

02 23 2010 Work Session

New Business

1. [12:30 PM - 12:40 PM Board Member Comments](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Lofton reported that McLaughlin Middle School will be submitting a request soon to officially name the site to incorporate the Fine Arts componet.

Dr. McKinzie requested Mark Grey to provide information on the sample monthly budget report he distributed prior to the work session. Mr. Grey asked the Board Members to provide input on the reporting style, i.e. not enough information, too much information. Mr. Harris asked that a comparison column and graphics be included. Mr. Grey thought a quarterly report could provide a comparison column and once it has been determined what the Board would like to see on a monthly financial report, he can develop the graphs.

Mrs. Sellers requested a quarterly report on the stimulus funds. Mark will see that each Board Member receives the quarterly report.

Board Members will review the sample monthly budget report and provide input at a later work session.

Board Agenda Review

2. [12:40 PM - 1:00 PM Review Revised Agenda of February 23, 2010 School Board Meeting](#)

Attachment: [02 23 10 School Board Agenda.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Item C-11 PCSB Employee Crime Policy Renewal 2010-2011

Mrs. Cunningham asked if the rates compare to last year. Mr. Grey stated they were close to last year's premium.

Item C-52 Asbestos Indoor Air Quality & Environmental Consulting Services

Mr. Harris asked if Polk County firms were considered. Mr. Murphy responded that the notice was advertised and any firm could submit a proposal. He did not think a local company (if there is one) responded.

Item C-55 Support Services -Bus Garage/Vehicle Wash/Fueling Facility

Mrs. Cunningham asked how the total amount of \$54,000 was calculated. Mr. Murphy will provide her with the information.

Item C-59 Revised Job Description for Senior Director, Fine Arts

Mr. Mullenax asked for clarification on the 'or related field' requirement on page 5 under Training and Experience. The original requirement was a Master's Degree in school administration or education leadership. Dr. Nickell and Mr. Ciranna reported that the wording allows the district to have a wider range of applicants.

Dr. Tonjes pointed out that the minimum qualifications also include 'Thorough knowledge of educational administration and supervision in the area of fine arts at both the elementary and secondary level'....

Mr. Mullenax reiterated that the word "or" gives the impression that the job description has been revised to fit a particular person. Mrs. Sellers suggested using 'certification in the area of fine arts and a Master's Degree in school administration or a related field with certification in educational leadership.'

Dr. Nickell will have the necessary changes made before the vote later today.

R-61 Naming Fine Arts Theater At Davenport School of the Arts

Mrs. Lofton asked if the new middle school will keep the name, Davenport School of the Arts, even though the site is outside Davenport's town limits?

Dr. McKinzie stated that faculty and administration have requested to keep the name since they have received numerous awards and recognitions associated with Davenport School of the Arts.

3. [1:00 PM - 1:10 PM BREAK](#)

Discussion

Item 4

4. [1:10 PM - 1:30 PM Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Polk Education Association](#)

Attachment: [09-10 Teacher Tentative Agreements \(31\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [09-10 Para Tentative Agreements 16.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exec Sum TAs Feb 23 WS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [09-10 ESP Tentative Agreements \(12\).pdf](#)

Minutes: Mr. Ciranna reported that PEA members voted to ratify all three tentative collective bargaining agreements.

Item 5

5. [1:30 PM - 1:50 PM Charter Review Committee Recommendation to the Superintendent for Charter School Renewals](#)

Attachment: [Charter Review Committee Recommendation to Superintendent on Renewals.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Finch reported that there are three renewals:

- ACE Charter School - recommended by Charter Review Committee 15:0 to renew.

Concerns: Accountability Plan lists 100% compliance in some areas; it is suggested they lower the expectation to allow wiggle room. The school met 95% of the previous Accountability Plan.

School listed the minimum meeting requirements of their Governing Board as quarterly; however, it was found that the Board meets monthly.

Mr. Harris pointed out several typos.

- COMPASS Charter Middle - recommended by Charter Review Committee 15:0 to renew.

Concerns: School needs to be consistent in their academic outcomes measured by the Accountability Plan.

School listed the minimum meeting requirement of their Governing Board as

quarterly; however, the Board meets six times a year.

The Charter School is requesting to expand their program to include 5th Grade. Before this can be considered more information is needed and the request would be handled during contract negotiations.

Mrs. Sellers asked if the Board could receive the success stories of students who have left the charter and moved on to high school. Mrs. Finch will check into the request.

- LifeSkills East - recommended by Charter Review Committee 14:1 to NOT Renew.

Concerns: Academic - Seat time and validity of the program (particularly regarding science): hours worked for credits awarded, students who don't pass the computer test versus the validity and reliability of teacher developed test for credit; progress on accountability plan (indicated in initial presentation and in their contract that they would offer a 3rd evening session which has not materialized); Number of students (20%) leaving the school with a certificate of completion;

Business Services - 97% of funds go directly to management company; termination language requires mutual agreement by both parties; school has a debt to management company in excess of \$999,476; dollar amount returning to classroom is dropping; lack of detailed information on financial statements; missed loss of startup funds because they missed deadline dates;

Governance - lack of due diligence information on selection of management company; law states that the governing board is to adopt and maintain an operating budget. If 97% of the budget is turned over to the management company, the governing board is not maintaining and operating the budget. The management company hires, fires, pays teachers, supplies materials, etc.

Process Issue - District staff notified the Administrator of their concerns in regards to the Management Company and requested a copy of the revised management agreement, there were no changes.

Mrs. Fields asked what will happen to students if this charter is closed. Mrs. Bridges responded there are credit recovery programs in place for the high school aged students and the DROP Back In Academy for adult students.

Mrs. Fields would like to know what happened to students when LifeSkills Lakeland closed.

Mrs. Sellers asked if the school can change management companies? Mrs. Finch reported if they pay the outstanding debt of \$999,476. Mrs. Sellers asked how many students will remain after the upcoming graduation? Because the numbers vary, Carolyn will email the information to all Board Members.

Carolyn reported that the management company has received in excess of

\$2,000,000 over the period of the current contract. The outstanding debt of the Governing Board is a result, in part, because the Governing Board or the management company did not submit for a part of the start up funds in a timely manner.

Item 6

6. [1:50 PM - 2:00 PM Fourth Modification for Berkley Charter School Contract-Enrollment](#)

Attachment: [Berkley Charter Modification for Enrollment Increase.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Berkley Charter School is a conversion charter where we have recently built a 10-classroom wing. The construction was completed ahead of schedule and the school is requesting to add 40 4th and 5th grade students on March 19. This will allow those students to roll up to Berkley Accelerated Middle School. This is after FCAT testing at the home schools.

The Charter Review Committee did not have any objections to the early start date of students.

Mr. Harris asked if this sets a precedent? Mrs. Bridges responded that this has been done recently for BOK Academy.

Mr. Harris asked if Berkley Accelerated Middle will also request an increase?

Carolyn Bridges explained that Berkley Accelerated Middle currently has sufficient seats. They offer vacant seats first to Berkley Elementary students, the remaining seats are available for open enrollment.

Item 7

7. [2:00 PM - 2:10 PM Revised Job Description for Senior Director, Fine Arts in the Learning Division](#)

Attachment: [Sr Director, Fine Arts 2-23-10 WS.pdf](#)

Minutes: This item was discussed under Item 2, Agenda Review.

Information

Item 8

8. [Head Start update](#)

Attachment: [HS Enrollment Status 12-18-09\(1\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [HS - Budget.pdf](#)

Attachment: [HS - Work Session February 23.pdf](#)

Minutes: Matti Friedt, Director of Pre-School Programs, reported there are approximately 1500 students on the waiting list for Head Start. All 22 sites are full, serving 888 students. Academic results should be available in mid-March.

Item 9

9. [Sprint Character Education Grant Program Application, Sprint Foundation, \\$25,000.00, Mark Wilcox Center](#)

Attachment: [Sprint Character Education Grant Board Summary 2010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Spring Character Education Grant Budget Impact 2010.pdf](#)

Item 10

10. [Summary of November 2, 2009 School Board Planning Session](#)

Attachment: [Response to Board Requests.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Admin - Teacher Tech I II Charts.pdf](#)

Attachment: [DCD Calculations.pdf](#)

Attachment: [11 02 09 Board Planning Session Summary.pdf](#)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM. Minutes were approved and attested this 16th day of March, 2010.

Kay Fields, Board Chair

Gail F. McKinzie, Ph. D., Superintendent