

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MONROE COUNTY

Workshop and Special Meeting Minutes
A. J. Henriquez Adm. Bldg.
October 14, 2008, 1:00 pm

PRESIDING: Steven Pribramsky, Chair

PRESENT: Steven Pribramsky; Andy Griffiths, Duncan Mathewson; John Dick; Debra Walker; Randy Acevedo, Superintendent and School Board Attorney Richard Collins

WORKSHOP AGENDA - Time Certain 1:00 p.m.

College Board Presentation - Mark Mathews and Mike Henriquez briefed the Board on the newly developed partnership with the College Board.

Bank Relationship - The Chairman voiced concerned over keeping the District's monies all in one bank. He'd like to see a policy crafted to not hold anymore than 25 million in one bank. The consensus of the Board is to diversify only to cover the monies concerning payroll and to bring back an expert opinion possibly that of Jerry Ford. Mr. Pribramsky wishes not use Mr. Ford but rather a Finance Professor to provide an opinion. The Board will craft criteria for use of a 2nd bank and then select a bank based on that criteria with the collaboration of the expert. A representative with First State Bank spoke on the issue.

CAMP Sunny Booker has asked that the contract piece be pulled until the October 28th, 2008 meeting so that the necessary documents can be obtained. Ms. Booker reviewed the history of CAMP with the Board. Mr. Hooper discussed the technical certification aspect of the CAMP program. Tina Belloti addressed the Board and recapped the CAMP history. Mr. Acevedo highlighted the benefits of the program for at-risk and students in summer school and encourages the program to continue edging towards closing the achievement gap. Mr. Dick read his statement reiterating his support of EMCS but also in support for keeping the MCSD budget down by not supporting another high paying consultant which in his opinion is what the Contract creates another consultant position. Mr. Acevedo rebutted some points Mr. Dick addressed in his statement. Mr. Pribramsky asked the contract be voted on in Marathon where there could be public input.

Green Cleaning Strategies - Carl Csomboc addressed the Board and introduced Rick Cramer with MoMar Industries. Dr. Walker is in favor of bringing the district closer to green cleaning in the schools. Mr. Cramer provided an overview of the products and services that MoMar Industries can provide. Dr. Walker wanted to ensure that the Board is in support of the green cleaning. Mr. Pribramsky stated he is in favor of moving forward with this initiative, but does not want to go over budget. Dr. Walker wanted to know if the Board is on Board with trying to go green and in support of a culture change. Dr. Mathewson questioned about the bottom line in costs. Mr. Griffiths encourages the training of the employees that use the products so they will be more inclined to use the products. Mr. Collins stated there are two states that have implemented as state use. He encourages a policy for future adoption. The Board agreed for Mr. Collins to get the two policies and get with the Superintendent.

Flags Across America - Hazel Hartman presented a video on the site she visited and provided a recap of the program. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with this program but it still needs to be brought back for a future board meeting for approval.

Student Drug Testing - Mr. Fraga informed the Board that Martinez Medical Labs will not contract with the district. The old company will be used and the same panels will be used at \$36.00 per test. Mr. Dick is against continuing status quo on student testing. Dr. Walker would like keep the testing for the safety and well being of the students, but pursue a request for proposals. Mr. Pribramsky is against the testing due to efficacy but is in favor of using the monies allocated to the testing towards a tutor program for the athletes to close the achievement gap in which each of the high schools would get monies for that type of program. The board with the exception of Dr. Walker asked for the Superintendent to pursue that avenue and eliminate student drug testing.

Charter School Application - Mr. Fraga briefed the Board on the status of the Sigsbee application. The application will be brought to the Board on November 18th, 2008. Sigsbee Charter intends to ask for the property to be conveyed to them.

Employee Assignment of District Vehicle - Mr. Sims discussed the request with the Board and explained the need for the vehicle to be assigned to Chester Wilburn. The Chair informed the Board of two employees whom had non-assigned vehicles at home, neither of which were Chester. He indicated that the Superintendent will investigate further. Mr. Sims reiterated that if that is the case those employees will be disciplined. Dr. Walker requested the list which was given to Mr. Pribramsky of employees and their assigned vehicles Mr. Henriquez questioned whether there is wiggle room for emergencies or situations which mandate the need to have a vehicle at home in which the employee should not be disciplined.

Mr. Pribramsky questioned whether Mr. Dick could add a workshop item out without it being on the agenda. There was no objection. Mr. Dick stated that there was an email of a political nature incoming to a school and to see if there was a policy violation. The consensus of the Board was for Mr. Collins to investigate to see if there was a violation of the policy and report his findings back to the Board.

Mr. Pribramsky questioned why the budget items were not linked earlier. Mr. Acevedo reminded him of the policy and compliance with the policy and the fact that this is a workshop item and no vote is proposed. Mr. Henriquez reminded the Board there are many occasions where district staff is not privy to agenda items until the Board member presents them at a Board meeting. Mr. Acevedo will in the future meet with the necessary staff to determine the reductions. Mr. Pribramsky asked for back up on where the DOE will be financially for the upcoming year. Ms. Reitzel will provide the back that she does have. Dr. Walker suggests getting professional advice before proceeding with COPS but to continue as planned.

Junior Class Request for Off-Campus Lunch - Kevin Pribramsky, KWHS Junior Class President presented a proposal. Dr. Walker questioned why they would want to go off campus for lunch. Dr. Walker's main concern is over the time allocated and the safety of the students. Dr. Mathewson questioned how the GPA requirement was chosen. Kevin reviewed how that was selected and how 2.5 was selected. For seniors however, only a 2.0.GPA is required. Mr. Griffiths would like to see the higher standard be set for both classes. The Board did reiterate this was a school based decision and the Board did show support for the idea. Kevin did mention that Mr. Welsh will need to give approval each year with each different class.

Recognition - The Board and Superintendent recognized the following employees:

1. Julie King, Gerald Adams Elementary, "Whatever it Takes" Recipient
2. Fran Herrin, "You Make A Difference" Award Recipient
3. Poinciana and Sugarloaf School - 5 Star Award Recipients
4. Chris Peete, Poinciana School, "Whatever it Takes" Recipient
5. Marty Jacquette, ESE, "Whatever it Takes" Recipient
6. Sharon Day, ESE, "Whatever it Takes" Recipient
7. Tami Dannacker, ESE/KWHS, "Whatever it Takes" Recipient
8. Debbie Henriquez, Payroll Dept., "Whatever it Takes" Recipient

Head Start and VPK Update - Angela Whidden presented an update on services rendered through the Head Start and VPK programs. She also addressed travel which is necessary in keeping apprised of the new initiatives.

Mr. Acevedo addressed the Valedictorian and Salutatorian changes. Mr. Dick spoke in favor of the changes but believes the SAC's should have been informed of the changes. Mr. Henriquez spoke regarding issues plaguing the administrators of the schools and of the competition and disappointment associated with this designation. Input from parents and community members will be solicited to determine who will be presenting the commencement speech. Dr. Walker indicated enough support with the changes and suggested moving forward with the changes but did urge the principal to communicate with the SAC.

Biodiesel Production Proposal - Mr. Swift recapped the proposal presented. Mr. Clearman is asking for the board's blessing to the partnership. The board is on board to move forward with the partnership.

Action Items

The Superintendent amended the agenda as follows: Delete Item 10 *Approve Contract Renewal for Bid 305 with William P. Horn, Architect, P.A.* and Item 18 *Approve Contract with Education Coalition of Monroe County and the Monroe County School District* and amend item 6 *Approve Out of County Travel* by deleting item 6g, travel for Kym Momaly.

Mr. Dick questioned Ms. Garcia as to what the outcome of the SES contracts from last year.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,

Dr. Mathewson moved, Mr. Griffiths to approve

In Bulk with the exception of 10, 11, 18 and 6c, 6d, 6e, 6g and 18.

Approve Contract Renewal with Vernis & Bowling. Goal Area All

Approve Invoices for Vernis & Bowling #'s 90156, 90157, 90158, 90159, 90311, 90321 and 90322. Goal Area All.

Approve Interlocal Agreement Between School Board and the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners regarding It's Just 4 Kids, Inc. Goal Area 2

Approve Minutes for September 23, 2008. Goal Area All

Approve Budget Reports for August - October 2008 for Head Start/VPK. Goal Area 2

Approve Out of County Travel. 6a, 6b, 6f, 6h, 6i, 6j, 6k, 6l, 6m, 6n, 6o. Goal Area 4

Approve After-The-Fact Travel, 7a and 7b. Goal Area 4

Approve Contract with Hayes E-Government. Goal Area 7

Approve Contract with Terramar. Goal Area 7

Approve Trip Overseas for 18 French Students from Key West High School. Goal Area 5

Approve Minutes for June 30, 2008 for Big Pine Elementary Academy Board of Education. Goal Area 5

Approve Contract with SES Provider New Life After School Program. Goal Area 2

Approve Out of Field Teachers for Regular Term 08-09. Goal Area 4.

Approve Insurance Committee Recommendation to retain Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida as the Third Party Administrator for our self insured Health Plan for the 2009 Calendar Year. Goal Area 5

Approve Employee Assignment of District Vehicle to Chester Wilburn. Goal Area 4

Motion Passed without Objection
(Copy in SMB 47, page 63)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent amended his recommendation as below
Dr. Walker moved, Mr. Dick seconded to approve

Approve Trip to New Orleans Jazz Fest for Two Key West High School Jazz Band Students Sponsored by Randy and Rita Fabal. *Item was amended to increase the number of students to "up to four (4) students."*

Mr. Fabal reviewed the criteria for the selection of the students.

Motion Passed without Objection
(Copy in SMB 47, page 64)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, (motioned amended to take each one separately)

Dr. Walker moved, Mr. Griffiths seconded to approve
6c - Out of County Travel for Dalia Goins

ROLL CALL

Mr. Dick No

Mr. Griffiths Yes

Dr. Mathewson Yes

Dr. Walker Yes

Mr. Pribramsky No

Motion Passed

(Copy in SMB 47, page 65)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,
Dr. Walker moved, Mr. Griffiths to approve

6d - Out of County Travel for Mary Kay Mackenzie

ROLL CALL

Mr. Dick Yes
Mr. Griffiths Yes
Dr. Mathewson Yes
Dr. Walker Yes
Mr. Pribramsky No

Motion Passed
(Copy in SMB 47, page 66)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,
Mr. Griffiths moved, Dr. Mathewson to approve

6e - Out of County Travel for David Makepeace
For the record - Mr. Dick thought he was voting for Makepeace on 6d instead of Ms. Mackenzie.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Dick Yes
Mr. Griffiths Yes
Dr. Mathewson Yes
Dr. Walker Yes
Mr. Pribramsky Yes

Motion Passed
(Copy in SMB 47, page 67)

SELF ASSESSMENT

The Board conducted its self assessment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

Steven Pribramsky
Steven Pribramsky, Chair

Randy Acevedo
Randy Acevedo, Superintendent