



10 12 2010 School Board Meeting

Call Meeting to Order

Acceptance of Agenda

1. [C-1 Accept Agenda of the October 12, 2010 School Board Meeting As Revised](#)

Attachment: [09 28 10 Work Session Minutes.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Amendment 8 Resolution.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to accept the agenda as revised. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Hazel Sellers

Second: Lori Cunningham

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Margaret Lofton - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Invocation

2. [C-2 Dr. Jerry Haag, Florida Baptist Children's Home, Lakeland](#)

Pledge of Allegiance

3. [C-3 Kylie Weingarh, Kathleen Elementary](#)

Special Recognitions

4. [C-4 National Red Ribbon Month Proclamation](#)

Attachment: [National Red Ribbon Month.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to accept proclamation recognizing the Month of October as National Red Ribbon Month. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Hazel Sellers

Second: Lori Cunningham

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Margaret Lofton - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

5. [C-5 School Bus Safety Week Proclamation](#)

Attachment: [School Bus Safety Week.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to accept proclamation recognizing October 18 - 22, 2010 as School Bus Safety Week. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Frank O'Reilly

Second: Lori Cunningham	
Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

6. [C-6 National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation](#)

Attachment: [National Hispanic Heritage Month.pdf](#)

Motions:	
Motion to accept proclamation recognizing September 15 - October 15, 2010 as National Hispanic Heritage Month.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Lori Cunningham	
Second: Frank O'Reilly	
Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

7. [C-7 2010 Intel Schools of Distinction Award](#)

8. [C-8 Florida FFA Award Winner](#)

9. [C-9 FHSAA Sportsmanship Award](#)

10. [C-10 CAA Certification Recognition](#)

11. [C-11 Polk County Builders' Association Award](#)

Minutes:

Public Comments on Agenda Items

12. [C-12 SPEAKERS](#)

Minutes:

Linda Barnett spoke in support of New Beginnings High School's charter application.

Rhea McKinney, retiree and serves on the Insurance Committee, spoke in support of Item R-53; Retiree Health Plan Renewal which includes the Medicare Advantage Plan.

Deric Feacher, representative for New Beginnings High School spoke in support of their charter application.

Approval of Minutes

13. [C-13 Approve Minutes of the September 28, 2010 Work Session](#)

Attachment: [09 28 10 Work Session Minutes.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2010 Work Session. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Hazel Sellers

Second: Margaret Lofton

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Margaret Lofton - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

14. [C-14 Approve Minutes of the September 28, 2010 School Board Meeting](#)

Attachment: [09 28 10 School Board Minutes.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2010 School Board Meeting. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Dick Mullenax

Second: Margaret Lofton

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Margaret Lofton - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

15. [C-15 Approval of Consent Agenda](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve consent agenda. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Lori Cunningham

Second: Hazel Sellers

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

New Administrator Announcements

16. [C-16 New Administrators](#)

Minutes:

None

Consent

Business Services General Items

17. [C-17 Financial Statements - August 2010](#)

Attachment: [Aug Financial Package.pdf](#)

18. [C-18 Bid Recommendations for October 12, 2010 Board Meeting](#)

Attachment: [Bid Rec 10-12-10.pdf](#)

19. [C-19 Symetra Stop Loss Renewal effective 10/01/10 – 12/31/2011](#)

Business Services Budget Revisions

20. [C-20 Budget Revision Request - Finance \(9401\)](#)

Business Services Grant Applications

21. [C-21 School Lunch Equipment Grant Application, Non-Competitive ARRA](#)

Attachment: [Board Summary Food Equipment September 2010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Funding Request Summary Polk \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [DOE 101-R Budget Narrative Form - TAPS#11BS02 Polk.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT food service equipment 2010-2011.pdf](#)

22. [C-22 Lakeland Montessori Middle School 2010-2013 Florida Public Charter School Grant Program, \\$225,000](#)

Attachment: [BM Lakeland Montessori Middle School 2010-2013 Florida Public Charter School Grant Program.pdf](#)

Business Services Grant Applications with Positions

23. [C-23 Amending Farmworker Jobs and Education Program Grant](#)

Attachment: [Farmworkers Board Summary-Budget amendment.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Technician Farmworker Program Assistance.pdf](#)

Business Services Contracts

24. [C-24 Contract with LFS, Title I Program, \\$199,700.00](#)

Attachment: [Contract #50269 LFS-Title I 10.27.10-6.14.11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BIA-Schools New to Title I 10-11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [StWk-Schools New to Title I 10-11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Sole Source-LFS.pdf](#)

Business Services Donations - CASH

25. [C-25 \\$1,000 Donation from the Raymond James Charitable Endowment to McLaughlin Middle](#)

26. [C-26 \\$500.00 Donation from the Wal Mart Foundation to Lake Region High School](#)

27. [C-27 \\$1,500 Donation from the First Aviation Sertoma Club to Southwest Middle](#)

28. [C-28 \\$500.00 Donation from Wachovia Bank to Elbert Elementary](#)

29. [C-29 \\$1,000.00 Donation from the Wal-Mart Foundation to Dundee Elementary](#)

30. [C-30 \\$1,901.14 Donation from LHM Chorus Boosters to Lakeland Highlands Middle](#)

31. [C-31 \\$500 Donation from Bright House Networks to Workforce Education](#)

Attachment: [A.O.D. Bright House CK 0000227218, \\$500, 09.14.10.pdf](#)

32. [C-32 \\$800.00 Donation from the PEF to Polk Life & Learning Center](#)

33. [C-33 \\$10,000 Donation from the Pinellas County School Board to Academic Competitions](#)

34. [C-34 \\$1,954.55 Donation from Progress Energy to Bethune Academy](#)

Facilities & Operations General Items – Construction Services

35. [C-35 Project #C-00261-Jewett School of the Arts-Expand Administration/Remodel Kitchen/Dining](#)

36. [C-36 Project #P-01195-Churchwell Elementary/#P-01196-Kathleen Middle/#P-01197-Socrum Elementary-Wastewater Treatment Facility](#)

Facilities & Operations Contract Changes – Construction Services

37. [C-37 Project #C-00273-Winter Haven Senior-Master Plan \(Phase 1\)](#)

Attachment: [c273ph1pb35.pdf](#)

38. [C-38 Project #C-00273-Winter Haven Senior-Master Plan \(Phase II\)](#)

Attachment: [c273ph2co4.pdf](#)

39. [C-39 Project #C-00259-Davenport School of the Arts-Middle School "EE"](#)

Attachment: [c259co16.pdf](#)

Facilities & Operations - Project Requests

40. [C-40 Project #P-01269 - Davenport School of the Arts - Head Start Play Ground](#)

41. [C-41 Project #P-01268 - Traviss Career Center - Infant Day Care Facility](#)

42. [C-42 Project #P-01271 - Winston Elementary - Install Head Start Playground](#)

Human Resource Services Recommendations

43. [C-43 Recommendations for Administrative and Instructional Personnel Actions](#)

Attachment: Administrative and Instructional Recommendations Agenda Term Suppt 10-12-10.pdf (Confidential Item)

Attachment: [Administrative and Instructional Recommendations Agenda 10-12-10.pdf](#)

Minutes:

***Approved Personnel Recommendations

are recorded in

Supplement Book 72 - A - 10,

Pages 106 - 152.***

44. [C-44 Recommendations for Non-Instructional Personnel Actions](#)

Attachment: [Non-Instructional Recommendations Agenda 10-12-10.pdf](#)

Attachment: Non-Instructional Recommendations Term Suppt 10-12-10.pdf (Confidential Item)

Minutes:

***Approved Personnel Recommendations
are recorded in
Supplement Book 72 - A - 10,
Pages 106 - 152.***

45. [C-45 Recommendations for Temporary Duty Assignments](#)

Attachment: [10-12-10 TDA.pdf](#)

Minutes:

***Approved Personnel Recommendations
are recorded in
Supplement Book 72 - A - 10,
Pages 106 - 152.***

Support Services Field Trip Requests

46. [C-46 Out of State Field Trips](#)

Attachment: [field trip form-agenda 10.12.10.pdf](#)

Regular

Administration General Items

47. [R-47 2011 Legislative Platform](#)

Attachment: [2011 Platform Draft 1 for Work Session.pdf](#)

Motions:

Recommend approving 2011-2012 Legislative Platform. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Margaret Lofton

Second: Tim Harris

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

Administration - Office of School Choice

48. [R-48 Superintendent's Recommendation on Polk Pre-Collegiate Academy Charter Application](#)

Attachment: [BM-Superintendents Recommendation Polk Pre-Collegiate 10 12 10.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Harris stated that while he supports the proposal, he cannot support the location. Tenoroc High School was constructed two years ago for this area and is currently underpopulated. Mr. Harris feels the charter will further affect the school's enrollment.

Mr. Mullenax requested an approximate cost of an appeal should the application be denied. Wes Bridges, School Board Attorney, responded that chances are better when valid legal reasons can be articulated in the denial. An approximate cost, including travel and staff time, would be \$10,000. Mr. Mullenax stated he cannot support the concept of the school but will support the application rather than face potential legal fees through an appeal.

Mrs. Sellers commented she supports the concept of the school and, while she may not agree with the location, she understands the applicant's reasons for locating at Berkley Middle Academy. As a cost savings measure, they plan to utilize the staff of Berkley Middle during the first year of the charter.

Mrs. Lofton stated she will support the application because it is specifically for those students who devote 100% toward their education rather than extra curricular activities such as sports and the arts. The school will be 'nested' within Berkley Middle Academy.

Mrs. Fields commented she agrees with both Mr. Harris and Mr. Mullenax.

Motions:	
Motion to accept Superintendent's recommendation of approval for the Polk Pre-	- PASS

Collegiate Academy Charter Application.

Vote Results

Motion: Frank O'Reilly

Second: Lori Cunningham

Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Nay
Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

Motion Minutes:

49. [R-49 Superintendent's Recommendation on PIVOT Charter School Charter Application](#)

Attachment: [BM-Superintendents Recommendation on PIVOT Charter School 10 12 10.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Dr. McKinzie reported she could not recommend PIVOT charter application for approval for the following reasons:

- Assessment piece is woefully inadequate. The only academic goal in the application states that by 2014 87% of those students enrolled for three or more years will achieve 3, 4 or 5 on the FCAT assessments taken at each grade level. There is no academic evaluation of the school for the first three years. This is totally unacceptable. The mobility factor of the county was never figured into the equation. At the end of the three year period, minus the juniors and seniors who have graduated and those students who have left the program, the 87% is based on 91 remaining students.
- The application provides conflicting information on how the principal will be selected. One area says a committee made up of various persons will make the selection. However, on page 12 it states that the management company, AAI, will select and hire the principal.
- Another area in the application provides the projected enrollment of ELL students as 82% or 205 students. They submitted a percentage used in standard applications across the state and did not take into consideration the makeup of Polk County.
- Their governing board will be made up of one member from Polk County and the others will be from around the state.

- The application also provides for a board member mentor to be assigned to each new board member; this is in direct violation of Florida's Sunshine Law.

Motions:

Motion to approve Superintendent's recommendation to deny the PIVOT Charter Application. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Frank O'Reilly

Second: Lori Cunningham

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Margaret Lofton - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Motions:

Motion for School Board Attorney to send a letter within 10 days to PIVOT Charter representatives outlining the reasons for denial of their charter application. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Lori Cunningham

Second: Hazel Sellers

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Margaret Lofton - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

50. [R-50 Superintendent's Recommendation on Our Children's Middle Academy Charter Application](#)

Attachment: [BM-Superintendents Recommendation on Our Children's Middle 10 12 10.pdf](#)

Motions:	
Motion to accept Superintendent's recommendation to approve Our Children's Middle Academy Charter Application.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Lori Cunningham	
Second: Frank O'Reilly	
Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

51. [R-51 Superintendent's Recommendation on New Beginnings High School Charter Application](#)

Attachment: [BM-Superintendents Recommendation on New Beginnings High School 10 12 10.pdf](#)

Motions:	
Motion to accept Superintendent's recommendation to approve New Beginnings High School Charter Application.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Frank O'Reilly	
Second: Tim Harris	

Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

Administration - School Board

52. [R-52 First Modification of Contracts with Dr. Sherrie Nickell](#)

Attachment: [Nickell-First Modification to Superintendent-Designate Contract 9-29-10.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Nickell-First Modification to Superintendent's Contract 9-29-10.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve the First Modification to the Superintendent Designate's Employment Contract with Dr. Sherrie Nickell, retroactive to September 1, 2010 and ending on October 31, 2010.	- PASS
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Vote Results

Motion: Hazel Sellers

Second: Lori Cunningham

Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

Motions:

Motion to approve the First Modification to the Superintendent's Employment Contract with Dr. Sherrie Nickell, effective November 1, 2010.	- PASS
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Vote Results

Motion: Hazel Sellers

Second: Margaret Lofton

Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

53. [E-53 Resolution Supporting Amendment 8, Class Size](#)

Attachment: [Amendment 8 Resolution.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve Resolution 2010-2011/16 in Support of Class Size Amendment 8. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Dick Mullenax

Second: Margaret Lofton

Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

Motion Minutes:

Mrs. Sellers supports the Resolution and hopes the parents and community understand the need to have this amendment approved. It is a very complex

and expensive issue. Schools enroll students nearly every day; whether they are new to the district or moving between schools. The spirit of the law will continue to be met; however the amendment will give us flexibility when the class is over the maximum allowed. There have been students that have been moved from 3 different classrooms already this year in order to meet the class by class size limit.

Mrs. Lofton stated that this amendment will do a great service to parents, students and staff. To date, implementation of the class size amendment has cost the state \$19 billion. Teachers have been moved between schools and students have been moved between classes. We strongly suggest the public look at the language and consequences of the legislation.

Business Services General Items

54. [R-53 Retiree Health Plan Renewal - 2011 Plan Year](#)

Attachment: [2011 Retiree Renewal 092210 FINAL.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2011 Retiree Renewal.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve the Retiree Health Plan Renewal for the 2011 plan year. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Frank O'Reilly

Second: Tim Harris

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Margaret Lofton - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Facilities & Operations General Items – Property Management - Land

55. [R-54 Auburndale High School - Deed to City of Auburndale](#)

Attachment: [10 12 2010 RESOLUTION 2010-2011-13.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Aerial Exhibit.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Aerial - Auburndale High School.pdf](#)

Motions:

Approve Resolution 2010/2011-13 authorizing the conveyance of the right-of-way and execution of a deed to the City of Auburndale. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Tim Harris

Second: Hazel Sellers

Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

56. [R-55 Lake Shipp Elementary - Deed to Polk County](#)

Attachment: [10 12 2010 RESOLUTION 2010-2011-14.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Aerial - Lk Shipp Addl Right-of-Way.pdf](#)

Motions:

Approve Resolution 2010/2011-14 authorizing the conveyance of the additional right-of-way and execution of a deed to Polk County. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Lori Cunningham

Second: Frank O'Reilly

Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

Public Hearing

Superintendent's Report

57. [Superintendent's Report](#)

Minutes:

Superintendent McKinzie announced that the District will meet the class size requirements by Friday, the first day of the FTE count.

Dr. Tonjes summarized some of the events that took place:

- reassigned 43 teachers
- added 7 teachers
- added 35 sub teachers to co-teach (this is a moving target as students continue to enroll or transfer between schools)
- created 39 combination classes (K/1st and 3/4 are the major combination classes);
- gave high and middle schools permission to create 35 sections (class taught by teacher entire day rather than having planning period)
- approximately 4000 students have been affected by either moving from class or moving their teacher
- approximate cost since first day of school is \$800,000 (does not include 100 new teachers hired at the beginning of the school year)

Attorney's Report

Auditor's Report

Board Members' Report

58. [Frank O'Reilly, School Board Member District 1](#)

Minutes: No report.

59. [Lori Cunningham, School Board Member District 2](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Cunningham visited Boone Middle School to see the progress of the facilities' Master Plan construction.

Congratulated Ray Cruze and the staff at Roosevelt High School on their recent recognition.

60. [Hazel Sellers, School Board Member District 3](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Sellers attended the Cracker Storytelling event in Homeland where she heard a story told by a Valleyview student.

61. [Dick Mullenax, School Board Member District 4](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Mullenax recognized Polk Education Foundation's Free Teacher Market program where classroom supplies are made available to teachers at no cost. He voiced appreciation to those partners who donated supplies for this worthwhile program.

Mr. Mullenax also visited the Power Academy at Tenoroc High School where he was able to meet students and parents of the academy.

62. [Margaret Lofton, School Board Member District 6](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Lofton praised Polk County Farm Bureau for recognizing Crystal Lake Middle School for their outstanding Agriculture program. The Bureau also presented Jimmy Smith, Frostproof High School, with the Outstanding Agriculture Teacher award.

She congratulated Ray Cruze for his successful agricultural program at Roosevelt High School in Lake Wales.

Mrs. Lofton urged parents to exercise caution and good judgment in the activities they allow their children to attend.

63. [Tim Harris, School Board Member District 7](#)

Minutes: No report.

64. [Kay Fields, School Board Member District 5](#)

Minutes: No report.

Public Comments Addressing Items Not on Agenda

65. [SPEAKERS](#)

Minutes: Bonnie Lang spoke in support of McKeel Academy where her daughter attends.

Adjournment

October 12, 2010 School Board meeting adjourned at 3:07 PM. Minutes were approved and attested this 26th day of October, 2010.

Kay Fields, Board Chair

Gail F. McKinzie, Ph. D., Superintendent