



“Student Success,
Whatever It Takes”

SCHOOL BOARD OF MONROE COUNTY EMERGENCY WORKSHOP AND MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2009 at 10:00 AM

A. J. Henriquez Adm. Bldg.
241 Trumbo Road, Key West, Fl. 33040

PRESIDING: Andy Griffiths, Chair

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

WORKSHOP ITEM

Non-Profit Discussion – Dr. Mathewson spoke concerning the format of the next meeting where the board will discuss non-profit relationships. He mentioned the following non-profits such as CAMP, and Dancing Classrooms, MYCP, a replacement of Just for Kids, Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts and the Education Foundation programs. The non-profits will provide updates on funding and programs they offer. Dr. Mathewson wants to develop a friendly cost effective way of addressing costs relative to use of our facilities for these non-profits. Dr. Walker would like to have a discussion concerning the policy and what types of relationships the district wish to have. How is the district going to handle the use of the facilities she asked? Dr. Mathewson would like to clear up the grey areas and develop a plan. The auditorium contracts currently do not differentiate between non-profits and for profits groups. Also, How to handle in classroom presentations.

Mr. Pribramsky would like to know which non-profits are helped by the district and to what extent outlining how many students are helped. He wants to know why some employees are on our payroll like Take Stock Coordinator but the CAMP Coordinator is not. He'd like to know what the differences are and why. He would also to know where we stand with the MARC House? Since the scandal, do we owe them anything? Did they receive what they needed? He is concerned our relationship with them may be tarnished. Dr. Burke has met with the Executive Director and could come back to the Board on this item.

Mr. Pribramsky would also like to know what the ultimate goal is in doing this analysis.

Dr. Walker suggested to invite all the non-profits and not just select non-profits. Mr. Dick is concerned about the message we are sending out concerning the non-profits and funding at a time when we are laying off employees. The facilities should have access but at no cost to the district. He also is concerned about the kids being taken out class for activities such as Peace Jam and Challenge Day.

Dr. Burke supports Dr. Walker's idea on crafting a Policy on this. We want the work they are doing to support the mission of the school district. Consider coming up with a generic policy connecting an alignment with the two. He likes the idea of formulating policy. He would like to consider the direction the school district needs to go outlining primary points of focus.

It was suggested to get the word out to the non-profits asking for a short concrete statement from those non-profits that wish to address the Board. They could weigh in by email also. Mr. Pribramsky suggested having teachers and Principals having input on the value of the proposed programs.

Mr. Sims stated that custodians are paid to open and close the facilities and stay there. Dr. Burke mentioned that other districts have policy including a basic fee scale but identify some # of school related organizations that pay a one time annual fee and have 2-3 yearly events, those not school related pay the fee schedule.

The consensus of the Board was for Mr. Griffiths to contact the non-profits and have their presentations be concise and responsive to the three topics: Curriculum, Facilities, and Finance.

SPECIAL MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Upon the Recommendation of the Acting Superintendent

Dr. Walker motioned, and Mr. Pribramsky seconded to approve **amended motion below -**

1. Approve Annual Financial Report for the 2008-2009 School Year. ESE 145/ESE 348 with the contingency that the authority is granted to the Superintendent to make amendments as necessary.

Motion passed without objection
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Dr. Burke recapped the process of this year's AFR and the many drafts that resulted in the final document. Candace Kerns provided the Board with an updated version to the Board via email. It was linked to the agenda at the meeting.

Mr. Dick questioned the budget on food service. And, believes they could be zero; not making money or having money left in the budget. And he also questioned the unencumbered dollars in the categorical of supplies. Dr. Walker suggested having the new auditor address these points.

Dr. Burke explained to the board that while at the FADSS conference the Fiscal Forecast is going to be put together to send to the Board for a future discussion.

Dr. Burke informed the Board that the first \$250,000.00 was moved to First State Bank with no penalty. The remaining amount will mature in November. He suggested the Board converse regarding whether to go through the bid process for an investment counselor and work on an investment policy. Mr. Pribramsky is interested in speaking with PINNCO about potentially restructuring. Mr. Dick stated in total payroll the teacher's salaries right now we are spending 54.3% for classroom teachers of salary dollars.

CLOSED SESSION

John Collins called for a closed session for the next meeting on the Dupper case.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:39 am.

Andy Griffiths

Andy Griffiths, Chair

Dr. Joseph P. Burke

Dr. Joseph P. Burke, Superintendent