

FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
Regular School Board Meeting

February 10, 2011 - 6:00 p.m. - Willie Speed School Board Room

The Regular School Board Meeting was held on the above date with the following members present: Chairman Jimmy Gander, Ms. Teresa Ann Martin, Mr. David Hinton, Mr. George Thompson and Mr. Carlton Whaley. Also present were Nina Marks, Superintendent and Barbara Sanders, Board Attorney.

1 CALL TO ORDER/APPROVE AGENDA

Chairman Jimmy Gander called the meeting to order.

Prior to approval of the agenda, items 10E, 10F, 19C and 19D were added and item 10C was removed from the agenda. Mr. Hinton moved to approve the agenda with additions and deletions, second by Mr. Whaley. The motion carried unanimously.

2 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Gander gave the invocation, followed by the pledge to the flag.

3 REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Nina Marks, Superintendent

1. Sunshine State Scholar

Ms. Marks presented Jessica Dempsey to the Board as the Sunshine State Scholar.

2. Retirement Presentation

No one was present for the retirement presentation.

3. Student Stipulation (Previously Mailed) (1)

Superintendent presented a student stipulation for the Board's approval. Mr. Hinton moved to approve the stipulation, second by Mr. Whaley. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Marks reported that the process had begun with the projects list previously presented to the Board.

She and Roy Carroll, Finance Director, had met with David Vincent of JRA Architects to discuss plans for the Multipurpose Building on the FCS campus. Mr. Vincent will research what can be done in line with Superintendent Marks and Mr. Carroll's requests and report back in March. Ms. Marks explained that Item 19C was a product of that meeting. The Board will receive a report at the March meeting as to cost and beginning/ending date of construction.

Ms. Marks then reported that she had brought in Mr. Baker with DAG Architects to investigate procedures for the Science Platform. This research would be brought back to the March meeting also.

Chairman Gander led a discussion about the future of the Franklin County Learning Center campus.

Superintendent Marks stated that one of the plans was to try to get the PreK on the FCS campus. Due to the size and scheduling of the FCS Lunchroom, serving lunch to PreK was a concern. Ms. Terry Hilton had discussed that lunches could be delivered to them as it is brought to the FCLC campus.

The possible plan to move PreK to the main campus would need to be studied. If PreK were to stay at the FCLC campus a timeline should be provided for renovation of the FCLC campus for PreK. If the renovation was to go forward, a committee from the Prek campus needed to be formed to give input.

3 REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

B. Barbara Sanders, FCSB Attorney

Attorney Barbara Sanders reported that CVS had cancelled the contract and would not be purchasing the Board's property.

Attorney Sanders advised the Board that all five minor project architects would be using the standard AIA contracts for their services. She recommended that the Board go with the AIA contracts.

Attorney Sanders had responded to a letter from Eastpoint Water and Sewer District's Attorney. She had not heard back from him.

Mr. Thompson discussed the recurring problem of bullying on the FCS campus. He is aware that the staff is working on it.

Mr. Oehlert, FCS Principal, stated that the degree of bullying here is less than elsewhere. The deterrents he mentioned were parental help, volunteers, visibility on campus and activities for the students on campus.

Mr. Thompson asked if the purchase of vans had been considered.

Superintendent Marks responded that she is researching the possibility and she agreed that newer vans are needed.

Mr. Thompson discussed the certification of coaches to drive school buses to athletic events.

Superintendent Marks stated that four of the coaches would take the test in Gulf County after studying for it.

Mr. Thompson wanted all the coaches to be required to drive the buses, to which Ms. Marks responded that requiring them to drive would have to be negotiated.

Chairman Gander suggested offering the opportunity to drive buses to events to teachers also.

Mr. Whaley had nothing to report.

Mr. Hinton led a discussion about use of cell phones on campus. He asked Attorney Sanders to research whether the cell phone statute read "may" or "shall" have cell phones. He wanted to know if it said "may", would that give FCSB the right to bar all cell phones.

Superintendent Marks discussed the need for a level of punishment for taking pictures with cell phones.

Ms. Martin questioned if cell phones were a problem.

Al London, High School Dean, responded that the use of cell phones can be abused and is abused sometimes, but a zero cell phone policy would be unenforceable.

Eric Bidwell, Middle School Dean, was concerned more about the dangers of pornography. He did not see any possible way to ban cell phones from campus. He stated that the best thing to do is educate students about the legalities of phone use.

Mr. Hinton requested that Mr. Roy Carroll, Finance Director, report on the Finance Committee discussions. The committee had met on three different occasions. The committee consisted of Mr. Oehlert, Ms. Roux, Ms. Roper, Mr. Isaac Lang of the St George Island Civic Club, Mr. Paul Marxsen a representative of the SAC Committee, Mr. David Hinton, Mr. Carroll and Superintendent Marks.

The committee discussed what could be done to reduce the budget. The committee was close to an 8% cut. The last meeting had produced scenarios that would facilitate cuts, if needed, to be ready to present to the Board. Superintendent Marks had suggested a three-facet approach and the committee followed her suggestion. The committee would deal with a percent cut, program cuts and personnel cut. Personnel cut which would involve donation of days ie, coming to work without pay, because it is the biggest part of the General Fund budget would create the biggest cut in the budget. Cutting the District's subsidy, the dental insurance plan for employees, were things, which would have to be negotiated in the summer.

Other options were elimination of some field trips, requiring teachers and students to raise the funds for buses for field trips, make an adjustment on the current insurance plan which would reduce the amount the District contributes to the deductible. Mr. Carroll stated that all of these things together reflected a reduction to the budget of \$800,000.

Mr. Carroll further stated that there is some tweaking room. That will depend on how many retiring employees the District can survive without replacing, which will help.

Mr. Carroll stated that all of these suggestions were doable if it came to that point.

Mr. Carroll had submitted a report the previous day to Mr. Mark Edgers, Department of Education, who had given him a worksheet that allowed Mr. Carroll to project the fund balance at the end of this fiscal year. The fund balance for Franklin County actually is about \$35,000 higher than last year, so the projection for the fund balance looks pretty healthy as well.

Ms. Martin asked if someone had come to the school to answer questions about insurance.

Mr. Carroll stated that someone was at the campus for three days.

Ms. Martin expressed her concern that the activity bus would be cut.

Superintendent Marks responded that the activity bus is within the plan to be depleted. She is waiting to see what happens in Tallahassee, then reductions will have to be made if the budget is as bad as Governor Scott predicts.

A recording of the entire proceedings is available, upon request, for a fee.

Mr. Hinton discussed the cost of transportation. He reported the cost of transportation last year was \$700,000 of which the state contributed only \$320,000. The balance came from the District's General Fund. In the discussion, it was reported that transportation monies are paid same as FTE. Students riding the bus are 843 students out of 926 total students. This was the count at the beginning of the current week.

The Athletic Director was to produce a spreadsheet reflecting the cost of sports to present to the Board. Chairman Gander questioned the cost to transport students back and forth to school only. He would be interested in seeing an expense account on each bus.

Ms. Martin asked about a nursing program on campus. Superintendent Marks responded that there would be no nursing program but medical technology, yes. In addition, a certificate program of Child Care - Birth to five years was being presented to students to ascertain the interest level.

Superintendent Marks stated that the food prep class is still the official academy.

#### 4 ENTERTAIN BUSINESS OR PRESENTATIONS FROM VISITORS

No one from the public addressed the Board at this time.

#### 5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### A. Bid Award - TABLED TO NEXT MEETING

1. Lawn and Athletic Field Maintenance - (Previous Bid **Tabled** by Hinton/Whaley)

##### B. Dewey Smith - Landscape Associates- Revised Proposal **APPROVAL**

Mr. Hinton moved to remove from the table, second by Mr. Whaley.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve item 5B, second Mr. Hinton.

During discussion, Mr. Carroll reported that the bid had been reduced from \$36,000 to \$28,770.

After further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

#### 6 Minutes Approval

A. 010611 FCSB Meeting

B. \*\*\*012011 FCSB Meeting

#### 7 Agreements

A. Accelify - Medicaid Administrative Assistance (B. Wilson)

B. \*\*\*Panhandle Area Educational Consortium - GASB - 45 (R. Carroll)

#### 8 Reports

A. OPPAGA Safety Self-Assessment (R. Carroll)

Mr. Whaley moved to approve items #6, #7 and #8, second by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 9 Substitutes

A. February 2011 List

\*\*\*Additional List

Mr. Whaley moved to approve Item #9, second by Mr. Thompson. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### 10 Positions

A. Tim Wheeler - Instructional (G. Oehlert)

B. \*\*\*Rachial Hendels - Retirement

C. \*\*\*Charles Justice - Technology Tech **Removed**

D. \*\*\*Maintenance Position (Document to Follow)

E. \*\*\*Shannon Venable - Transfer

F. \*\*\*Fiscal Specialist, Payroll/Insurance Position - Advertise

G. \*\*\*Val Rochelle - Leave of Absence

Ms. Martin moved to approve items #10 A, B, D, E, F, G (item C removed), second by Hinton.

Mr. Thompson discussed the maintenance position.

Superintendent Marks stated that in order to maintain things, three people are just spread too thin.

A recording of the entire proceedings is available, upon request, for a fee.

Mr. Mike Malone reported that the school is three years old and in need of preventive maintenance. He further contended that if the maintenance is not kept up there would be serious problems at the school. He asked if an OPS person could be hired to help with the "catch-up".

Mr. Carroll would research if the OPS person could be hired with Capitol Outlay funds.

The motion carried unanimously.

## 11 Supplements

### A. Spring Coaching Supplements (G. Oehlert)

David Walker - Head MS Baseball (Replacing Coach Bloom) - \$2000

Manny Bloom - Asst. MS Baseball - \$1000

Destiny Hayes - Asst. HS Softball - \$2000

Tim Wheeler - Head MS Softball - \$2000

Debbie Childress - Asst. MS Softball - \$1000

Kelli Maggio - MS Co-ed Track/Field - \$1500

### B. \*\*\*Delores Croom - Balance of Sophomore Class Sponsor 2010-2011 (G. Oehlert)

Mr. Thompson move to approve item #11, second by Mr. Whaley.

The motion carried unanimously.

## 12 Personnel

### A. FCS NEST - Termination of Franklin County School Site Director (N. O'Grady)

Mr. Thompson moved to approve item #12, second by Mr. Hinton.

The motion carried unanimously.

## 13 Purchase Orders (Over \$10,000.00)

### A. # 048723 - B & H Photo Video - \$16,913.50

## 14 Monthly Bills (Mailed to Board)

A. 010511 - \$285,268.49

B. 011211 - \$200,350.60

C. 011911 - \$ 39,063.43

D. 012611 - \$ 38,665.69

## 15 Request to Remove/ Transfer Items From Inventory Sites

### A. Dell Optiplex Flat Panel Computer - Date Acquired 08/03/04-Cost when Acquired \$996.88

(S. Boatwright)

Mr. Whaley moved to approve item #13, #14 and #15, second by Mr. Hinton. The motion carried unanimously.

## 16 Bid Award

### A. Heat Pump Bids (M. Malone)

1. Barineau - \$13,780

2. Gunn - \$9,000

3. Pruett - \$11,103

Mr. Whaley moved to table item #16 until the next meeting, second by Mr. Hinton. Discussion was about the three ton unit being large enough for the area. The motion carried unanimously.

## 17 Monthly Financial Report

No action.

## 18 Memberships

### A. \*\*\*Florida School Boards Association 2011-2012 Dues - Invoice **ACTION**

Mr. Hinton moved to deny item #18, second by Mr. Whaley. The motion carried unanimously.

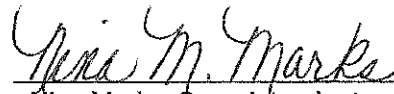
19 Other

- A. PO#049478 Bracewell's Flooring & Fencing FYI
- B. Project Award Notification for Race to the Top Fund FYI
- C. \*\*\*Franklin County School Board Request for Qualifications - Construction Manager at Risk  
for Minor Projects FYI
- D. \*\*\*University of Florida Center for the Arts in Healthcare Franklin County Service Project  
March 7-11, 2011 FYI

20 Adjournment

Mr. Whaley moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Martin. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned.

  
Jimmy Gander, Chairman

  
Nina Marks, Superintendent