative vote.

The original motion was carried with a 7-0 vote to Enter the proposed Final Order adopting the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order Dismissing Ms. McKenzie, effective the end of the work day September 12, 2006. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

H. Consent

It was moved by Mrs. Russell, seconded by Mrs. Gallucci, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

1. Approval of Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of August 15, 2006.

Minutes

Approved with noted corrections sent to the Board prior to meeting.

2. AGENDA ITEM: Request Approval of a Lease Development Agreement for the Tarpon High School Culinary Arts Academy

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

3. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations: Personnel Actions as Recommended by the superintendent

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Personnel Actions as Recommended by the Superintendent.

This item was pulled to allow the following member of the audience to address the Board:
Marti Folwell -- Addressed the Board to request that job descriptions be separated from the personnel package and presented to the Board as a separate agenda item.

The motion was carried with a 6-0 vote, Mrs. Russell absent during this vote, to approve the Personnel Actions as Recommended by the Superintendent. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

4. Request Approval of the Association & Society Insurance (ASI) TRICARE Group Supplement Through December 31, 2010 and with an Option to Negotiate Renewals for Subsequent Years.

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

5. Request Approval to Extend the TSA Consulting Group Contract through June 30, 2009 with an Option to Negotiate Renewals for Subsequent Years.

Minutes

This item was pulled by Ms. Clark.

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to Extend the TSA Consulting Group Contract through June 30, 2009 with an Option to Negotiate Renewals for Subsequent Years.

Ms. Clark stated that at this time she does not support paying more consultants; that she still has questions on this; that approximately only one-third of our employees have a voluntary 403b or 457, yet the price of \$72,000 is based on all employees; and, that she is not sure that this is worth the expenditure.

Dr. Wilcox stated that he absolutely thinks this is an appropriate expenditure; that if the district is ever audited, it keeps the district in a better position; and, that it will provide our employees with a much more comprehensive look at their retirement options vs. the report that is provided by the state.

Ted Pafundi, Director of Risk Management, stated that this program is used in most of the sixty-seven counties. and should the district ever get audited, the district will stand a better chance of being successful.

Discussion continued.

The motion was carried with a 5-2 vote, Ms. Clark and Mrs. Russell voting against, to Extend the TSA Consulting Group Contract through June 30, 2009 with an Option to Negotiate Renewals for Subsequent Years.

6. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Suspend Ms. Charlotte E. McKinnie, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, for Five (5) Days Without Pay

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

7. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Suspend Ms. Donna Champagne, Food Service Manager, Dixie Hollins High School, for Three (3) Days Without Pay, Return to the Status of a Food Service Specialist, Attend Food Service Training, and Transfer to a Different Work Site

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

8. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Accept the Stipulation to Suspend Mr. Alexander Hughes, Plant Operator, Gulfport Elementary School, for Five (5) Days Without Pay

Minutes

This item was pulled by Mrs. Brown.

It was moved by Mrs. Bostock and seconded by Mrs. Gallucci to accept the Stipulation to Suspend Mr. Hughes.

Mrs. Brown stated that she is not against the recommendation but questioned the process used. Mrs. Brown stated that this employee was hired in 2005 and questions why there was no evaluation on file for this employee.

Dr. Ron Stone stated that there is a process; that this item is poorly written; that there are two evaluations on this employee, one in January and one in May; and, that the employee is still with us and transferred to St. Petersburg.

The motion was carried with a 7-0 vote to Accept the Stipulation to Suspend Mr. Alexander Hughes, Plant

Operator, Gulfport Elementary School, for Five (5) Days Without Pay, such days to be determined by his principal. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

9. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Accept the Stipulation of Agreement to Suspend Ms. Elsie Johnson, Plant Operator, Belleair Elementary School, for Eight (8) Days Without pay, Provide Proof of Alcohol Treatment / Counseling and Agree to Submit to Breathalyzer Testing if Supervisors Smell Alcohol on her Person or Suspect she is Under the Influence

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

10. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Accept the Stipulation to Suspend Mr. Gernard Lundy, Plant Operator, Palm Harbor Middle School, for Two (2) Days Without Pay

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

11. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Ms. Meghan Daucher, Teacher Assistant, Belleair Elementary School

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

12. AGENDA ITEM: Request Approval of an Interagency Agreement For Student Data Sharing Pursuant to Section 1002.22(3)(d)13,F.S. Between The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, Bernie McCabe in his Capacity as State Attorney for the 6th Judicial Circuit, and the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

13. Request Approval of Dixie Hollins High School's 2007 Yearbook Agreement with Taylor Publishing Company

Minutes

This item, plus the following two items, was pulled by Mrs. Gallucci. Action and discussion on all three items were taken at one time.

It was moved by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Bostock to approve Agenda Items #13, #14, and #15.

Mrs. Gallucci stated that the Board, back in the spring, expressed concern with the rising cost of yearbooks and that she believes there has been a committee to review this matter. Mrs. Gallucci stated that she pulled this to allow the work of this committee to be a part of this record.

Dr. Wilcox stated that the Cabinet and district staff have had extensive conversation on this issue and requested that Dr. Harry Brown, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum, share their findings with the Board.

Dr. Brown stated that a spreadsheet was completed related to this concern; that a lot of work has been done to bring this price down; and, that it is now lower than many other areas in the state.

The motion to approve Agenda Items #13, #14, and #15 was carried with a 6-0 vote, Mrs. Lerner absent during the vote.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

14. Request Approval of Lakewood High School Yearbook Bid Selection of Taylor Publishing Company for the 2006-2007 School Year

Minutes

Motion to approve this item, as submitted, is found in Item 13.

15. Request Approval of Tarpon Springs High School Yearbook Bid Selection of Walsworth Publishing Company for the 2006-2007 School Year

Minutes

Motion to approve this item, as submitted, is found in Item 13.

16. Request Approval to use EF Educational Tours, a Student Tour Company, to Arrange the Largo High School 21st Century Learning Center Magnet "Learning Bus" Trip to France, the Alps, and Germany From March 22 – 30, 2007

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

17. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects: a)Renewal of Agreement with Pinellas County Health Department: \$356,640 b)Renewal of Agreement with the R'Club: \$51,500 c)Renewal of Agreement with the Salvation Army: \$ NA (In-kind Services) d)Agreement with St. Petersburg College Applied Ethics Institute: \$20,000 e)Amendment to Agreement for In-School and Out-of-School Youth Services: \$675,000

Minutes

Mrs. Bostock pulled Item A only, Agreement with Pinellas County Health Department. All other projects were approved with the Board's action taken to approve the Consent Agenda.

Page 184, Item A

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve Special Project Item A.

Mrs. Bostock stated that she is basically alright with most of this grant; that she has the same concern she has voiced in previous years regarding the surveying and weighing of students; that part of this grant requires the district to survey our third grade students; and, that this occurred last year without notifying parents prior to it being done. Mrs. Bostock stated that she will complete a workshop topic request form to ask that the Board look at our policies on parental permission when we are addressing sensitive subjects with students.

Discussion followed by Peggy Johns (Supervisor for PreK-12 Health Education), Dr. Wilcox, and Board Members. Dr. Wilcox will provide a copy of the survey to each of the Board Members.

The motion was carried with a 6-1 vote, Mrs. Bostock voting against, to approve Special Project a)Renewal of Agreement with Pinellas County Health Department: \$356,640. (Copy/copies, as required, to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

The remaining Special Projects were approved with the action by the Board to approve the Consent Agenda. (Copy/copies, as required, to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

18. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 10 (June 2006) to the District's 2005/2006 Budget

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

19. Request Approval of Financial Statements for the Month Ending June 30, 2006 for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

20. Request Acceptance of Operational Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005 prepared by

the Auditor General's Office

Minutes

Mrs. Bostock pulled this item.

It was moved by Mrs. Bostock and seconded by Mrs. Gallucci to approve the Acceptance of Operational Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005 prepared by the Auditor General's Office.

Mrs. Bostock stated that she supports this item but wanted to pull it to clarify that the district not only performs a financial audit regularly, but also performs an operational audit. Mrs. Bostock requested that Dr. Wilcox talk about some of the district's responses to the audit.

Dr. Wilcox stated that while he is pleased with some of the audit, there is work to be done to become a better school district as a result of the audit. Dr. Wilcox stated that he just recently gave the name of an outside firm to Mr. Johansen and his team for their consideration and the findings of the review of the audit report will be shared with the Board Members.

Ms. Clark expressed her concern with four items that received critical marks twice in a row and requested that efforts to correct this be shared with the Board. Dr. Wilcox stated that his report prior to the end of the year will include that. Mrs. Cook suggested that this discussion be scheduled for the same workshop that the Board discusses the audit committee: Dr. Wilcox agreed to give what is being done to date and then a precursor as to where they are going.

Mrs. Lerner expressed concern with the item that addresses overtime. Mr. Johansen stated that much of the overtime takes place at Walter Pownall and that Fred Matz is working with MIS to produce a feedback report on this issue. Mrs. Lerner clarified that she would like a report on how employees who are eligible for overtime are given comp time for the extra hours and what are the processes and guidelines.

Mrs. Russell also expressed her concern regarding the audit comments on overtime. Mr. Johansen stated that much of the overtime was in the Transportation Department when the district could not get enough bus drivers.

Mrs. Lerner requested that the presentation also include information on any positions in the district that the person is unable to complete their task without using overtime.

The motion was carried with a 7-0 vote to approve Acceptance of Operational Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005 prepared by the Auditor General's Office.

21. Request Approval of the Principals' Quarterly Financial Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2006

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

22. Request Approval of the Investment Portfolio Financial Statements for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2006

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

23. Request Approval of the Contract with Scholastic, Inc. Setting Forth Prices and Terms and Conditions of Future Purchases

Minutes

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Lerner pulled this item.

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Contract with Scholastic, Inc. Setting Forth Prices and Terms and Conditions of Future Purchases.

The following individual addressed the Board:

Marti Folwell - Addressed the Board to urge the district to ensure teachers receive proper training for the Read 180 program.

Dr. Wilcox introduced the item and spoke of the many improvements made since the Board tabled this item at the August 15, 2006 meeting.

Discussion followed by Board Members, Dr. Harry Brown (Associate Superintendent for Curriculum), Dr. Wilcox, and a representative from Scholastic, Inc.

The motion was carried with a 7-0 vote to approve of the Contract with Scholastic, Inc. Setting Forth Prices and Terms and Conditions of Future Purchases.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

Following this item, the Board recessed at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

24. Request Approval to Renew Agreement With the Pinellas County Arts Council to Provide Cultural Programming Through the School Curriculum

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

25. Request Approval of the Interlocal Agreement With Pinellas County and Twelve Municipalities to Establish School Concurrency Standards

Minutes

DELETED from this agenda to allow further review by the School Board Attorney.

26. Request Approval of Supplemental Survey for Bear Creek Elementary School (00010)

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

27. Request Approval of Supplemental Survey for Gulf Beaches Elementary School (00041)

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

28. Request Approval of Supplemental Survey for Oakhurst Elementary School (00073)

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

29. Request Approval of Supplemental Survey for Richard L. Sanders School (00083)

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

30. Request Approval of Supplemental Survey for Woodlawn Elementary School (00126)

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

31. Request Approval of Amendment No. 6 to Agreement With GLE Associates, Inc. for Additional Fees for Architectural and Contract Administration Services Required to Remodel the old Paul B. Stephens ESE Center now Renamed Bernice Johnson Student Services Center for a Total fee of \$26,240

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

32. Request Approval of Agreement With Creative Contractors, Inc., for Construction Management Services in Connection With Replacement Facility at Tarpon Springs Elementary School in the Amount of \$2,005,514

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

33. Request Approval of Change Order No. 3 for Remodeling at Bernice Johnson Student Service Center. This Change Order will increase the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$287,200 with no time extension.

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

34. Request Acceptance of Substantial Completion of Belcher Elementary School as of June 8, 2006

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

35. Request Acceptance of Substantial Completion of Gibbs High School as of May 30, 2006

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

36. Request Acceptance of Substantial Completion of Safety Harbor Middle School as of November 19, 2004

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

37. Quarterly Submittals of Change Order Summaries

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

38. Request Approval of Reimbursement of Isolated Transportation for J.J.H. for the 2006/2007 School Year

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

39. Request Approval of Reimbursement of Isolated Transportation for M.H. for the 2006/2007 School Year

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

40. Request Approval of Reimbursement of Isolated Transportation for V.H. for the 2006/2007 School Year

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

41. Request Approval of Reimbursement of Isolated Transportation for M.M. for the 2005/2006 School Year

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

42. Request Approval of Vehicle Use Agreement

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

43. Request Approval of Bids to Vendors at Prices in Bid Documents in Accordance with Bid Policies and Statutes

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

I. Nonconsent

1. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 4.18 STUDENT HONORS

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to Set a Public Hearing and Authorize the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 4.18 STUDENT HONORS.

Dr. Wilcox and Dr. Harry Brown introduced the proposed amendment.

Mrs. Bostock expressed her concern that the importance on membership into the National Honor Society (NHS) may be diminished by decreasing the requirement.

Mrs. Russell stated that she would like the language removed that allows a student to receive a C grade and that she would also like to have language included to address students who cheat to send the message that this is not an acceptable way to achieve this recognition.

Mrs. Brown questioned whether the NHS has policies that address cheating. Dr. Brown will look into that. Mrs. Brown also expressed the need for consistent processes throughout the high schools for placing students into NHS and for allowing them to remain. Dr. Wilcox stated that there is no process and that it is left up to the individual schools with the exception of scholarships. Dr. Wilcox stated that Administration is attempting to simplify and standardize the process as it relates to GPA across the county and still leave some discretion to the school in order to retain the prestige that belongs to this award. Dr. Wilcox asked that the Board approve this policy for the first reading and then schedule this for a workshop prior to the second reading.

Mrs. Cook requested information as to whether there is a code of ethics/pledge and, if so, have that information at the workshop.

The motion was carried with a 7-0 vote to Set a Public Hearing and Authorize the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 4.18 STUDENT HONORS.

2. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 5.13 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: HIGH SCHOOL

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to Set a Public Hearing and Authorize the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 5.13 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: HIGH SCHOOL.

Dr. Wilcox stated that this policy removes the restriction as to the number of credits a high school student may earn and clarifies that some of our students take dual enrollment courses at SPC.

Mrs. Bostock stated that this is a great opportunity but expressed her concern that this might be too much of a good thing. Mrs. Bostock commended the opportunity for credit recovery but sees the potential of watering down the courses in order to get a student through. Mrs. Bostock requested that Administration consider some type of oversight. Dr. Wilcox stated that staff will consider criteria to be included.

Mrs. Gallucci expressed her appreciation for this policy that will now allow students to take credits in numerous ways.

Mrs. Lerner, referring to page 471, lines 21-23, would like to consider saying that we would not waive the opportunity for students to graduate early.

Mrs. Russell would like language added to inform parents as to the impact on val/sal standing for students.

Discussion followed. This item will be placed on the same workshop agenda as Policy 4.18.

The motion was approved with a 7-0 to Set a Public Hearing and Authorize the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 5.13 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: HIGH SCHOOL.

3. Request Approval of the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan and Adoption of the (Tentative) Five-Year Facilities Work Program for 2006/07 through 2010/11

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan and Adoption of the (Tentative) Five-Year Facilities Work Program for 2006/07 through 2010/11.

Mr. Fred Matz (Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Business Services) presented an overview of the plan.

The following individual addressed the Board:

Marti Folwell -- Addressed the Board to recommend that the district be concerned about energy management in their building of schools.

Discussion followed by the Board Members.

Mr. Johansen stated that (1) on page 475 should read 2006, not 2005.

The motion was carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan and Adoption of the (Tentative) Five-Year Facilities Work Program for 2006/07 through 2010/11.

J. Presentations from the Audience

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Lenore Faulkner -- Addressed the Board as an advocate for a world-class technology school at Pinellas Park Middle and to share her remarks on other issues.

John Wiser -- Dr. Wilcox stated that Mr. Wiser had to leave the meeting but gave his comments to Dr. Wilcox to be shared during his report.

Michelle Dennard, PCTA -- Addressed the Board to emphasize the main mission of educators which is to educate children and to emphasize that respect, responsibility, and results start at the top. Ms. Dennard reminded the Board of the "I Pledge" cards that she distributed to them at the last Board meeting. Mrs. Lerner requested that once the "new" board is in place that a renewed commitment be made to have an open dialogue. Mrs. Cook suggested that this be considered as a topic for the retreat.

Mike Plott -- Addressed the Board to say that he served the district as a bus driver; that he was in an accident while at work; that workmans comp placed him on light duty; and, that since there are no light duty positions

available, he has not worked in three months. Mrs. Cook requested that Dr. Wilcox have this issue reviewed.

1. Presentation by Ms. Sheila Nahmias

Minutes

Dr. Wilcox, during the adoption of the agenda, informed the Board that Ms. Nahmias had requested a one-month delay for her presentation.

K. New Business

1. Items Introduced by Board Members

Minutes

Mrs. Brown -- 1) Requested that the Board discuss and make a decision as to whether they will conduct some of their Board meetings out in neighborhoods. Mrs. Cook requested that Mrs. Brown complete a workshop topic form and submit it for consideration.

Ms. Clark - 1) Questioned whether the Board Members will receive a "follow up" report on requested items resulting from Board meetings. Dr. Wilcox stated that this will be completed and forwarded to the Board.

Mrs. Lerner requested that the report be shared with the Board at the end of each meeting. The consensus of the Board was that the "summary of the meeting" will be forwarded to the Board via e-mail.

Mrs. Lerner -- 1) Requested that the Chair, in an e-mail, list the topics remaining for workshops. Mrs. Lerner also requested that a better process be identified to track workshop topics in order to go forward in an organized way. Mrs. Cook stated that the process is that Board Members are to complete the peach colored sheet to request consideration of a topic for future workshop discussion.

Mrs. Gallucci -- 1) Stated that the Board Members have in their folder a "draft" of the 2007-08 school year calendar. Mrs. Gallucci stated that Mrs. Cook will represent the Board in her place at the upcoming Calendar Committee meeting and, should any Board Member want to offer input, they should contact Mrs. Cook.

Mrs. Cook -- 1) Stated that the Board Members have a copy of the "draft" PEAC legislative platform. Mrs. Cook also reported that she attended the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards meeting to see how they operate and had received a copy of their "draft" platform. Mrs. Cook requested that Board Members review these materials and be prepared to discuss the various draft platforms during the Board's workshop discussion of legislative platforms, specifically, providing input on the PEAC platform. Mrs. Lerner questioned whether the district had joined the Consortium: Mrs. Cook responded that we had not. 2) Requested that the Board consider scheduling the topic of "green schools" and LEED Certification on a future workshop agenda. Mrs. Cook stated that one of the state platforms for the PTA is to encourage schools to become LEED Certified. Board Members agreed: Mrs. Cook will complete a peach form.

2. Items Introduced by Superintendent

Minutes

Dr. Wilcox's report included the following:

1) Stated that Mr. John Wiser, one of our bus drivers, had been here earlier to address the Board but was unable to stay. Dr. Wilcox reported that Mr. Wiser requested that Dr. Wilcox share with the Board the following: That he hoped that one or more Board Members would consider joining Rotary; that he would like the Board to discuss the concern that bus drivers are unemployed during the summer months but unable to receive unemployment compensation; and, that he would ask the Board to work towards acquiring legislation that would require hand-held use of cell phones by drivers.

2) Shared the data received through the exit interviews in the New Teacher Project.

3) Stated that he had received a letter containing a copy of newspaper article reporting the actions of one of the district's bus drivers who, during a recent situation, took extra effort to successfully calm the students on the bus. Dr. Wilcox stated that the writer of the letter has requested that the driver be recognized for her professionalism. Dr. Wilcox reported that the driver will be brought forth for proper

recognition, once she has been identified and contacted.

4) Stated that the Board had received a memorandum from the Choice Task Force that is requesting extra time to present their report. Dr. Wilcox stated that he, along with Mr. Madden and Mr. Iachini, have determined that it makes sense to allow that and that the Board should have that report in December or January. Dr. Wilcox requested that Board Members contact him should they have any concerns.

5) Reported that the Principal of Countryside High School, Mr. Gary Schlereth, has received a letter from Commissioner of Education Winn inviting him to Tallahassee to participate in a celebration. Dr. Wilcox stated that Countryside High School has improved their letter grade for two years in a row and congratulated Mr. Schlereth and his staff for that accomplishment.

6) Stated that he attended the second Top Apple Awards given by Mayor Rick Baker. Dr. Wilcox reported that Mayor Baker, through this recognition event, puts thousands of dollars into the hands of the administrators in the St. Petersburg schools who have met the specified criteria. Dr. Wilcox thanked the Mayor for his efforts and stated that a focus piece will be shown at a future date on Channel 14.

7) Stated that he wanted to take a point of privilege and make some comments regarding his comments that appeared in the St. Petersburg Times regarding the upcoming election. Dr. Wilcox stated that he does believe there must be diversity on this board but, when he spoke about one particular board member, he violated the spirit of the agreement with the Board to not be involved in politics and apologized for that.

3. Items Introduced by Attorney

Minutes

Mr. Robinson stated that he had no report.

4. Board Reports

Minutes

Ms. Clark -- 1) Stated that she was glad that Dr. Wilcox spoke up regarding his political comments. Ms. Clark reminded the Board that they had received a memorandum from Mr. Robinson to guide all employees regarding political activities. 2) Stated that the Board's Planning Committee met yesterday and finalized the Board's Standards. Ms. Clark stated that she will attempt to get the standards out to the Board tomorrow (8/13/06) and requested that they review the standards and be prepared to discuss them at the next workshop. 3) Stated that she attended the Students Rights & Responsibilities Committee meeting last month and that the students challenged her to take the FCAT. Ms. Clark stated that March 4, 2004 FCAT is on-line, that she has agreed to do so and, that Dr. Janssen has agreed to score her test. Ms. Clark encouraged other Board Members to take the test. 4) Reported that Special Olympics will hold their bowling competition on September 30, 2006. Ms. Clark requested that a link be placed on the district's website to the Special Olympics site in order to share information on their events.

Mrs. Brown -- Thanked Mayor Baker for the Apple Awards and for all he is doing for our schools in the St. Petersburg area.

5. School Board Meeting Evaluation

Minutes

Not applicable.

L. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, this meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

1. The above listed recommendations to the School Board of Pinellas County are submitted for consideration and approval at the meeting of September 12, 2006.

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