



“Student Success,
Whatever It Takes”

SCHOOL BOARD OF MONROE COUNTY SPECIAL WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

February 09, 2010 at 3:30 PM

Coral Shores High School
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Tavernier, Fl. 33070

PRESIDING: Andy Griffiths, Chair

PRESENT: John Dick; Duncan Mathewson; Steven Pribramsky; Debra Walker; Dr. Joseph Burke, Superintendent and School Board Attorney Richard Collins

RECOGNITION

The Key Largo VFW and John Dick recognized Mr. Chris Catlett from Coral Shores High School as the VFW Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Burke also recognized Dr. Messier and the ESE Team for 100% compliance.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

Ocean Studies Charter School Application – Dr. Burke provided a brief history on the charter application and its process thus far. Beth Kamenstein and Sarah Smith provided an update on the application process. Clarifications will be submitted by the end of next week for a future Board Meeting for consideration.

Policy Revisions and Additions – Dr. Burke stated the recommended changes align with the new legislation or legislative changes or have been amended based on past practice within other counties which have been successful.

Mr. Pribramsky spoke about a past policy discussion on violence against students which was discussed at a prior meeting. He was concerned that the wording he suggested prior is not in this group of policies presented. He would like to see that wording come forward again. Dr. Burke stated that his conversation with NEOLA the policies presented are clear guideline to perform the follow through necessary with the existing policies. Mr. Griffiths suggested adding recommended discipline into the policy regarding simple battery by students. Dr. Burke suggested bringing back Student Code of Conduct Policy beyond what is in the policy

Dr. Burke would be recommending these policies as presented with input from the Principals. Mr. Pribramsky asked how 8700 Anti-Fraud relates to the Code of Ethics? Would like to have wording regarding lying to the Superintendent or Board Members. Dr. Burke outlined the Code of Ethics for Educators and the Code Ethics relating to employees.

Dr. Ed Davison spoke concerning policies.

Update on Internal Auditor Position – It was determined that Mr. Fechter is not going to be interested in the position. Dr. Burke asked for the Board’s guidance on how to proceed. The Board wishes to move forward to find additional candidates with the assistance of Ms. Hoffman from the Mercer Group.

Colleen Murphy – Recycling Coordinator with the Board of County Commission briefed the Board on recycling goals and potential collaboration on recycling projects at the schools.

Glynn Archer Update – The Superintendent briefed the Board on recent discussions of the negotiations. The city would like to own the building; but the Superintendent wishes to have it leased instead. A consequential piece is that the building name be maintained at the request of the Superintendent. Conversation included joint use of auditoriums or space for meetings, and sales price versus leasing costs. The City asked for an appraisal and the district is moving forward with the appraisal and plans for HOB, spot survey and title search also will be performed. A meeting was held with Jerry Ford to speak of all associated bonding issues for this 36 million. He is clearly providing financial advice. Advice about all the legal requirements in relation to the process of bonding and how to calendar out the different steps and what is currently in the market for these kinds of bonds, and did indicate a particular bond that is inclined to buy this kind of bond and the over all percent is 1.5% being a good number but depends on the market and whether the Board wants to negotiate with a particular bank active in this market or go into the open market instead. The State intends for commitment by April 30 and the district will ask for an extension of that date if not granted, an aggressive schedule for building to move forward. The district will have to move quickly and aggressively. It is believed that there will be enough money to construct a small Glynn Archer and HOB with this money and not use any proceeds from the potential sale of Glynn Archer. A comprehensive plan would be a benefit to include Trumbo point property in these analysis. Dr. Walker will not support 1000 children on 6 acres at HOB. A meeting is scheduled for HOB Staff tomorrow, and actively working on future community meetings. The Board would like to see what the “Plans” are in a schematic sight plan. A look has to be taken on the debt analysis also.

CITIZEN INPUT No one from the public addressed the Board at 5:38 pm.

CITIZEN INPUT – Shannon Rodriguez spoke concerning Marisa and David Gootee’s termination.

FINANCIAL UPDATE - Mr. Kinneer spoke regarding the current financial outlook. After the January payroll a projection of salary and benefits of 70.6 million was determined with a 2.3 million shortfall in funds. Mr. Pribramsky was concerned about the cost of substitutes and the shortfall being taken as a reduction at the discretionary school dollars.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent

Mr. Pribramsky motioned, and Mr. Dick seconded to approve in bulk

1. Approve Piggyback Contract for Liquefied Petroleum Gas with Amerigas, State Contract # 405-200-08-1. Goal Area 6
2. Approve Contract Renewal for Bid No. 366, Janitorial Supplies with Simple Sanitation Systems, Inc. Goal Area 6 (ud 02/3/10)
3. Approve Out of State Field Trip for Key West High School TV Production Students, February 27 through March 7, 2010. Goal Area 3
4. Approve Employee Discipline. Goal Area 4
5. Approve Out of District Travel and After the Fact Travel. Goal Area 4
6. Approve Employee Discipline Extension of Suspension. Goal Area (02/32010)
7. Approve Employee Discipline Extension of Suspension. Goal Area (02/32010)
8. Approve Out of State Field Trip for Coral Shores High TV Production Students, March 3 through March 6, 2010. Goal Area 3 (02/08/10)

Motion passed without objection
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SPECIAL MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent

Dr. Walker motioned, and Mr. Dick seconded to approve

Adopt Resolution 745 Concerning An Employed Superintendent. The Cause for approval was to provide it to the County Commissioners for an approaching meeting.

Motion passed without objection
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ADJOURNMENT

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

Andy Griffiths
Andy Griffiths, Chair

Dr. Joseph P. Burke
Dr. Joseph P. Burke, Superintendent