

FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD  
Special Meeting

September 20, 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. George Thompson & Mr. Carlton Whaley. Also present were Nina Marks, Superintendent and Barbara Sanders, Board Attorney. Mr. David Hinton was not in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jimmy Gander.

1 CALL TO ORDER/APPROVE AGENDA

Prior to the approval of the agenda Superintendent Marks requested the addition of 3C Travel Request, 7A Student Transfer and removal of item 6A, thereby making #8 ESE 524 Resolution Update and #9 Adjournment.

Mr. Whaley moved to approve with changes, second by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

2 REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Thompson discussed the Board mandate that all travel must be approved by the Board prior to travel.

Mr. Thompson questioned the need of travel and the need for three rooms in reference to Item #3A. His opinion was that frugality needed to be practiced.

Ms. Martin expressed her opinion that the Superintendent should have some leeway in approving travel without the Board's approval.

Chairman Gander suggested waiting until Mr. Hinton had returned so he could be in the discussion since it was his idea to approve all travel. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

7 Student Transfer

- A. (Added) Student from Franklin County to Wakulla County

Chairman Gander moved item #7 after item #2 on the agenda to accommodate the parents who were present and waiting.

After brief discussion Mr. Whaley moved to allow the transfer, second by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

3 Travel Requests

- A. Despina Williams, Joy Shiver, Louise Chipman – 2011 FASA State Conference
- B. \*\*\*Nick O'Grady - Grant Monitoring Meeting
- C. (Added) Gwen Creamer, Beverly Parrish – Autism Spectrum Disorder

Ms. Martin moved to approve #3 A, B & C, second by Mr. Whaley.

Ms. Martin did not approve of restricting number or people in a room.

Mr. Whaley questioned why the county vehicle could not be used for the travel creating a cost for gas only instead of mileage.

Chairman Gander called for a vote. The motion failed due to a tie vote, as advised by Attorney Sanders.. Mr. Gander, Ms. Martin voted "yeah" and Mr. Thompson, Mr. Whaley voted "nay".

Attorney Sanders advised there was nothing to prevent the Board from taking action on each item separately in Item #3.

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

Mr. Thompson moved to approve item #3A. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve item #3B, second by Mr. Whaley. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thompson moved to approve item #3C, second by Mr. Whaley. There was discussion that the travelers were sharing a room. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thompson revisited item #3A and moved to approve that the travelers would ride together and stay in one room, Mr. Whaley seconded with the addition that "if the room was a suite". The motion carried 3 to 1, Mr. Gander, Mr. Whaley, Mr. Thompson voted "yeah" and Ms. Martin voted "nay".

#### 4 Contracts

- A. Negotiations Consultant (R. Carroll)
- B. Professional Counseling Services-Maria L. Horan (B. Wilson)

Superintendent Marks was recommending the hiring of a negotiations consultant.

Ms. Marks reported to the Board that she and Mr. Roy Carroll, Finance Director, had discussed with Mr. Leonard Dietzen of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, PA the possibility of doing consultant work with regards to negotiations and union subject matters. At this time she distributed copies of the proposed contract with Mr. Dietzen to the Board members. The Board studied the contracts at that time.

Discussion followed regarding the fee structure, the number of hours required for the services and termination of services.

Attorney Sanders suggested changing wording to indicate "use only for the negotiation of this contract".

Mr. Whaley moved to " go with Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell to assist in negotiating this contract and when it's done it's done and if any further need we'll go out and seek Rumberger or other firms or whoever we need to seek", second by Ms. Martin.

Mr. Whaley would have amended his motion but Chairman Gander ruled to stay with the original motion.

Superintendent Marks was instructed by the Board to report the cost of services of Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell to them in a reasonable length of time. Chairman Gander agreed that Ms. Marks was to present a status report.

The motion carried 3 to 1, Ms. Martin, Mr. Whaley and Mr. Gander voted "yeah", Mr. Thompson voted "nay".

Mr. Whaley moved to approve #4B, second by Mr. Thompson. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 5 Agreements

- A. Teacher Evaluation System (E. Bidwell)

Mr. Eric Bidwell, Dean of MS, Franklin County School gave an indepth overview of the Teacher Evaluation System prior to action by the Board.

Mr. Bidwell discussed the history of the Race to the Top Grant and the signing of Memorandums attached and approval by the Board. Other points discussed included the Marzano Evaluation Model and the Value Added Model. Mr. Bidwell answered any questions posed by the Board members to their satisfaction.

#### 6 Reports

- ~~A. \*\*\*2010-2011 Franklin County School District Annual Financial Report (AFR) (R. Carroll)~~

Stricken from the agenda.

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8 (Added) ESE 524 Resolution Determining Revenues and Millages Levied – Updated (R. Carroll)  
Ms. Martin moved to approve #8, second by Mr. Whaley. The motion carried unanimously.

9 Adjournment

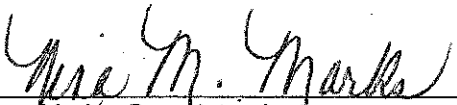
Prior to adjournment, Mr. Oehlert asked if the Board should take action on item #5 Teacher Evaluation System.

Chairman Gander entertained a motion to adopt #5A Teacher Evaluation System. Mr. Whaley so moved, second by Mr. Thompson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gander adjourned the meeting.

  
Jimmy Gander, Chairman

  
Nina Marks, Superintendent