

FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Special Meeting

July 21, 2011 - 6:00 p.m. - Willie Speed School Board Room

The Special 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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jimmy Gander.

Prior to the approval of the agenda Superintendent Marks requested to add items #9 D, E, #10 A, B, C & D and remove item #8A from the agenda.

Chairman Gander renumbered Purchase Orders #8 A-E, Superintendent's Proposed Budget #9 and Positions As #10.

Mr. Whaley moved to approve with the changes, second by Ms. Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

2 ITEMS ON THE TABLE

A. FCSB Polices (Hinton/Whaley)

The policies would be left on the table until a workshop was conducted to discuss policies.

Chairman Gander tentatively set a workshop for August 1.

3 Minutes Approval

A. 6/23/11 FCSB Minutes

Ms. Martin moved to accept minutes as submitted, second by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

4 Resolutions

A. Small School District Council Consortium

Ms. Martin moved to approve, second by Mr. Whaley.

There was discussion about the assets of the resolution.

The motion carried unanimously.

5 Agreements

A. 2011-2012 School Resource Officer - Franklin County School Board & Franklin County Sheriff (N. Marks)

B. Franklin County School Board and Supplemental Educational Services Provider (N. O'Grady)

Mr. Hinton moved to accept the #5A agreement, second by Mr. Whaley.

Discussion pertained to full use of Resource Officer for 12 months or the use of Resource Officer by the school calendar.

Under Sheriff Joel Norred explained the difference of accumulation of comp time and paid overtime. He also explained the officer's need for rest between shifts (if the officer worked a full day at school and came back to work a ball game that same evening, then had to report again the next morning back to the campus for that day's assignment, might not allow for sufficient rest) for safety reasons.

Chief Norred explained that regular patrol would handle traffic control for school functions, not the Resource Officer.

Discussion of the bulleted events on the sports schedules noted when Resource Officers are requested to accompany teams to away games, where some of the travel area might be out of phone range or might be at places where trouble might arise,

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve item #5B, second by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nick O'Grady, Director, gave a brief explanation of the contract and explained the contract would be filled in before the contract was finalized.

6 Plans

- A. 2011-2012 Franklin County Schools Code of Conduct - Revisions (B. Wilson)
- B. 2011-2012 Franklin County Schools Student Progression Plan- Proposed Changes (B. Wilson)
- C. Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan 2011- 2016 (N. O'Grady)
- D. Franklin County Learning Center 2011-2012 Handbook (N. O'Grady)
- E. Athletic Fields Maintenance (N. Marks)

Mr. Hinton moved to approve #6A FCS Code of Conduct, second by Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Hinton discussed that the Code of Conduct rule indicated plainly that any alcohol or drug events would be brought before the Board. He further stated that items 14, 15, and 16 should be made plain that a hearing is required by the Code of Conduct.

Chairman Gander wanted to determine from the Board if they really wanted a full fledged hearing every time.

Mr. Hinton stated that there would be no hearing when someone pled guilty.

There was further discussion about stipulations versus full hearings.

Mr. Hinton did not want to allow principal's discretion to make decisions for lesser disciplines without the Board's approval.

Attorney Sanders, for clarity, explained that "expulsion is defined by statute and only the Board can expel." "The Superintendent cannot expel, the principal cannot expel." She continued, "Being taken out of school for more than ten days is a de facto expulsion". She further stated that the quick timing for an expulsion hearing is because there is a ten day period within which the Board has to make a decision to expel and that is part of the issue, in reference to an earlier part of the discussion about timeliness of expulsion hearings.

Mr. Gander stated that Attorney Sanders was defining expulsion but that Mr. Hinton was referencing an expulsion hearing by the Board.

Mr. Gander defined that an expulsion hearing was when the Board met to hear the facts and make a decision. He defined expulsion as when the Board actually expelled the child.

After further debate of terminology, Attorney Sanders quoted the Code of Conduct, "In every case of drugs and alcohol there will be an expulsion hearing."

Mr. Hinton and Attorney Sanders agreed this would not apply to students who admit guilt and are expelled through the stipulation process.

There was discussion if the Board wanted the principal to have discretion in drugs and alcohol cases. The decision was that the Board would schedule a hearing within ten days and Mr. Oehlert could speak in defense of the student charged.

Mr. Hinton's final statement of his request was, "Unless there is a stipulation, all alcohol and drug offenses are to come before the Board."

Attorney Sanders stated how to change the Principal's Review to read, "In cases of Drugs or Alcohol there is a ten day mandatory suspension and a Board Hearing."

Mr. Oehlert, FCS Principal, agreed that all cases would have a mandatory ten day suspension.

Mr. Hinton, in reference to weapons on campus, discussed the history of zero tolerance. He asked that the wording have discretion on these things and not require automatic expulsion for the year.

Attorney Sanders advised that the Legislature had gotten rid of "Zero Tolerance" two years earlier. She did not think there was anything in the Code of Conduct, other than what the Board had just decided on Alcohol and Drugs, that would be mandatory. She stated that the principal and the Board had discretion in the case of weapons.

Attorney Sanders stated that there is a reference to zero tolerance on page 25, which reads that all zero tolerance policies shall be reported to the local law enforcement. She was not sure what that referenced.

Mr. Whaley determined that it referred to the previous years Code of Conduct which referenced the State Board of Education rule for Zero Tolerance for School Related Violent Crimes and for the Gun Free School Act. He continued that "Certain criminal acts, violent acts and disruptive behavior occurring on school board property, on school sponsored transportation and during school sponsored activities must be reported to local law enforcement. Mr. Whaley and Attorney Sanders agreed that the zero tolerance is the "reporting".

Mr. Hinton was satisfied with the result of the discussion and Attorney Sanders stated that there is no zero tolerance policy.

Ms. Martin discussed the notification of adult children's parents. She wanted parents notified regardless of student's age.

She asked if there was a law against it. Attorney Sanders said "yes", in fact, no information can be given to the parent. The student can give consent.

Ms. Martin wanted something placed in the Code of Conduct making the parent aware that the school cannot give information about an adult student.

Ms. Wilson agreed to place the FERPA agreement and the consent form in the Code of Conduct.

Mr. Thompson inquired about the cost of Saturday School.

Superintendent Marks responded that it depended upon the number of referrals.

Chairman Gander asked Superintendent Marks to report the cost of Saturday School back to the Board.

Ms. Wilson brought the Board's attention to #12 Dress Code Violation. The consequences and offenses did not change but a statement would be added to the top of #12 that read "Failure to comply with dress code requirement(s). Students wearing clothing that expose underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or disrupts the orderly learning environment will be subject to penalties described in s. 1006.07, etc.

Ms. Martin discussed the subject of Senior pranks. She stated that it was not fair to the custodial staff. She inquired about consequences to the students involved.

Attorney Sanders advised that the Code of Conduct addressed this under Vandalism & Burglary.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Martin moved to approve items #6B, C & D, second by Mr. Thompson.

Attorney Sanders and Mr. Nick O'Grady discussed the placement process for students returning to Franklin County from another program. She determined that there were no changes in this process.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hinton moved to approve item #6E, second by Mr. Whaley.

Chairman Gander asked if District equipment was being used.

Superintendent Marks explained that it was and why.

Mr. Mike Todd reported to the Board that the hours he worked were about one to five in the afternoon, four days a week.

Chairman Gander suggested capping the hours.

Ms. Martin moved to pay Mr. Todd \$25 an hour through October, second by Mr. Whaley. The motion failed unanimously.

Ms. Martin moved to pay \$25 an hour for sixteen hours a week through October and bid out the FCLC campus grounds.

The motion carried unanimously.

7 Memorandum of Understanding

- A. Capital City Youth Services, Inc. (CCYS)/Franklin County Schools - Street Outreach Program (B. Wilson)

Mr. Whaley moved to approve item #7A, second by Ms. Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

8 Purchase Orders (Over \$10,000.00)

- A. #050157 Bluemanta Technology Group LLC \$12,000.00
- B. #050178 Advanced Processing and Imaging, Inc. \$10,160.00
- C. #050181 University of South Florida \$14,500.00
- D. (Added) #049182 Franklin County School Board \$10,763.60
- E. (Added) #049188 Franklin County School Board \$13,620.05

Ms. Martin moved to approve item #8A, second by Mr. Thompson.

There was discussion about the purpose of the purchase orders.

The motion carried unanimously.

9 Superintendent's Proposed Budget

- A. Authorization to Advertise 2011-2012 FCSB Proposed Budget (R. Carroll)

Mr. Hinton moved to approve the authorization, second by Ms. Martin.

There was discussion of the differences of the 2011-12 Budget from the 2010-11 Budget.

The motion carried unanimously.

10 Positions

- A. (Added) Charles Justice - Custodian (G. Oehlert) **APPROVAL**
- B. (Added) Michael Sweat - Instructional (G. Oehlert) **APPROVAL**
- C. (Added) Create Position - Fiscal Specialist, Student Information System / Job Description (N. Marks) **APPROVAL**
- D. (Added) Marie Green - Fiscal Specialist, Student System Position (R. Carroll) **APPROVAL**

Ms. Martin moved to approve, second by Mr. Hinton.

Ms. Martin expressed concern about Mr. Justice no longer aiding Mr. Meyer with technology. There was discussion that Mr. Justice might be able to do custodial and technology.

Chairman Gander asked Attorney Sanders if the Board was doing what they needed to do in creating the position.

Attorney Sanders advised that the Board was ratifying , technically creating a position retroactively because only the Board can create positions, so, the Board is ratifying the creation and the hiring of the person into that position in items C & D.

Chairman Gander suggested a moratorium on hiring and asked Attorney Sanders to investigate a policy to that effect.

Other discussion concerned the Budget cuts that are in the current budget to be advertised such as the 3% retirement contribution by the employees and pay rates remaining the same as last year in this current advertised budget.

Chairman Gander asked when the Board would make decision on other budget cutting measures and Mr. Carroll stated that he would offer recommendations to the Board after negotiations.

The motion carried unanimously.

Prior to adjournment there was discussion about waiving the Facilities Use Fee for the Seafood Festival Queen Pageant to be held at the FCS Cafeteria.

11 A. (Added) Franklin County Seafood Queen Pageant - Waving of Facilities Use Fee (T. Martin)

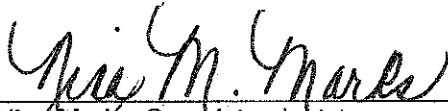
Ms. Martin moved to waive the fee, second by by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

12 Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned.


Jimmy Gander, Chairman


Nina Marks, Superintendent