

01 11 2011 Work Session

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New Business

1. [8:30 AM - 8:40 AM School Board Comments](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Mullenax reported on a recent Central Florida Public School Boards Coalition presentation that addressed marketing of school systems: sport activities, building rentals, programs, etc. In two years, Orange County raised approximately \$250,000 after amending their school board policy to allow fees associated with usage. Vendors included Nike and Adidas.

Mrs. Fields provided updates on the:

- Strategic Planning: The planning session is scheduled for 10:00 AM on January 25, 2011 in the Superintendent's Conference Room and the Board retreat will be held 9:00 - 4:00 PM on February 24th and 9:00- 12:00 on February 25th at the Jim Miles Center.
- Attorneys Wes Bridges and John Murphy have been developing a distinction between the Charter School legal duties and responsibilities as well as a cost summary for Mr. Murphy's services.

Wes asked which attorney should handle charter contract negotiations. Mrs. Fields stated that outside legal representation should handle charter negotiations and contracts. Wes is to handle the typical day to day questions that arise.

- Sheila Phelps and Wes Bridges will meet with Mrs. Fields on January 20th to discuss their contract revisions as discussed at the December 14th work session.

Mr. Harris inquired about

- A semi annual overview of our investment performance. Mark Grey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services stated that the report is scheduled for February.
- Do we participate in the Buying Consortium? Mark reported that we participate when it is advantageous for us. Bids are based on what you think you will purchase within a year. Districts have had mixed results with participation. Typically the Consortium's bids are higher than ours.

Mr. Mullenax questioned the possibility of switching our buses from diesel to compressed natural gas. Mr. Murphy reported that Polk County was the first school district to implement a pilot program in 2002. We continue to monitor those buses but are not happy with the savings and product so far. He will review the data again.

Board Agenda Review

2. [8:40 AM - 9:15 AM Review January 11, 2011 School Board Agenda](#)

Attachment: [01 11 11 School Board Agenda.pdf](#)

Minutes:

C-38 Administration Recommended Actions

Mrs. Fields questioned why there were so many salary changes for administrators. Mr. Grey reported that the salary changes are based on the 60-day enrollment count and are retroactive to that date.

Mrs. Cunningham questioned the hourly reporting format.

3. [9:15 AM - 9:30 AM BREAK](#)

Discussion

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4. [9:30 AM - 9:50 AM Amended Notice of Tax for School Capital Outlay for Fiscal Year 2010-2011](#)

Attachment: [Amend Notice Tax Cap Outlay Jan 2011.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mark Grey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, reported that it is no

longer necessary for the district to take out a loan to purchase buses and technology so it is necessary to advertise a tax notice amendment as required by Florida Statute.

Mr. Harris asked if the advertisement could reflect which items have been completed. The advertisement, as it is written, is very misleading for the public. Mr. Grey stated the advertising format is prescribed by the State.

Mrs. Wright asked that a more comprehensive and corpulent financial research be provided before future bond requests come before the School Board to avoid having to amend the tax. This gives an appearance of 'finding' lost money, storehousing, etc.

Mr. Grey stated that the funds were previously allocated to departments for the prior year and they have until June 30th to spend the funds. Transactions are processed and accounts closed during July and August in preparation to close that year's books. Florida Statute requires the budget for the coming year to be presented to and adopted by the School Board the first part of September.

Mr. Harris commended staff for being frugal and not spending funds unnecessarily. Their cost savings prevented us from taking out an unnecessary loan for buses and technology needs.

Mrs. Cunningham asked for a list of schools that the capital dollars will affect with backup information as well. Mark will provide that information to all the board members. The buses and technology needs were ordered over the summer.

Mr. O'Reilly voiced a concern that staff and the public will misunderstand; believing that we have 'found' \$12 million. Mr. Grey reported this is capital funds; it cannot be used for salaries, benefits, utility bills, etc. It can only be spent on services directly related to schools: all the computers are bound for the schools.

Item 5

~~5. 9:50 AM - 10:00 AM Designated Change to the 2010-11 Staffing Plan - Revised Job Description for Sr. Coordinator, Architectural Design and New Job Description for Plan Examiner, Architectural in the Facilities and Operations Division~~

~~Attachment: Designated Change to 2010-11 Staffing Plan in the Facilities and Operations Division.pdf~~

Item 6

6. [10:00 AM - 10:15 AM Name Change for Polk Life and Learning Center](#)

Attachment: [Name Change Request.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Item 7

7. [10:15 AM - 10:30 AM Naming of Media Center at Winston Elementary](#)

Attachment: [Winston EI Media Name Chg.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Letter to Superintendent RE Naming Winston Media Center 12-2-10.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Letter from Winston EI RE Naming of Media Center.pdf](#)

Information

Adjournment

The Work Session adjourned at 9:55 AM. Minutes were approved this 25th day of January, 2011.

Kay Fields, Board Chair

Sherrie B. Nickell, Ed. D, Superintendent