

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MONROE COUNTY

Workshop and Special Meeting Minutes
Marathon High School Media Center
February 10, 2009 at 10:30 am

PRESIDING: Andy Griffiths, Chair

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

WORKSHOP AGENDA

GASB 45 Presentation and Final Report – Glenn Volk with Gallagher Bassett presented a power point on informing the Board on the GASB 45. The Board will have to make a decision on how to proceed.

HeadStart Update – Angela Whidden updated the Board on the status of Head Start and legislative mandates. Ms. Askins provided a powerpoint breaking down the demographics and socio-economic status of the participants.

The Florida Partnership Presentation – Instructional Services, Mark Mathews with College Board briefed the Board on the program. Serge Sanchez discussed the AVID program. Jeanne Sanford discussed the “tie-in” of the TAH grant with the AVID.

Horace O’Bryant Construction Discussion – Fred Sims informed the Board that Rick Smith, Architect offered to consider working and not billing his services to a point that we can get the master planning done, and layouts done with the help of the Principal and Assist Principal. He will delay billing until the project is funded and is will to take the risk if the project is not funded. Mr. East from Coastal also agreed to do the same thing. Mr. Smith asked for reimbursement in travel and Federal Express expenses. Mr. Sims is in favor of accepting Coastal and Rick Smith’s offer. The attorney suggested amending the contract to memorialize the agreement. The board’s consensus is to bring back an amended contract. Mr. Sims is to work with the attorneys to draft the amendment.

Food Service Update – Pedro Fraga reviewed the figures for the food services department. We will stop on the biodegradable trays.

FEMA UPDATE – Sunny Booker briefed the Board on the progress of FEMA. Adjusters International contract has been brought up by Mr. Dick. The Superintendent suggested the Board take up this contract up at a future workshop. The Board voted on Action Item #11.

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

Approve the Recommendations for the Administrative Personnel Employed for the 2008-2009 School Year, Sunny Booker.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Dick NO

Dr. Mathewson YES
Mr. Pribramsky YES
Dr. Walker YES
Mr. Griffiths YES

Motion passed.
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Student Success - Advocacy Presentation and SAC Schedule - Dr. Walker reviewed the power point and the Superintendent thanked her for her efforts and the road trip she will make to ensure all the SAC's receive this presentation.

MBA Data – Superintendent Acevedo reviewed the data for the MBA.

School Board Member Email – Andy Griffiths discussed the email received by Cheryl Smith at the Key West Citizen stating that any associated costs are prohibitive for them. Mr. Collins suggested that a “review” of emails should still occur because of the sensitive nature of some of the content. Mr. Griffiths asked that Mr. Collins’s explanation be excerpted into the minutes verbatim. Mr. Collins stated it can be done if the policy is amended. But the District has to consider whether the Board wishes to give the press emails for free but charge the general public? When it comes to board members’ email there is nothing prohibiting them from forwarding their email if the board members wish. But if they come to the Administration to request the email, the policy must be followed unless it is changed. The concern would be the unintentional release of sensitive or confidential correspondence by not having a “gate keeper”. The Board suggested a list of item and non- exempt items could guide them.

Mr. Collins stated that a list of exempt items can be created, but it would take staff time and you will have to determine whether it is an exempt items or the non exempt item and whether it falls in category. I can see now when you decide to forward an email, you’ll get a blanket request from XYZ newspaper I want a copy of every email you send from now until dooms day. And the first time you screw it up and don’t send them one you’re in trouble. It’s nice to be open with the press at times but there are certain considerations dealing with sensitive information.

This request is for the Board’s Distirct email. The cost is based on the Board’s current policy and is for all persons requesting public records.

New **Anti-Fraud Policy #8730** has not been adopted. The policy will be reviewed by Mr. Collins and Mr. Fowler. It shall be brought back at a future meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT

New Deferred Retirement Option Program “D.R.O.P” Policy #1120.02 and #3120.02 – John Welsh addressed the Board concerning this policy. This policy was not heard under Public Hearing but rather put as a workshop item. Mr. Fowler spoke against the instructional staff policy. Collectively, the Board supports to eliminate the instructional staff policy altogether. After discussion, It was the consensus of the Board to drop both policies.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was opened to hear the items below. No one from the public addressed the Board.
Amendment to Policy #4140- Suspension, Termination or Dismissal of Support Staff

Amendment to Investment Policy #6144
Job Description for Century 21.

SPECIAL ACTION ITEMS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,

Dr. Mathewson moved, Mr. Dick seconded the Board approve in bulk

Adopt Amended Policy #4140 Suspension, Termination or Dismissal of Support Staff

Adopt Amended Investment Policy #6144.

Adopt Job Description for Century 21.

Approve Contract with Andre Harper.

Approve Contract with David Parker.

Approve Student Expulsion, Case No. 08-09-4S.

Approve District Travel A-J.

Approve After-the-Fact Travel: A.

Approve Contract with W. Barnett Enterprises.

Approve HeadStart Monthly Reports for November and December 2008.

Motion passed without objection.

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SELF ASSESSMENT

The Board conducted its self assessment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Andy Griffiths

Andy Griffiths, Chair

Randy Acevedo

Randy Acevedo, Superintendent