



Monroe County School Board Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Closed Session: 3 P.M. / Workshop: 4:15 P.M. / Regular Meeting: 5 P.M.

Attendance:

Mr. Dick

Mr. Griffiths

Dr. Woltanski

Mr. Highsmith

Ms. Conn via telephone (the Board Chairman found for cause for participation by telephone)

Mr. Porter

Mr. Smits

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairman Highsmith, then immediately recessed for the closed session.

CLOSED SESSION - SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY, Room 6209 - 3:00 P.M. (75 mins)

Reconvened at 4:33 pm

WORKSHOP AGENDA - 4:33 P.M.

1. Vaping Epidemic, Priscilla Bennett, Ph.D. (30 mins)

Dr. Priscilla Bennett with the Florida Department of Health in Monroe was guest speaker and provided an overview of the recent E-Epidemic in the country and Monroe County. Youth vaping (or e-cigarette use) has increased dramatically and the federal government has now declare it a nationwide epidemic. Monroe County has experienced a significant increase in teen vaping - 84% increase in teen vaping from 2016 to 2018. It is important to note that e-cigarette do contain nicotine and the most popular e-cigarette brand is JUUL. The device is easy to conceal and contains as much nicotine as a pack of 20 regular cigarettes (according to the manufacture). There is online tobacco prevention training for K-12 educators at www.tobaccopreventiontraining.org. The training is sponsored by the Florida Department of Education Health Schools, the Florida Department of Education, Division of Public Schools.

Board Comments:

Mr. Dick asked if the devices are still exploding. A: Yes, the batteries blow up and cause fires, which is an additional concern.

Mr. Highsmith – how much money is collected in sales tax from vaping and tobacco products. Dr. Bennett was unsure of the answer but can research and provide the Information.

Dr. Woltanski asked if they vape marijuana, and if they do, does the marijuana contain Nicotine. A: That is a different drug and separate issue.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – 5:07 pm

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ADOPT AGENDA AND FORMAT - Superintendent's and/or School Board Members requests to amend the agenda or remove items from the consent agenda. Consent Item No. 3, along with Action Item No. 3 were both withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Mr. Griffiths asked that Action Item No. 7 be moved to Action Item No. 1.

Dr. Woltanski asked that Action Item 3, Somerset Academy Assignment and Amendment (which was withdrawn) be discussed during a meeting in Key West, and be scheduled for a meeting date that she will be in attendance.

Recommendation for approval was made by the Superintendent

Motioned by: Dr. Woltanski

Seconded by: Mr. Griffiths

Vote: Approved as Modified Unanimously

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Approval of May 14, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Recommendation for approval was made by the Superintendent

Motioned by: Mr. Dick

Seconded by: Dr. Woltanski

Vote: Approved Unanimously

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - SUMMARY OF SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Porter reported that the Board conducted a 90 minute closed session prior to the Workshop. Topics discussed were SRO duties and responsibilities and the 2019-2020 School Resource Officer contracts.

In addition to the Board members, present at the Closed Session were representative from:

*Key West Police Department:
Chief Sean Brandenburg, Matthew Haley and Dave Black*

*Monroe County School District:
Superintendent Mark Porter, Patrick Lefere, Jason Brown and Dirk Smits*

*Monroe County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Rick Ramsey and Lee Ann Holroyd,*

*Office of the State Attorney
Dennis Ward, Val Winter and Christine Poist*

Mr. Porter will be attending the Summer Florida Association of School Superintendents' Conference June 12-June 14 and hopes to learn more about SB7030 requirements.

CITIZEN INPUT/REQUEST(S) TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Presentations to the Board are limited to three (3) minutes for each individual speaker and five (5) minutes for the representative of a designated group. Transfer of time between individuals and/or groups is not permitted. Letters submitted to each Board Member and/or the Board Secretary prior to a Board Meeting will not additionally be read into the record at the meeting.

Kara Durham (Switlik parent) spoke concerning the current bus drop off location for younger Exception Education students at Stanley Switlik Elementary School.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed as consent agenda items are considered routine and noncontroversial by the School Board and will be approved by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. Prior to this meeting, Board Members have had the opportunity to review each of these items and may request that any item be moved to an Action Item for individual consideration.

1. Approval of Personnel Recommendations for 2018-2019 School Years
2. Approval of District Travel Requests
3. ~~WITHDRAWN: Approval of Legal Services Invoices – Vernis and Bowling~~
4. Acceptance of Charter School Reports April 2019
5. Approval of Monthly Financial Statements April 2019
6. Approve Removal and Disposal of Tangible Personal Property from Asset Records
7. Approval of FADSS 2019-2020 Membership
8. Approval of Florida School Board Attorneys Association Membership/Dues
9. Approval of Amerigas Contract Renewal 1 of 3 for School Year 2019-2020
10. Approval of Contract Renewal 1 of 3 with Borden Dairy of Florida LLC
11. Approval of US Foods Contract for Food and Supplies, 2019-2020
12. Approve Contract Renewal 1 of 3 to DMS Disaster Consultants for Post-Disaster Services
13. Approval of purchase of six (6) vehicles for Maintenance Department and one (1)

- vehicle for driver education from Coggin Ford/Toyota and Duval Ford
14. Approve Contract Renewal 1 of 3 to Belfor Property Restoration for Post-Disaster Recovery Services
 15. Award RFQ 2019917 for Building Permitting and Inspection Services to M.T. Causley, LLC
 16. Approve Contract with Musco Sports Lighting, LLC for athletic field lighting replacement at Coral Shores HS
 17. Approve purchases with Southern Lock and Supply in excess of \$25,000.00
 18. Approval of Contract for Brightview Landscape Services, Inc. per ITB 2019916
 19. Approval of Lease Renewal Agreement with Marc Harden for 927 Eaton Street
 20. Approve Addendum to School Readiness Contract
 21. Approval of Recommendation for 2019-2020 Critical Teacher Shortage Areas
 22. Approval of contract renewal 1 of 3 with BrightView Landscaping Services, Inc.
 23. Approval of Contract Renewal 2 of 3 with Monroe County Fire Equipment, Inc. for service in the Middle and Upper Keys
 24. Approve Renewal of Records Management and Workflow Solutions with Upland
 25. Approve purchase of Veritas data backup/recovery/archive suite with CDWG.
 26. Approve purchase with CDWG for Network Equipment for Horace O'Bryant School
 27. Resolutions In Special Education Inc/Julie Weatherly
 28. Approval of Revisions to the 2019-25 NEFEC Add-on Endorsement Programs.
 29. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Florida Keys Children Shelter (FKCS) and Monroe County School District (MCSD)
 30. Approve Purchase of Creative Curriculum through Teaching Strategies
 31. Approval of Head Start Policies and Procedures 1302_90 Addendum, 1302 Subpart A, B, C, D, & E, and 1303 Subpart F Transportation
 32. Approval of Renewal of Flood Insurance Policies for the attached Schedule of Properties

Recommendation for approval was made by the Superintendent

Motioned by: Mr. Dick

Seconded by: Mr. Griffiths

Vote: Unanimously approved

F. REPORTS

Strategic Objective 2 - Outstanding Student Achievement

Third Grade Reading Assessment Results, D. Murphy

Dr. Murphy shared the third grade reading results with the Board. Districtwide – 70% of all third students scored at level three and/or above. Dr. Murphy also recognized the efforts of all third grade teachers and all teachers in the grades leading up to third grade.

Board Comments:

Mr. Highsmith:

- He commended all third grade teachers on a great job.*
- Have we ever thought of moving summer school to the end of the summer, closer to when the assessment results are received? It is worth looking into. A: Dr. Murphy and Mr. Porter acknowledged that has been discussed, and will be revisited.*

Dr. Woltanski acknowledged the efforts of all kindergarten, first grade, second grade and third grade teachers.

Do we know where gains happened in the years to make this year successful?

A: Dr. Murphy will research and provide feedback if possible.

Ms. Conn questioned if it was possible to move summer school to immediately before the start of the school year. A: There are many components to summer school, teacher professional development schedules being one concern.

Legal

No report

RECESS – 5:36 pm

CLOSED SESSION - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

RECONVENE – 5:58 pm

Superintendent

1. 2019 Legislative Summary

Mr. Porter reported that he, along with Board Members Griffiths and Woltanski will be attending the FADSS/FSBA Summer Conference in Tampa from June 12-14, 2019. He looks forward to gaining more insight concerning some recent legislative changes, such as Best and Brightest.

2. Selection of FSBA Legislative Committee Representative and Alternative

The Board elected Dr. Woltanski as the Representative and Mr. Griffiths as their Alternative

3. Cathy Hoffman, Retiring Principal of Big Pine Academy.

Principals Hoffman (Big Pine Academy) is retiring after 43 years in education with the last 12 years being in the Keys. Mr. Porter advised the Board that Cathy Hoffman regrettably wasn't able to attend the meeting, however via a message, she asked that her appreciation and thanks be expressed to the Board for their support of Big Pine Academy, and expressed her support of her successor, incoming Principal Sara Williams.

Mr. Porter stated that it has been a pleasure working with Ms. Hoffman and she has done a tremendous job guiding and leading the school staff, faculty and families through the recovery efforts after Hurricane Irma. Big Pine Academy was one of the hardest hit school (most damaged). Her leadership will be missed and we thank Ms. Hoffman for her dedication and service!

Board

Mr. Griffiths

He suggested it would be a good first step to seek assistance from the FSBA to develop a list of qualifications/attributes desired for the next Superintendent. It would help determine a process for going forward.

Dr. Woltanski suggested it would be a good Board Retreat topic.

Mr. Griffiths asked the Board's permission to engage with FSBA during the upcoming FSBA Conference. The Board authorized Mr. Griffiths to engage with FABA for initial discussions about determining the process and qualifications for the next Superintendent.

Mr. Dick

Thanked the District administration for stopping access of political interest groups to students during the school day, on school property.

Ms. Conn

Thanked third grade teachers and teachers leading up to third grade for their efforts that yielded the 2018-2019 Third Grade Reading results.

She is looking forward to some "out-of-the-box" solutions for problems brought to the Board.

Dr. Woltanski

This was the first Board meeting since graduations. The graduations were impressive and it was exciting to see the fruits of everyone's efforts. Each school did a great job.

Mr. Highsmith:

It was a very productive closed session today. He thanked the partners/participants for attending, the Key West Police Department, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and the Office of the State Attorney. He felt everyone was unified by the end of the session.

Prior Business (Not for Discussion or Action)

1. Safety and Security Updates
2. Graduation Rate/Drop-Out Prevention
3. Enhanced Daycare Programs
4. Affordable Housing - Trumbo Point
5. Grading

RECESS - 6:08 pm

G. PUBLIC HEARING

Policies, 1st Reading

1. Accountability and Assessment
1. Policy 2431.01, Interscholastic Athletic Alcohol and Drug Testing Policy

Human Resources

1. Policy 4430.03, Sick Leave

Operations

1. Policy 5112 - Entrance Requirements (Revised)
2. Policy 5500 - Student Conduct (Revised)
3. Policy 8330 - Student Records (Revised)
4. Policy 8407 - Safe-School Officers (Revised)
5. Policy 8420 - Emergency Management, Emergency Preparedness, and Emergency Response Agencies (Revised)

Board Comments:

Dr. Woltanski:

She is concerned about privacy after the first positive test, when the student may attend practice, but is not allowed to practice.

The student is required to take a minimum three hour State licensed/accredited drug and alcohol counseling program. Is it online, do they receive counseling beyond that, etc? A. Each school handles this differently. Dr. Murphy will request the information from each school and share it with the Board.

Mr. Highsmith:

He is concerned that the scope continues to be narrowly focused on a student population that has not by any evidence to the Board/District, been proven to have any greater likelihood to use illegal drugs or alcohol than any other group. It seems unfair to single this group of students out for this type of testing, as opposed to any other group (permissible by law).

RECONVENE 6:12 pm

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Resolution Declaring the Monroe County School District's Intent Not to Participate in a Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program for the 2019-2020 School Year
Recommendation for approval was made by the Superintendent
Motioned by: Mr. Griffiths
Seconded by: Mr. Dick
Vote: Unanimously approved

Dr. Woltanski:

Why limit it to the 2019-2020 school year? If we remove the school year, we don't have to revoke the Resolution. She would like something more enduring.

Mr. Highsmith:

The Resolution can be undone. He suggested the Resolution be approved And if necessary it can be reworked for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Ms. Conn:

She would approve the Resolution if the school year was deleted.

Mr. Griffiths:

Removing the date was acceptable to Mr. Griffiths.

2. Approval of Budget Summary Reports April 2019
Recommendation for approval was made by the Superintendent
Motioned by: Mr. Griffiths
Seconded by: Mr. Dick
Vote: Approved unanimously

Mr. Griffiths:

He noted a slight contribution to fund balance. He appreciates the reporting being made public.

2. Approval of Emergency Purchase of Public Safety Distributed Antenna System (DAS) from Archis Technology for PKS and GAE Schools
Recommendation for approval was made by the Superintendent
Motioned by: Ms. Conn
Seconded by: Mr. Dick
Vote: Unanimously approved

- ~~3. WITHDRAWN—Approval of Somerset Academy Assignment and Amendment and
Consent to Assignment of Charter School Agreement~~

4. Approval of Oceans Studies Charter School Renewal
Recommendation for approval was made by the Superintendent
Motioned by: Ms. Conn
Seconded by: Mr. Dick
Vote: Approved

Dr. Woltanski added that the marine science program at Ocean Studies Charter School is amazing and she appreciates what they do.

5. Approval of 2019-2020 Administrative/Professional Employee Recommendations
Recommendation for approval was made by the Superintendent
Motioned by: Mr. Griffiths
Seconded by: Dr. Woltanski
Vote: Approved

6. Approval of Purchase of Six (6) Ford Transit Ten Passenger Vans from Duval Ford
Recommendation for approval was made by the Superintendent
Motioned by: Ms. Conn
Seconded by: Mr. Dick
Vote: Approved

Mr. Highsmith commented that the van purchase is a great idea and he is glad to see the District starting the process. He envisions the bigger school (KWHS) may have a greater need for more vans.

8. Approval of Resolution 833 Accepting the Proposal of PNC Bank, N.A. to Provide the District with a Sales Tax Revenue Bond (Loan) in an amount not to exceed \$22.5 Million in order to Finance the Construction, Equipping, Installation of, and Renovating of the Projects listed in Exhibit A of the Resolution

Recommendation for approval was made by the Superintendent

Motioned by: Mr. Griffiths

Seconded by: Mr. Dick

Vote: Approved.

ADJOURNMENT - 6:26 pm