

# THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MONROE COUNTY

Organizational Meeting, Workshop & Regular Meeting Minutes  
A. J. Henriquez Adm. Bldg.  
November 18, 2008, 3:00 pm

**PRESIDING:** Randy Acevedo, Superintendent  
Andy Griffiths, Chair

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

## WORKSHOP AGENDA -3:00 p.m.

Select Small School District Council Consortium Representative. Dr. Walker was selected.

Select 2008 Value Adjustment Board Representative & Alternate - Dr. Mathewson was selected as the representative and Mr. Pribramsky as the alternate.

Select Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards Representative. Mr. Griffiths was selected.

Select Florida School Boards Association Legislative Liaison and Alternate. Dr. Walker was selected. Mr. Griffiths will remain on until March. Mr. Pribramsky will take over in March.

Nominating Chair and Vice Chair - Mr. Dick nominated Dr. Mathewson. Dr. Mathewson declined the nomination. Dr. Mathewson nominated Mr. Griffiths. Mr. Griffiths accepted the nomination. Dr. Mathewson nominated Dr. Walker as Vice-Chair. Dr. Walker was satisfied with either Dr. Mathewson or Mr. Griffiths. Mr. Pribramsky nominated Mr. Dick as Chair and Dr. Walker as Vice Chair.

Discussion on Strategic Planning, It was the consensus of the Board to meet. Mr. Acevedo will meet with the Board and the District Planning Team. Mr. Pribramsky suggested that a representative of the Gates Foundation attend the meeting. The Superintendent will make contact with the Gates Foundation. Mr. Pribramsky volunteered to find a sponsor for the hotel and airfare.

### Sigsbee Charter School Application -

Keeping the school open another year it would not impact the district's ability to borrow funds for HOB or PKS. Mr. Pribramsky urged the Board to craft a policy that would offer the Montessori's surplus land owned by the district. It was unclear as to what occurred when Sigsbee became available for the Montessori Elementary to use as a Charter. Mr. Pribramsky will reach out to them to see what the needs of Montessori Elementary may be. Dr. Walker wishes to explore lease arrangements with the Founding Team of the Sigsbee Charter that would allow them the opportunity to obtain the funding they need. Sigsbee's Founding Team requested a year extension; keeping the school open as it is. The consensus of the Board was to grant that extension. Mr. Fowler addressed the Board regarding the employees and the fact that they will lease MCS D employees and the preservation of contractual standards. Approve the application and extend their start date with a contract to be brought to the District within a year.

Stormwater Rates within the City of Key West - Mr. Sims updated the Board concerning a reverse decision exempting use from those charges. The City of Key West continues to bill the district for these fees. Mr. Sims asked for direction in pursuing the reversal which would stop the Monroe County School District from paying the storm water rates and receive a refund of approximately half a million dollars. This would incur some legal fees. Mr. Collins discussed

how Pinellas County is handling this issue. He believes the district would have more than an even chance of prevailing if litigation is to ensue. The Board agreed.

**Investment Banking** - Kathy Reitzel briefed the Board on the COPS presentation given by a company which does about 90% of the COPS for school districts in Florida. The Board adopted an investment policy which was crafted by NEOLA at the October Board meeting which was originally used by Collier County and crafted by Jerry Ford and Associates. Mr. Ford historically is a debt/credit advisor and is now offering investment advising available through a separate business contract. Ms. Reitzel offered to invite Mr. Ford and a representative from PFM (which are used by Monroe County and the City of Key West) to come to a meeting to discuss investment advising. The 3<sup>rd</sup> option would be put one or two payrolls in a large bank such as Bank of America. She passed out a slide presentation on the COPS market and investment banking. Mr. Pribramsky encourages First State Bank to promote their bank together with other local banks. The investment policy will be crafted first and that will drive how to proceed with the banks.

**Glynn Archer School Discussion** - Mr. Pribramsky stated the City of Key West's interest in purchasing Glynn Archer School for their City Hall in the approximation of 6 million dollars. Mr. Pribramsky suggested hiring a broker to sell Marathon Manor with the exception of the necessary land for the district's use. Mr. Dick does not wish to close Glynn Archer and neither does Dr. Mathewson. Dr. Walker does not want to close Glynn Archer. Mr. Pribramsky suggested listing Harris School also with a broker.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL & WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING - 5:00 P.M.**

The Superintendent called the meeting to order.

D.J. Parker sang the National Anthem, and recited the Pledge of Allegiance

#### **SWEARING IN**

Superintendent Acevedo was sworn in by his father and family.

Board Member Griffiths was sworn in by his daughter and family.

Board Member Mathewson was sworn in by his son and family.

#### **ADOPT AGENDA**

**Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,**

Dr. Walker motioned, and Mr. Dick seconded to adopt the agenda as amended

Added: Recognition and Adoption of Resolution 713 Recognizing Take Stock In Children  
- Superintendent Acevedo.

Added: Consent Agenda Item 1 - Debra Walker as Representative

Added: Consent Agenda Item 2 - Dr. Mathewson and Mr. Pribramsky

Added: Consent Agenda Item 3 - Mr. Griffiths as Representative

Added: Consent Agenda Item 4 - Dr. Walker and Mr. Griffiths through February Alternate. March through the end of the year Mr. Pribramsky.

Action item L13 - For Good Cause - Requesting Approval for No Change in Providing Training and Technical Assistance for Head Start response due tomorrow.

Action Item L14 - For Good Cause - Approval of CSHS Band to travel to Mexico.

Modification to Action Item 10 - Sigsbee Charter School Application - extending implementation to the 2010-2011 school year as a charter.

Added: Recognition of Kids Theater in the Upper Keys - Dr. Mathewson

Added: Recognition of the Play a Christmas Carole - Dr. Mathewson

Added: Recognition of The Vietnam Traveling Wall at Key West High School - Mr. Dick

#### **ELECT CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD -**

Dr. Mathewson nominated Mr. Griffiths, Dr. Walker moved that nominations be closed. Mr. Pribramsky 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to close.

#### **ELECT VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD -**

Mr. Pribramsky nominated Dr. Debra Walker as Vice-Chair. Dr. Mathewson moved nominations to be closed. Dr. Walker is Vice-Chair by acclamation.

#### **RECOGNITION**

Tyler Lee Key West Junior Bass selected for American Choral Directors Association Honor Choir - Tyler sang a rendition of Stand By Me.

*Outstanding Accomplishments*

Frannie Herrin, Governor's Point of Light Award Recipient

*Student Recognition*

D.J. Parker and Tyler Lee, Key West High School 2008-2009 All State Choir Students.

Dominic Giardino, Key West High School All State Band, Clarinet. Dominic performed a clarinet solo.

Nicki Roman (Alto Saxophone - 12th grade) she performed solo, DJ Parker (Percussion - 12th grade), and Jeremy Barish (Tuba - 12th grade) Key West High School Band Students - Tri-State Band

Key West High School Marching Conchs - 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure Coast Crown Jewel Marching Band Competition

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#### **APPROVE AGENDA FORMAT**

No change was made to the format of the workshop agenda or the regular business meeting agenda.

#### **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

No changes were made to the schedule.

#### **CONSENT AGNEDA**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,

Dr. Walker motioned, and Mr. Pribramsky second to adopt the consent agenda as presented

Approve Small School District Council Consortium Representative - Dr. Walker.

Approve 2008 Value Adjustment Board Representative Dr. Mathewson, Alternate - Mr. Pribramsky.

Approve Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards Representative - Mr. Griffiths.

Approve FSBA Legislative Liaison Dr. Walker and Alternate - Mr. Griffiths until February and Mr. Pribramsky from March to the end of the year 09.

Approve Volunteers for the District. Goal Area 4 (Copy in SMB 47, page 93)

Approve the Recommendations for Support Services Personnel Employed and Terminated for the 2008-2009 School Year. Goal Area 4 (Copy in SMB 47, page 94)

Approve Requests for Leave. Goal Area 4 (Copy in SMB 47, page 95)

Approve the Recommendations for Instructional Personnel Employed for the 2008-2009 School Year. Goal Area 4 (Copy in SMB 47, page 96)

Approve the Recommendations for Administrative Personnel Employed for the 2008-2009 School Year. Goal Area 4 (Copy in SMB 47, page 97)

Approve Minutes for Montessori Elementary School for September, 2008 and Minutes for Big Pine Elementary Academy for September, 2008. Goal Area 5 (Copy in SMB 47, page 98)

Approve District Travel: 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 11g, Goal Area 5 (Copy in SMB 47, page 99)

Approve After-the-Fact District Travel: 12a, 12b, 12c, 12d, 12e, Goal Area 5 (Copy in SMB 47, page 100)

Approve Contract with Walter Mason for Athletic Training at Coral Shores High School. Goal Area 5 (Copy in SMB 47, page 101)

Approve Contract with Jeff Hynes for Athletic Training at Coral Shores High School. Goal Area 5 (Copy in SMB 47, page 102)

Approve Promissory Note for Maria Perujo in the amount of \$2,000.00. Goal Area 4 (Copy in SMB 47, page 103)

Approve 403(b) Plan Document and Adoption Agreement (Copy in SMB 47, page 104)

Approve Contract for Outside Evaluator for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC. Goal Area 3 (Copy in SMB 47, page 105)

Approve Revision to the Interagency Agreement between the Department of Children and Families (Our Kids) and the Monroe County School District. Goal Area 5 (Copy in SMB 47, page 106)

Approve Contract with the Boys and Girls Club for Mentoring Services Project. Goal Area 3 (Copy in SMB 47, page 107)

Approve Contract with Rural Health Network to Provide Oral Health Services for Enrolled Head Start Children. Goal Area 1 (Copy in SMB 47, page 108)

Approve Contract with RTI Coach Fran Cruet. Goal Area 3 (Copy in SMB 47, page 109)

Approve Response to Intervention (RTI) Grant from the Florida Department of Education and the University of South Florida. Goal Area 3 (Copy in SMB 47, page 110)

Approve Contract with The CARE Resource Center for Alpha Program Staff Aggression Control Training. Goal Area 2 (Copy in SMB 47, page 111)

Approve Interagency Cooperative Agreement between the Monroe County School District and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. Goal Area 3 (Copy in SMB 47, page 112)

Approve Contract between the Monroe County School District and the Wesley House Family Services for Managing and Providing Childcare for Babies of Teen Parents Enrolled in the Teen Parent Program and Attending School During the Period from August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009. Goal Area 3 (Copy in SMB 47, page 113)

Approve Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Islamorada for Baseball Field Lighting. Goal Area 6 (Copy in SMB 47, page 114)

Approve Plant Survey for Plantation Key School. Goal Area 6 (Copy in SMB 47, page 115)

Approve Contract with Marsh USA, Inc./Bruce Hallock for Expert Witness Services. Goal Area 6 (Copy in SMB 47, page 116)

Approve Contract with Marsh USA, Inc./Bruce Hallock for GMP Review and Construction Negotiations for Architectural Services and Construction Management Services. Goal Area 6 (Copy in SMB 47, page 117)

#### CITIZEN INPUT

Daliana Goins addressed the Board concerning the Chairman Pribramsky's comments at a previous board meeting concerning her work related travel.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing concerning the proposed bullying policy was convened. No one from the public addressed the Board. The Public Hearing was closed.

**SPECIAL ACTION ITEMS**

**Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,**  
Dr. Walker moved, Dr. Mathewson seconded the Board approve

1. Adopt Anti-Bullying Policy

Motion passed without objection.  
(Copy in SMB 47, page 119)

**Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,**  
Dr. Walker moved, Mr. Dick seconded the Board approve in bulk

3. Approve Bank Reconciliation for the month of October, 2008. Goal Area 8
4. Approve Schedule of Investments for month October, 2008. Goal Area 8
5. Approve Warrant Registers for the month of October, 2008. Goal Area 8
7. Approve Overtime Report for October, 2008. Goal Area 8

Motion passed without objection.  
(Copy in SMB 47, page 120)

**Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,**  
Dr. Walker moved, Mr. Dick seconded the Board approve

8. Approve Financial Reports for Treasure village Montessori for July, August and September 2008

Motion passed without objection.  
(Copy in SMB 47, page 121)

**Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,**  
Mr. Pribramsky moved, Dr. Walker seconded the Board approve

9. Adopt the 2008-2009 Organizational Chart.

Motion passed without objection.  
(Copy in SMB 47, page 122)

**Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,**  
Mr. Pribramsky moved, Dr. Mathewson seconded the Board approve

10. Approve the Sigsbee Charter School Application modify extending implementation date the Charter School to the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion passed without objection.

(Copy in SMB 47, page 123)

**Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,**

Dr. Walker moved, Mr. Pribramsky seconded the Board approve

11. Approve Contract with Rick Z. Smith and Associates for Architectural Services Associated with the HOB Renovation/Replacement Project.

Motion passed without objection.

(Copy in SMB 47, page 124)

**Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,**

Mr. Pribramsky moved, Mr. Dick seconded the Board approve

12. Approval of Contract and Conditions for Construction Management Services with Coastal Construction for the HOB Construction/Replacement Project.

Motion passed without objection.

(Copy in SMB 47, page 125)

**Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,**

Mr. Pribramsky moved, Mr. Dick seconded the Board approve

- Add-On 13. Approval for No Change in Providing Training and Technical Assistance between Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee as detailed in the Executive Summary as it Relates to Head Start.

Motion passed without objection.

(Copy in SMB 47, page 126)

**Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,**

Mr. Pribramsky moved, Mr. Dick seconded the Board approve

Add-On 14. Approval for Coral Shores Band Students to Travel to Mexico

Dr. Mathewson as concerned for the dates selected sighting concern over the FCAT.  
Dr. Walker reminded the Board that Mr. Martin had satisfactorily addressed those concerns in his email to the Board.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Dick Yes

Mr. Pribramsky Yes

Dr. Walker Yes

Dr. Mathewson NO

Chairman Griffiths Yes

Motion passed.  
(Copy in SMB 47, page 127)

**Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,**  
Dr. Walker moved, Dr. Mathewson seconded the Board approve in bulk

2. Approve Budget Amendments, resolution 712.
6. Approve Financial Statements for month of October, 2008. Goal Area 8

**ROLL CALL**

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

Motion passed.  
(Copy in SMB 47, page 128)

**SELF ASSESSMENT**

The Board conducted its self assessment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

*Andy Griffiths*  
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Andy Griffiths, Chair

*Randy Acevedo*  
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Randy Acevedo, Superintendent