

02 22 2011 Work Session

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New Business

1. [12:30 - 12:45 PM School Board Comments](#)

Minutes:

Hazel Sellers provided information from the Mulberry Community meeting regarding the School Board's naming of the Gail F. McKinzie Elementary School without community input.

School Board Attorney Wes Bridges stated that it is the responsibility of the School Board to name a school. Board policy addresses community input but the final decision is the responsibility of the School Board.

Mrs. Fields reported that in her role as Board Chair she sought legal advice from Wes before going forward with the idea to name the elementary school to honor Dr. McKinzie. When the item was presented at the superintendent's last school board meeting, time was provided for discussion. No one voiced any concerns; everyone was happy about the decision. It was not a hap hazard decision nor an emotional decision. No matter what happens today, someone is going to be unhappy. The Board presented Dr. McKinzie with a proclamation naming the school after her and a sign has been placed at the site. It is an insult to withdraw that honor from her. A decision was made by the Board, it should be upheld and go forward.

Dick Mullenax requested the Board revisit their decision and for the Board to follow its own established procedures.

Tim Harris suggested that in the future schools be given geographical names rather than named after an individual.

Mrs. Fields stated that if the Board is not to deviate from established policies and

procedures as Mr. Mullenax requests, it should be in all categories, including discipline. There should not be any exceptions.

Mrs. Wright commented she was not a board member at the time and questioned the process when it happened. She was appalled that input from the community was not a part of the decision-making process.

Mr. O'Reilly commented he will not support a name change. He will not dishonor Dr. Gail McKinzie to honor someone else. She did more for the school district in the past six years than anyone else over the past 30 years. He will uphold his vote as it was intended.

Mr. Bridges clarified that while there is an existing policy, it does not adequately address this issue. The policy calls for a recommendation from the Superintendent in naming a school or building. The bottom line is that the Board has the right to name a school.

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Debra Wright asked if all employees have email accounts? Abdu Taguri, Assistant Superintendent of Information Systems and Technology, reported that every employee has an email account and every department and location has been provided computers. He does not know if every employee has access to department computers but there is access through community centers, libraries and home computers. If additional computers are needed for employee access in specific departments, he has not been notified.

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Mark Grey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, provided a Budget update.

It is believed that

- Employees of FRS will be asked to contribute toward their retirement an amount between 2%-5%.
- New hires will contribute to the retirement plan at 5%; retirement age for new hires will be increased to 35 years of service or 65 years of age after becoming vested.
- Plans to phase out DROP. Current program will remain for current enrollees; 6% earnings reducing to 3%.
- \$65 million cut from Polk County's budget. (Does not include Federal cuts which are unknown at this time (Title I, II, II, VI, IDEA, AARA, etc.)

Board Agenda Review

2. [12:45 - 1:15 PM Review February 22, 2011 School Board Agenda](#)

Attachment: [02 22 11 School Board Agenda.pdf](#)

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

Discussion

Item 4

4. [1:30 - 1:50 PM Presentation of June 30, 2010 Audit](#)

Attachment: [POLK FS.pdf](#)

Minutes: Representatives from Cherry, Bekaert and Holland presented the Independent Auditors' Report.

Item 5

5. [1:50 - 2:10 PM Revised Contracts with School Board Attorney and Director of Internal Audit Services](#)

Attachment: [Attorney Contract 22 March 2011 With Markups.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Summary for WS Item on Attorney and Director of Internal Audit 2-22-11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Senior Manager Internal Audit Job Description1 ST.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Internal Auditor Contract 22 Mar 2011 With Markups.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Director Internal Auditor School Board.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Senior Manager Internal Audit Orig.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS Director.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Contract with School Board Attorney 11-21-08.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Attorney Contract 22 March 2011 Without Markups.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Contract with Internal Audit Manager 12-13-05.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Internal Auditor Contract 22 Mar 2011 - Without Markups.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Fields reported that the 3 contracts supervised by the School Board are in alignment.

The three contracts are: School Board Attorney, Director of Internal Audit, and Superintendent.

Item 6

6. [2:10 - 2:25 PM Student Transfers to Address the Elementary Class Size Cap Issue](#)

Attachment: [Revised Elementary Student Transfer Policy for CSR Feb 2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Elementary Choice Cluster Listings Transportation and Facilities Revision 2.pdf](#)

Item 7

7. [2:25 - 2:45 PM 2011 State Of the Arts Report](#)

Attachment: [SOTA 10-11.pdf](#)

Minutes: Debra Wright requested that the next presentation provide a correlation between arts and an increase in academics.

Item 8

8. [2:45 - 3:00 PM Process of Posting of Grade Levels in Genesis](#)

Attachment: [Next Year Rollover assignment process.pdf](#)

Item 9

9. [3:00 - 3:15 PM Charter Review Committee Recommendation to the Superintendent for McKeel Elementary Academy Renewal](#)

Attachment: [WS-Charter Review Committee Recommendation2 22 11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [MEA follow-up for review committee.pdf](#)

Attachment: [WS Summary McKeel Elem-2 22 11.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Carolyn Bridges discussed the Review Committee's recommendation to the Superintendent.

Tim Harris noted he did not see percentages on Highly Qualified teachers for the charter school which is a state requirement.

Information

Item 10

10. [2010 National School Lunch Program \(NSLP\) Equipment Assistance Grants](#)

Attachment: [Board Summary Food Equipment 2011 updated.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT food service equipment2011 updated.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Funding Request Summary Polk \(2\) 2011.pdf](#)

Adjournment

The work session adjourned at 3:30 PM. Minutes were approved and attested this 22nd day of March, 2011.

Kay Fields, Board Chair

Sherrie B. Nickell, Ed. D, Superintendent