



“Student Success,
Whatever It Takes”

SCHOOL BOARD OF MONROE COUNTY WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2009 at 10:00 am

A. J. Henriquez Administration Building
241 Trumbo Rd.

PRESIDING: Andy Griffiths, Chair

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

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING Time Certain 10:00 am

The Board & Superintendent met in closed session to discuss collective bargaining.

WORKSHOP ITEMS Time Approximate 11:00 a.m.

1. Update from Forensic Investigator, Richard Fechter presented to the Board an update on the forensic investigation. Advised the Board would receive the final report at the next meeting on June 9th, 2009. He presented a workplan to move forward. The final report is listed on the workplan as is additional follow up of investigation of Pcard purchases for the Adult Education Coordinator for future restitution determinations. Mr. Fechter stated he could be called to testify in a court of law for restitution purposes. Mr. Collins addressed the Board concerning the professional liability coverage concerning restitution; a claim to be submitted to the insurance company. \$26,000 includes 2005-2007 purchases which have not been looked at this point. Mr. Pribramsky asked if a closed session could be held if there is no pending litigation. Mr. Collins stated it can only be held under the risk management situation. He will look at that to determine if possible with a potential closed session June 9th. Mr. Pribramsky questioned Mr. Smits whether the campaign can reimburse the district for those expenditures. Mr. Smits stated the district was the conduit and it could be much easier to do it that way. If a civil suit is done Mr. Lafferty would be involved extensively and potentially having Mr. Fechter work with him on the restitution piece and ultimately testimony. He recapped the expenses to ready the case for litigation. He touched on the freshman class funding issue and stated it would be difficult to determine the amount that was done off the books. He had no idea on any estimate of the amount of the money. Mr. Pribramsky asked whether the Board will reimburse the class for the fundraising efforts or are the children out of their monies? He thinks the Board should reimburse the class. Mr. Fechter outlined the fundraising efforts. He is only aware of certain fundraising activities and does not know if they were profitable. Mr. Dick stated that because one class raised certain funds does mean that this class raised that same figure. The consensus of the Board was to reimburse the class for those monies after conducting research to gather a fair estimate of missing funds. Mr. Collins outlined the procedures in civil cases and criminal cases. Mr. Fechter did sit down with the auditor general concerning the concession stand at HOB and suggested contacting an outside firm to determine what the appropriate charges should have been. Mr. Dick reviewed previous budgets for maintenance and questioned who should review the varied differences in the

budgets. Mr. Pribramsky suggested hiring Mr. Fechter to assist in the internal auditing capacity until such time that the internal auditor is hired. Mr. Collins is currently reviewing job descriptions and experience of those employees in those positions. Mr. Fechter will create a workplan for Mr. Pribramsky's request and present it to the Board for future consideration. Concerning the federal funds Mr. Pribramsky suggested setting money aside for reimbursement purposes to the federal funding.

Mr. Collins advised the Board the final report will be handed to the Board on June 9th, 2009 with a copy going to Mr. Ward, State Attorney.

~~2. Update on Sigsbee Charter, Mr. Fraga, Goal Area 5, 15 Min.~~ This item was stricken from the agenda.

3. Discussion on Adult Education Budget and Organizational Chart, Budget Highlights and Budget Details - Mike Henriquez reviewed the presentation with the Board. Adult Education will remain under Instructional Services and the MARC Grant will remain under Adult Ed. Mr. Arnott will work part-time in adult education. A recap of the breakdown of employees keyswide was presented. The certification of employees was also reviewed and discussed. Overall, the Board was pleased with the presentation.

4. Discussion on the Student Progression Plan - Graduation Ceremony, Superintendent Acevedo stated that after consult with Mr. Collins it would be a decision to be made by the Board. Dr. Walker spoke to principals since the last meeting and the policy is clearly stated and other students were told no. Dr. Walker will not support changing the policy. Dr. Mathewson said you have to think outside of the box and do the right thing. The student was lead to believe she would walk in graduation after being included in the year book; buying a cap and gown and ring. He is in favor of making it right for her. Mr. Dick wanted future clarification on who would qualify for the exemption but would like to know how we got to this point and why was it stopped. Mr. Pribramsky said it is important to support the principals but also not to hurt a student. A waiver can be based on particular facts and circumstances if the Board so wishes Mr. Collins said. He does not believe a precedent would be made. Mr. Henriques recapped what other districts handle this. Mr. Henriquez asked the Board anyone asked the administration at the school who lead her down the wrong path. Mr. Dick and Dr. Walker spoke to administration and it could not be determined who the parents spoke to. The pupil progression plan should be revised to include a stipulation to ensure this does not reoccur. In full disclosure Mr. Collins stated that he has a professional relationship with the parent of the child in question. Ms. Booker spoke about the previous practice concerning homeschoolers at Marathon. She went out of the way to include homeschoolers. Miss Dolan-Heitlinger recapped how things developed.

Dr. Mathewson motioned, Mr. Pribramsky seconded to grant a waiver solely based on this particular scenario to allow Miss Dolan-Heitlinger to walk in the graduation ceremony at Key West High School.

ROLL CALL

MR. DICK YES

DR. MATHEWSON YES

MR. PRIBRAMSKY YES

DR. WALKER NO

MR. GRIFFITHS YES

Motion passed.

Dr. Mathewson excused himself from the meeting.

~~5. Discussion on the Responses to RFP on Harris School, Fred Sims, Goal Area 7, 20 Min. (05/29/09).~~

~~• Mr. Peter Brawn~~

~~• Carlisle Development~~ This items was stricken from the agenda and will be heard at the June 9th meeting.

6. Discussion on the Qualifications of the Adult Education Coordinator, Mr. Pribramsky voiced concern over legal exposure to the grants for this year. He'd like to determine whether the district is to return grant moneys that possibly the district is not entitled to. The cap would be about \$250,000 without the monies coming out of the general fund. Mr. Henriquez concurred with Mr. Pribramsky is being proactive to pursue this. But, did question because Ms. Acevedo was the grant writer and that the district was eligible to apply for the grant and she wasn't paid for under the grant how does that play into their determination. Mr. Henriquez can contact the stated to get a determination on how much is in question. Mr. Dick suggested asking the auditor general for past practices and would like a better handle before determining the final figure. Because of the unique situation, Mr. Henriquez would like to see what the Department of Education says within the department of grants management in Tallahassee. Mr. Henriquez will bring back a figure for next week's meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT

Alyssa Averette & Arianna Bacle spoke in favor of rehiring Mr. Welsh at Key West High School. Dianna Flennard thanked the Board for having faith in the programs under Adult Ed.

SPECIAL ACTION ITEMS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve

Dr. Walker moved, and Mr. Dick seconded to approve in bulk

1. Approval of Positions for Advertisement/Fill Open Positions.
2. Approval of Invoices for Vernis & Bowling: 96357; 96359; 96360; 96361; 96362; 96363; 96661.
3. Approval of Invoice for John R. Collins, Esq. Goal Area 5
4. Approve Contract with W. Barnett for an Asbestos Survey for Marathon Manor.
5. Approve Out of County Travel: A, B, C, D.

Motion passed without objection.

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ADJOURNMENT

Andy Griffiths

Andy Griffiths, Chair

Randy Acevedo, Superintendent

Mike Henriquez

Michael J. Henriquez, Acting Superintendent 6/23/09