



Mark T. Porter, Superintendent of Schools

The **MISSION** of the Monroe County Schools is to empower all students to become responsible and contributing global citizens.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

1. *Climate and Culture for Excellence*
2. *Outstanding Student Achievement*
3. *Effective Communication & Community Engagement*
4. *High Performing Workforce*
5. *Leader in Technology and Innovation*
6. *Accountable Resource Management*

Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes

Marathon Middle/High School - Media Center • 350 Sombrero Beach Road, Marathon FL

February 28, 2017

Public Input: 4:30 PM • Regular Meeting: 5:00 PM

In Attendance:

Mindy Conn
John Dick
Andy Griffiths
Bobby Highsmith
Ron Martin

Mark Porter, Superintendent

Dirk Smits, Legal Counselor

PUBLIC INPUT – SCHOOL START TIME - TIME CERTAIN 4:30 PM

Speakers:

Peter Chapman, Switlik PTO, leave start time as is.
Betsy Egan, Marathon, Has concerns if start time is changed
Sarah Mathis, Please don't change school start time.

REGULAR MEETING – TIME APPROXIMATE – 5:00 pm, 4

A. CALL TO ORDER, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ADOPT AGENDA AND FORMAT

Superintendent and/or School Board Members request to amend the agenda or remove items from the Consent Agenda.

Motioned by: Mr. Martin
Seconded by: Mr. Griffiths
Vote: adopted

C APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. Approve Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2017

Motioned by: Mr. Martin

Seconded by: Ms. Conn

Vote: Approved unanimously

D. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE IN THE MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL

Benjamin Ryder, Marathon High School Student

Recognized as District Sunshine State Scholar – to representative Monroe County at the State

Science Fair

Chloe Migut, SSE

Katerina Nikiforova, MHS

Chris Anderson, MHS

Chris Gaskill, MHS

Noah Ross, MHS

Oriana Mendez, MHS

Shannon Pitchford, MHS

Hannah Ziels, MHS

John Sheagran, MHS

Nichola Lera, MHS

Family Literacy Night State Winners

Kaleila Bigelow

Fernando Bonilla

Sophia Dipre

Mariana Doyle

Synthia Robles

Christian Ruitz

Carl Stanton

Taquoia Walker

Jill Williams

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.

Ed Davidson, Topic: Communication and Community Relations Coordinator position.

Peter Chapman – Topic: Safety at Stanley Switlik. Need SRO at Switlik.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Personnel Recommendations for 2016-2017 School Year
2. Approval of Procurement Card Transaction Report - Statement Ending February 5, 2017
3. Approval of District Temporary Duty Elsewhere
4. Approval of Budget Summary Report
5. Approval of Charter School Report
6. Approval of Monthly Financial Statements
7. ~~Approval of Social Studies Text Book Adoption Recommendation~~
8. Approval of Purchase of Client Management Suite
9. Approval of ESE Contract with Soliant Health
10. Approval of Head Start Self-Assessment 2016-2017
11. Approval of Head Start Enrollment/Dashboard, Meals, & Budget (Nov and Dec. 2016)

12. Approval of Contract Renewal with John Eastern Company effective April 1, 2017
13. Approval of Travel to State Academic Challenge for Coral Shores High School
14. Approval of Travel for AVID Summer Institute 2017
15. Approval of Travel/Participation in State Mock Trial Competition
16. ~~Approval of Travel to Academic Challenge 2-23-2017 DUPLICATE ITEM #13~~
17. ~~Approval of Sugarleaf School Super Holiday Tour~~
18. Approval of Travel to PeaceJam

All items listed as consent agenda items are considered routine and non-controversial 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.

Motioned by: Mr. Martin

Seconded by: Mr. Griffiths

Vote: Approved Unanimously

F. REPORTS

Strategic Objective #2 - Outstanding Student Achievement

1. Instructional Materials Timeline_(Axford)
Timeline for Adoption

Mrs. Axford and Mrs. Barrios reviewed Florida Statute regulating the selection and purchase of instructional materials – specifically, Social Studies instructional material.

Ms. Conn:

Question: Do we purchase one book for every student?

Answer: Yes, print books available at no additional costs

Strategic Objective #6 – Accountable Resource Management

1. Bonding Issuance, Jerry Ford
Mr. Ford summarized the \$75,000,000 bond issuance process.

Board Questions:

Mr. Griffiths –

Question: If ½ cent goes up, and the Board raised the millage, would that change the rate?

Answer: No

Ms. Conn,

Question: Would you repeat the process, or change something.

Answer: Never borrow money before you need it. Don't borrow money before you need it, don't borrow more than you need.

This worked for this situation.

Mr. Dick – are interest rates up since election - rates are still good.

Mr. Highsmith –questioned the issuance cost – and requested a breakdown of costs. He requested if there is a next time, the item be placed on a Workshop agenda first. Mr. Ford provided a breakdown to Mr. Highsmith.

2. Procurement Card Report, Suanne Lee

Ms. Lee reported that the Procurement Card program started about two years ago and there are now currently 68 cards, 2 cards per department except Transaction and Maintenance.

The average monthly spend amount is \$117,000.

As a next steps – Roll out PCard for the grant funded programs. Bank of America has separate process for the grant funded departments which includes, ESE, Head Start and Title I. Same rules policies and procedures would apply. However, it would require that the Board approve issuance of up to 80 Procurement cards, five more than currently allocated by the Board.

3. Construction Update, Patrick Lefere 6:07

a. Construction Update

b. Plantation Key School Guaranteed Maximum Price-Biltmore (amendment 3)

The builders' Guaranteed Maximum Price for both Switlik and Gerald Adams was presented.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Conn:

Question: Portable classroom, do we lease or should be buy.

Answer: Some portables are leased, but we do own some old units. All have been leased in the last few years.

Legal

Mr. Smits reported no special legal issues. They are working on the three different construction projects.

Superintendent

- *Mr. Porter detailed the three public input sessions concerning school start times.*
- *Bus route information will be provided to the Board in regards to school start times.*
- *Mr. Porter will be attending TSIC events over the next several days. He will also be attending CSHS's production of the Phantom of the Opera.*

Board

Griffiths

- *Reported he as a parent has experienced both early and late school start times.*
- *Is there any consistent assessment data – for both start time, data for tardiness for both start times?*
- *Regarding Bus Drivers serving as security of elementary schools, drivers need to be qualified as security guard.*
- *Legislative Days in March – Mr. Griffiths encouraged other Board members to attend.*

Martin

Concerns expressed by Mr. Martin:

- *Highly qualified teacher retention - can we offer them any security.*
- *Very concerned about National agenda regarding public education.*

Conn

- *Would like Public Input information put on the home page of the website.*
- *Some parents may not be able to attend the 4:30 pm Public Input session because of their work schedule, we need to let those parents know that they can still contact us.*
- *Just because we change the school start time in one school, doesn't mean we may make change in other areas.*
- *SRO – which schools don't have an SRO? Is it just a Switlik issue? Hire bus drivers as security guards to give them full-time opportunity.*
- *Prior business listed – when are we going to be addressing prior business?*

Highsmith

-School start time discussion, based on comments, people think if we change high schools, it is automatic that elementary schools will change. No, high school and elementary schools are separate issue. Do not linked together.

-Uniform public input session, good idea.

Prior Business (Not for Discussion or Action)

1. Alternative Education
2. Graduation Rate/Drop-Out Prevention
3. Student Athlete Random Drug Testing
4. Calendar (Winter Break)
5. AFC Recommended Workshop
6. Testing Calendar Workshop
7. Enhanced Daycare Programs
8. Affordable Housing - Marathon Manor/Trumbo Point

F. PUBLIC HEARING recess at 6:30 pm

Social Studies Test Book Public Comments

No public comments

Job Descriptions (1st. Reading)

1. 63073 Project Coordinator, 21st. Century
2. 61020 DJJ Transition Manager

No public comments

G. ACTION ITEMS reconvened at 6:38 pm

1. Approval of Plantation Key School Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) - Biltmore Construction
Motioned by: Mr. Martin
Seconded by: Ms. Conn
Vote: Approved Unanimously
2. Approval of Risk Management/Property Insurance Package Renewal for 2017
Motioned by: Mr. Martin
Seconded by: Mr. Highsmith
Vote: Approved Unanimously
3. Approval of Award RFQ 2017708 CMAR Contract to Ajax Building Corp. for Stanley Switlik Elementary School Project

*Motioned by: Ms. Conn
Seconded by: Mr. Martin
Vote: Approved Unanimously*

4. Approval of Superintendent's Recommendation for Communications and Community Relations Coordinator Lynsey Saunders

*Motioned by: Mr. Griffiths
Seconded by: Mr. Martin
Vote: Approved Unanimously*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Dick adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm