

# THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MONROE COUNTY

Workshop and Special Meeting Minutes  
A. J. Henriquez Adm. Bldg.  
March 10, 2009 at 10:00 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**

Credit Card Use Policy & Verification #11, The Board moved items number 11 and 12 to number 1 and 2. It was the consensus of the board that an external audit should be conducted on all credit cards, and to hire an independent firm to audit the credit cards. It was the consensus of the Board to hold a special meeting to determine how the Board wishes to proceed. The Board called an Emergency Meeting for Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 11:00 am in the Key West to discuss the selection of a Forensic Auditor, discussion on the selection of an attorney for investigative services, and Financial Recommendations made by Dr. Walker.

A discussion ensued regarding Mr. Pribramsky's desire to add a recommendation of no confidence of the Superintendent. After discussion it was the consensus of the Board to give a symbolic reprimand instead.

Mr. Pribramsky moved, Mr. Dick seconded the Board approve a Symbolic Reprimand given to the Superintendent.

## **ROLL CALL**

MR. DICK YES

DR. MATHEWSON YES

MR. PRIBRAMSKY YES

DR. WALKER YES

MR. GRIFFITHS YES

Motion Passed without objection.

#12, Wireless Communication Allowance and Staff Use of Wireless Communications Devices – The policy will be brought forward at a future meeting for a Public Hearing but this version was not discussed. The district currently has 197 devices including cellular telephones, Blackberries and radio (walkie-talkie type). The Superintendent will provide a list of who has what type of device.

Discussions on the Permission Slip Policy and the Anti-Fraud Policy was not held and postponed to a future meeting.

Extra Month Policy – this policy will be taken forward to a future public hearing for adoption. Instructional positions are negotiated in contracts.

The following vendors submitted responses to Board's request to reduce their contract by 10%: Great Books, Gallagher Bassett, Julie Davis, Vernis & Bowling, Keys AHEC, MCSO, Ynet and Ombudsman.

Mr. Acevedo provided the Board an update on the district budget. Mr. Acevedo reviewed the state budget expectations. A Closed Session concerning negotiations has been requested by Mr. Pribramsky. The Board shall meet in closed session on March 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss negotiations.

The TRIM calendar was presented.

Mr. Dick presented a Fund Balance Report to the Board.

The PFM Management Proposal was deleted prior to the Board meeting.

Ms. Nancy Lucas and Ms. Sunny Booker addressed the Board regarding the March of Dimes/Monroe Youth Challenge Program *Be The Change Playgroups*. Ms. Lucas urged the Board to adopt the program and highlighted the many positives it has to offer the future students of the district.

The Adjuster's International Discussion was postponed until a future meeting.

Dr. Mathewson presented the Board with a proposed wind turbine pilot project for one school in Monroe County to spearhead. The turbine would be placed on the roof of the chosen school. It is a statewide funded project. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward and work with Josh Clearman and Fred Sims. Mr. Sims will do an RFP in the future concerning renewable energy sources.

### **RECOGNITION**

The following were recognized by the Board and the Superintendent:  
Students from Key West High School who were accepted to the University of Florida.  
Marian Dell, Whatever it Takes Award Recipient  
Joelle De Roche, HOB's Vegetable Garden

### **CITIZEN INPUT**

Joe Allen discussed district credit card use.  
Catherine Kanagy discussed district credit card use and use of blackberrys.

### **SPECIAL ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent,**

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

- Approve 2009-2010 FSBA Dues in the amount of \$15,031.00
- Approve FISH Report
- Approve District Travel B,C, E, and F (A was taken separately)
- Approve Resolution 718 & Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement with the State of Florida Division of  
Emergency Management
- Approve Vernis & Bowling Invoices: 94333, 94336, 94337, 94338, 94339, 94340, 94341, 94342,  
94343, and 94344
- Approve Request for Sabbatical Leave for Jason Clifford at Key West High School.
- Approve Contract with Buscharterdotnet.

Motion passed without objection.  
(Copy in SMB 47, page 208)

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

**ADD-ON** for cause Approve Continuance of Employee Suspension of Tabathia Peters at Plantation Key School with pay pending investigation.

**ROLL CALL**

MR. DICK NO  
DR. MATHEWSON NO  
MR. PRIBRAMSKY NO  
DR. WALKER YES  
MR. GRIFFITHS YES

Motion failed.

It was the consensus of the Board to continue the suspension without pay instead.

(Copy in SMB 47, page 209)

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

Approve District Travel to the Drivers Education Conference

Motion passed without objection.  
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**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