

10 27 2009 Work Session

New Business

1. [12:30 PM - 12:40 PM Board Members Comments](#)

Minutes:

Board Members Absent: Mrs. Cunningham

Mrs. Sellers provided an update on the Florida Education Investment Trust Fund.

Mrs. Lofton voiced several concerns regarding elementary students going door to door with school fundraisers. Will the School Board be liable should something happen to a child even if the sponsor is an outside entity such as a PTA? Is there a School Board policy regarding fundraising?

Mrs. Phelps, School Board Internal Auditor, reported there is a policy that states no elementary-aged student may go door-to-door.

Dr. Tonjes and Dr. McKinze reported that fundraising guidelines are listed in the Code of Conduct and they confirmed that elementary age students are not to go door-to-door. The policy is discussed at Principal meetings.

DISCUSSION: After Agenda Study

Dr. McKinzie distributed a draft agenda for the upcoming School Board Annual Retreat.

Mrs. Fields asked if the subject of over-aged students might be addressed.

Dr. McKinzie reported that current college readiness legislation limits the district's ability to help many students who do not pass specific classes.

Board Agenda Review

2. [12:40 PM - 1:15 PM October 27, 2009 School Board Agenda Review](#)

Attachment: [10 27 09 School Board Mtg.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Item: R-84 Montessori Charter

After the PCSB voiced concerns regarding the portfolio requirement at the last work session, Montessori's Board reconsidered the requirement and changed the word 'portfolio' to 'student snapshot' to be less intimidating. Also, a student's example of a snapshot will be part of the application packet.

Since some students may not have access to community service, the rubric percentage point requirement will not limit their admission to the school if all other remaining requirements are within the 50% point.

3. [1:15 PM - 1:30 PM BREAK](#)

Discussion

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4. [1:30 PM - 1:45 PM Modification to Bok Academy Charter Contract for Expansion of Student Enrollment and Facilities](#)

Attachment: [WS-Bok Academy Expansion 10 27 09.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Carolyn Bridges reported that BOK Academy is requesting an increase to their enrollment by approximately 200 students. Currently, they are 40 students over the charter agreement of 500. The District may choose to increase their enrollment to the amount requested, any amount less than that amount, or, require them to return to the contracted number of 500. The additional 40 students earned approximately \$240,000 in FTE for the charter school which ran in the red last year.

Dr. McKinzie commented she would agree to increase their enrollment to 550 but not an increase of 200.

Several Board Members felt the charter school should be penalized for violating the business contract by enforcing the enrollment of 500. If there is no penalty issued, other charters will take the same measure. McLaughlin Middle School of the Arts has 377 seats available; to increase BOK's enrollment would only hurt McLaughlin's enrollment.

Rather than penalize the 40 students, Board Members agreed by consent to support an enrollment number of 540 or 550.

Mrs. Sellers suggested our contract language be changed to provide penalties for infractions such as over enrollment.

Mrs. Bridges informed the Board that the state is adopting a model contract for all charter schools. She will see if the penalty language can be included.

Mr. Harris suggested adding a middle years IB program at McLaughlin to be competitive with BOK Academy.

Dr. McKinzie reported that it is a funding issue but we are looking at a 3-year \$3 million grant to establish elementary and middle years IB programs.

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5. [1:45 PM - 2:00 PM REVISED Head Start Grant - Addition of Positions to the Preschool Programs Department and the Finance Department](#)

Attachment: [Revised Additional HeadStart Positions.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Item 6

6. [2:00 PM - 2:20 PM Florida Education Purchasing Consortium](#)

Attachment: [FSBA Purchasing Consortium Interlocal Agreement - Revision August 25 2009.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FSBA Interlocal Consortium Bylaws - Revision August 25 2009.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FSBA School District Participation Agreement - Revision August 25 2009.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Item 7

7. [2:20 PM - 2:30 PM New DJJ Site New Beginnings Youth Academy](#)

Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS 09-10.pdf](#)

Attachment: [New Beginnings Youth Academy.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Cheryl Hallman reported this is a new DJJ program using our teachers and employees. The program for girls with drug and/or alcohol abuse issues (run by Global Youth Services) closed in Hardee County earlier in the year and moved to a location adjoining the Boot Camp. Approximately 20 girls transferred to the site at the end of May and, currently, 24 are being served.

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8. [2:30 PM - 3:00 PM Mulberry Middle School Phase II Plans](#)

Minutes:

Built in 1953, Mulberry Middle has experienced very little maintenance to bring it into the 21st Century.

The plan is to demolish buildings on the campus erected in 1953 (which is all but three of the buildings) and set up a temporary campus on the playfield for the 18 months needed for construction. The new campus should increase their capacity to 1116.

Construction will be funded through Qualified School Construction Bonds.

Information

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM. Minutes were approved and attested this 17th November, 2009.

Kay Fields, Board Chair

Gail F. McKinzie, Ph. D., Superintendent