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May 24, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

Coral Shores High School Media Center
350 Sombrero Rd. (mm50)
Marathon, FL 33050

MISSION STATEMENT: CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT

VISION STATEMENT: Graduates of Monroe County Schools are Responsible and Well Informed Global Citizens who are College and/or Career Ready.

PRESIDING: John R. Dick, Chair

PRESENT: John Dick; Andy Griffiths; Duncan Mathewson; Robin Smith-Martin; Ron Martin; Dr. Joseph Burke, Superintendent and School Board Attorney
Richard Collins

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

RECOGNITION

1. Student Achievement
 - a. ECMC Recognition - Dancing Classrooms
 - b. John Landau, Guest Judge at the Dancing Classrooms Competition
2. Staff Achievement

ADOPT AGENDA AND FORMAT

Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent,

Andy Griffiths motioned, Robin Smith-Martin seconded to adopt the agenda as amended,

DELETED:

Action Items

1. Approve the Amended 2011-2012 Student Calendar pending Agreement with UTM.

Consent Items

7. Approve Invoices for Vernis & Bowling, Inc. Invoices.
14. Approve Financial Statements (Cash Flow Reports).
 - c. Quarterly Financial Statements
16. Approve Overtime Report.
17. Approve Daycare Fee Adjustments.

25. Approve Contract and Bid Award No. 432 for Replacement of Two Condensing Units at Marathon High School.
26. Approve Contract and Bid Award No. 433 Sanitary Sewer Improvements at Gerald Adams Elementary.
27. Approve Contract and Bid Award No. 434 Waste Water collection and Transmission System at Key Largo School.
28. Approve Contract and Bid Award No. 438 for Municipal Sewer Connection.
29. Approve Contract and Bid Award No. 441 for Phase 1 at Marathon Manor.
30. Approve Contract and Bid Award No. 435 for Banking Services. (05/18/2011)

Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent,

Duncan Mathewson motioned, Ron Martin seconded to adopt the agenda as amended,

1. Approval of Minutes February 22, 2011; March 08, 2011; March 24, 2011

Motion passed.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent,

Duncan Mathewson motioned, Ron Martin seconded to adopt the agenda as amended,

1. Approve the Recommendations for Support Services Personnel Employed and Terminated for the 2010-2011 School Year. Copy in SMB 49, Page 219
2. Approve the Recommendations for Instructional Personnel Employed for the 2010-2011 School Year. Copy in SMB 49, Page 220
3. Approve Requests for Leave. Copy in SMB 49, Page 221
4. Approve List of Volunteers for the 2010-2011. Copy in SMB 49, Page 222
5. Approve District Travel. Copy in SMB 49, Page 223
6. Approve Invoice for John R. Collins for Legal Services. Copy in SMB 49, Page 224
8. Approve Invoices for Johnson, Anselmo, et al. 38663, and 38664 Copy in SMB 49, Page 225
9. Approve Renewal of the School Readiness Provider Agreement with the Early Learning Coalition. Copy in SMB 49, Page 226
10. Approve Fund Transfers. Copy in SMB 49, Page 227
11. Approve Credit Card Expense Report. Copy in SMB 49, Page 228
12. Approve Bank Reconciliation. Copy in SMB 49, Page 229
13. Approve Investment Report. Copy in SMB 49, Page 230
14. Approve Financial Statements (Cash Flow Reports). Copy in SMB 49, Page 231
 - a. Schedule of Cash
 - b. Cash Flow as of April 30, 2011
15. Approve Charter School Financials for Montessori Elementary Charter School for February and March 2011. Copy in SMB 49, Page 232

- 18. Approve Advance of Funds. Copy in SMB 49, Page 233
- 20. Approve Student Discipline.
- 21. Adopt the 2011-2012 School Board Meeting Schedule (05/19/11) (ud05/20/11) Copy in SMB 49, Page 234
- 22. Approve the Science Text Book Adoption for 2011-2012. Copy in SMB 49, Page 235
- 23. Approve Contract with Presidio Networked Solutions, Inc. (UD05/18/2011) Copy in SMB 49, Page 236
- 24. Approve Contract with Microsoft. (UD05/18/11) Copy in SMB 49, Page 237
- 31. Approve the Renewal of the Third Party Cooperative Agreement with the Department of Education. Copy in SMB 49, Page 238
- 32. Approve Budget Amendments Copy in SMB 49, Page 239
 - a. Excellent Teacher Bonus
 - b. IDEA
 - c. To Restore Funds to Capital Funds in Accordance with FY10 Audit Findings (UD05/20/11)

ADDED

Consent item

- 33. John Dick would like to know the penalty for non-completion of the construction by June 30, 2013.

34. John Dick would also like to know

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Military Child Education Coalition Membership – Dr. Burke explained the membership and the purpose of the organization and opened the floor for discussion by the Board. He would like the Board to consider membership. Dr. Mathewson would like to hear what the benefits to our community would be at the next meeting. Suzanne Bryant is the military school liaison and was present at the meeting. It is the largest support of military students in the schools. It has already provided training to the district and the children to attend the Peer Sponsor for Transient Children in San Antonio, and 25 teachers and counselors last year.
- b. District Leadership (Discussion) - John Dick asked when Dr. Burke was planning on starting at Lee County. Dr. Burke indicated July 1, 2011 and does not plan on leaving prior to that date. Mr. Collins was asked about what the Board has authority to do. Dr. Mathewson reminded the Board that the Governor does not act quickly on appointments. Dr. Burke’s recommendation is Dr. Jara to assume the duties on July 1, 2011.

Mr. Griffiths wanted to make it clear that person have the authority to speak to the Governor. Mr. Dick would not want to have the Governor appoint and would not want to add another staff member in Dr. Jara’s place. Mr. Martin is in favor. Dr. Mathewson would ask to step back from considering leadership of the district from the auditing sense. We must assure all that we have a strong hand at the helm. He would support Dr. Burke’s recommendation with one proviso: That there is a plan to implement what needs to be done from now until November 2012 without the plan he’d be upset and nervous no matter how many times he puts on Super Man’s cape he cannot do all that he needs to do. He would look to divide Dr. Jara’s responsibilities. We do not need anyone new moving into the district right now. But we must be careful in what we hope to achieve. Mr. Smith-Martin agrees with Dr. Mathewson’s vision and would like to ensure nothing falls between the cracks while one person does two jobs. Dr. Burke spoke on the district future with Dr. Jara at the helm and explained his current position. IS there a way to redistribute his work to keep the district moving forward. Dr. Jara has given some thought on this issue. Dr. Burke believes there

is a way to do this. There is a need to look at the distribution of duties. Dr. Jara can bring back to the Board a plan that makes sense. In addition to the day to day operation of the district and will need assistance in conducting a national search. They will need someone with years of experience as a Superintendent to help in the first search for Superintendent. Dr. Jara thanked Dr. Burke for the recommendation and he has ideas to bring back to the Board and appreciates that there are two jobs in one. He is humbled and honored to provide the leadership to continue moving the district forward.

The Board's consensus is to accept Dr. Burke's recommendation of Dr. Jara as Interim Superintendent.

Dr. Burke provided the Board a recap of the current budget plan in proceeding with the former suggestions and continuing to meet with UTM in helping to meet that goal.

Critical Needs Millage – Mr. Griffiths explained the process and election gamble with having it on the ballot. He explained the risks. Mr. Smith-Martin reminded the Board on the lousy job done in communication. He explained the demographic composition of the district. He raised question concerns of the budget before looking at the critical needs assessment. He gave his word that he would work towards improving the communication with the citizens. Mr. Martin spoke concerning the continued performance of the schools in the district. Mr. Griffiths recommended a resolution indicating the funds would be a school directed. Mr. Griffiths asked about allow each school to operate on their own plan in reference to the 7 periods @ CSHS. Dr. Burke would like to see Dr. Rodriguez's plan for allocating the 7 periods. In the interest of being equitable how does that play with the other schools. Dr. Burke explained the funding differences at Plantation Key. Mr. Dick is opposed to the election and explained the reasons why.

The vote on proceeding with the Special Election was placed on the agenda as Action Item J4 for cause.

Mr. Smith-Martin asked about Mr. Fowler's recommendation. Dr. Burke explained both proposals that Mr. Fowler presented which are both acceptable to the Administration. Mr. Fowler will have meetings with his Union Reps to finalize the proposals this week. While Dr. Burke did not speak specific to the proposals but the amount would be between 800,000 to 1 million dollars.

HOB

Mr. Kinneer recapped the budget. Mr. Dick is opposed to having the Glynn Archer building left to rot. Mr. Smith-Martin reminded the Board that the 36 million includes the Glynn Archer move.

STAFF REPORTS

Curriculum:

A. None

Finance:

A. HOB Construction Update as of May 24, 2011 – (UD05/23/11) Michael Kinneer & Fred Sims

Internal Auditor:

Mr. Gentile spoke concerning the Superintendent Evaluation. He suggested that his office together with counsel be permitted to work on policies, job descriptions and a contract for the new superintendent to be appointed in November 2012. He recapped his draft budget and anticipates a 10% reduction from last year. He updated the board on his performance evaluation in which he received 4 out of 5. He recapped the areas he will improve on. The hotline investigation process is underway and will go live in June. He explained what the hotline is not. There was one investigation that was conducted regarding the banking bid. The allegation was unfounded. The time frame was one week. He felt it went well. He hopes it will help in regaining public trust. A revised charter went to the Committee for consideration. He thanked Mr. Kinneer publically for the details and specifics in the HOB finance report this month. Mr. Griffiths reminded the AFC about the disclosure of details of the investigations. Mr. Griffiths believes the release of information in that case has cost the district some credibility.

Legal Services:

A. None

Operating Services:

A. None

CITIZEN INPUT

List of speakers is in the file.

PUBLIC HEARING

No one from the public addressed the Board on the Facilities Policy or the Health Plan Policy.

ACTION ITEMS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent;

Andy Griffiths motioned, and Ron Martin seconded to approve

- 2. Approve the Settlement Agreement on the Heery Case. (05/18/11)

Motion passed without objection

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent;

Duncan Mathewson motioned, and Ron Martin seconded to approve

- J4. Approve A Referendum of .25 Critical Millage with language to prepared by the Board Attorney and the Superintendent.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Griffiths Yes
Mr. Martin Yes
Dr. Mathewson Yes

Mr. Smith-Martin No
Mr. Dick No

Motion passed
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These policies will be placed on the June 28th agenda for consideration,

- a. Health Plan Policy
- b. Facilities Use Policy

ADJOURNMENT

John R. Dick, Chair

Joseph P. Burke, Superintendent