

04 10 2012 Work Session

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New Business

1. [8:30 AM - 8:50 AM School Board Comments](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Nickell outlined protocols for future work sessions:

- she will continue to meet with School Board members at a time and place of their choosing
- requests School Board members notify her office of any concerns prior to the work session
- when Board Members receive community concerns, notify the Superintendent's office
- treat her staff in a civil and professional manner
- be considerate of last minute changes to agendas and the information provided
- if outside information is provided to School Board members, the same courtesies should be to given to the Superintendent and her staff as is expected of them

Mr. O'Reilly apologized to Dr. Collins, Dr. Nickell, David Lewis, and others for his comments at the last work session. He reaffirmed his support of the arts, the faculty, and students of the district.

Mrs. Wright requested information or a discussion on:

- projection of schools grades and their impact on schools
- 3rd grade retention
- homeless impact on schools
- Strategic Plan

Dr. Nickell reported that the homeless discussion is scheduled for June 26, 2012. After receiving consensus from the Board, the homeless discussion is to include information on its impact on our schools.

Mrs. Fields requested an annual report on the Drop Back In program to be scheduled

Board Agenda Review

2. [8:50 - 9:15 AM Review agenda for April 10, 2012 School Board Meeting](#)

Attachment: [04 10 12 Revised School Board Agenda.pdf](#)

Minutes:

R-38 PEA Collective Bargaining Changes

Bargaining team members, Jose Farinas, Marianne Capozziello, and Denny Dunn, provided a brief report on the successful completion of the negotiations.

Mrs. Wright suggested, in future negotiations, consideration be given for Spring Break to occur after FCAT testing. Dr. Nickell responded that the idea is already under consideration. It will benefit students and staff with additional instructional time before the all-important test and a well-deserved respite afterwards.

Discussion

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3. [9:15 -9:45 AM Continued Charter Discussion](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Nickell provided updates:

- Both parties are participating in mediation which should conclude this week
- She would like students to have an opportunity to voice their opinion after FCAT testing
- School number:
 - Lois Cowles Harrison Center for the Visual and Performing Arts' (HSA) school number was withdrawn in 2007 by the Department of Education. A statewide initiative eliminated school numbers that were associated to programs that were not a 'stand alone' facility.

- Should HSA becomes a stand alone school, it could request a school number
- However, there are similar successful programs across the state that do share sites

Actual budget numbers for Lakeland High School and the Lois Cowles Harrison Center for the Visual and Performing Arts

- Lakeland High (LHS)
 - revenue \$10,453,490
 - 1812 students FTE funds (includes 308 Harrison students) on a per period basis.
 - without Harrison site, the school would have a surplus of \$363,020.40
 - receives \$62 per student for supplies and consultants
 - with HSA, to break even, LHS would need to reduce expenses to absorb difference \$852,000 (minus \$1.6 if Harrison received academic instructors)
- The Lois Cowles Harrison Center (HSA)
 - 416 students (158 elective)
 - in-house academic program would reduce Lakeland High's revenue (\$1.6 million)
 - has a \$1.1 million deficit (after receiving \$1.6 million for FTE students)
 - would need additional revenue to fund staff/supplies/expenses
 - receives \$400 per student for school supplies and adjunct professors
 - actual transportation cost per student is \$889 (generates \$376)

Superintendent Nickell commented this is a very complicated issue with serious impact to the district. An informational meeting is planned for staff and parents on the elements and financial concerns of conversion charters. The value of a public school system should be underscored. Staff is creating a district-wide communication plan to inform and invite the communities to join with us to embrace the public school system.

Mrs. Fields asked when a recommendation would be provided. Dr. Nickell hopes to have the information for the April 24, 2012 Work Session. This would allow time for the mediation to conclude and to host the staff and parent informational meetings - everyone needs to be fully informed.

Consensus was to move Resolution 2011-2012/14 to the April 24, 2012 School Board meeting. Mr. O'Reilly supported the consensus and reiterated the resolution was created to cement the relationship between the two schools. Lakeland staff provide an excellent academic study for Harrison's students. It was never intended to demean the excellence of Harrison's talented students nor for one program to absorb the other. It simply identified two excellent programs located on one campus.

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4. [9:45 - 10:00 AM BREAK](#)

Item 5

5. [10:00 - 10:20 AM Budget Update](#)

Attachment: [April 10 2012 Budget Update.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mark Grey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, provided information on the budget planning and consolidation project which included an estimated student enrollment at each school, the blue sheets (staff allocation at each school site), and departmental staffing.

- Charter schools provided their estimated enrollment for next year which reflected an increase of 522 students. A loss of revenue for the school district of \$3.28 million.
- An FRS (Florida Retirement System) contribution increase of .27% to 8.18% (employer contribution increased from 4.91% to 5.18 %). This equates to \$1 million increase in district expenses for next year.
- Oral arguments on employee's 3% contribution rate are set for September 5, 2012. It could adversely affect the district's revenue by approximately \$13 million.
- Investment activities update - increasing opportunities to partner with local banks.

Item 6

6. [10:20 - 10:35 AM Electronic Enrollment Process](#)

Attachment: [Emergency Contact Form FINAL.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Linda Troupe, Director of Student Services, and Tom Ray, Director of Informational Services, reported on an electronic enrollment program. Seven schools participated in the pilot program and were very happy with the process. It will take several years for full implementation at all schools.

Dr. Nickell stated that Connect Ed messages would be sent periodically to parents requesting verification or updated student information. Another area to access parents for updated information would be through the Parent Portal system.

Item 7

7. [10:35 - 10:50 AM Library Media Services Update](#)

Attachment: [School Library Media Month \(2\).pdf](#)
Attachment: [2012 Board Report-LMS.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Memorandum 2012 School Library Month.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Jacqueline Rose, Senior Coordinator of Library Media Services, provided information on the reading culture and the push for accelerated reader programs. To increase reading scores, schools provide 20 minutes daily at the appropriate grade level..

Item 8

8. [10:50 - 10:55 AM Head Start Community and Self Assessment Review](#)

Attachment: [2011 Head Start Program Community Assessment full Report.pdf](#)
Attachment: [2011 Community Assessment Summary draft 3-28-12.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Major Findings:

- unemployment in Polk County 10%-13%;
- transportation is an issue;
- parent/care taker education (most are without high school education)
- school readiness (many parents do not place value on education and students aren't ready for Kindergarten)
- nutrition and obesity
- service access and availability of programs
- over 70% of our VPK teachers will be certified teachers next year.

Item 9

9. [10:55 - 11:00 AM Request to name R. Bruce Wagner Media Center](#)

Attachment: [Letter to Superintendent RE Naming Media Center @ Wagner El 3-22-12.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Edmiston.media center.2012.pdf](#)

Information

Item 10

10. Charter School Projected Enrollment for 2012-2013

Attachment: [Projected Enrollment WS 4.10.12.pdf](#)

Item 11

11. [Contract Modification for ACE Charter School's School Improvement Plan](#)

Attachment: [WS School Improvement Plan 4.10.12.pdf](#)

Item 12

12. [New Beginning's High School, 2012-2015 Florida Public Charter School Grant Program Budget](#)

Attachment: [NBHS CSP Grant WS 4.10.12.pdf](#)

Item 13

13. [Our Children's Middle Academy, 2012-2015 Florida Public Charter School Grant Program Budget, \\$350,000.00, Carolyn Bridges](#)

Attachment: [OCMA CSP Grant WS 4.10.12.pdf](#)

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14. [Lake Gibson Step Up Academy, 2012-2015 Florida Public Charter School Grant Program Budget, \\$350,000.00, Carolyn Bridges](#)

Attachment: [Lake Gibson SUA CSP Grant WS 4.10.12.pdf](#)

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15. [Kathleen Step Up Academy, 2012-2015 Florida Public Charter School Grant Program Budget, \\$350,000.00, Carolyn Bridges](#)

Attachment: [Kathleen SUA CSP Grant WS 4.10.12.pdf](#)

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16. [Lake Region Step Up Academy, 2012-2015 Florida Public Charter School Grant Program Budget, \\$350,000.00, Carolyn Bridges](#)

Attachment: [Lake Region SUA CSP Grant WS 4.10.12.pdf](#)

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17. [Winter Haven Step Up Academy, 2012-2015 Florida Public Charter School Grant Program Budget, \\$336,775.00, Carolyn Bridges](#)

Attachment: [Winter Haven SUA CSP Grant WS 4.10.12.pdf](#)

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18. [Tenoroc Step Up Academy, 2012-2015 Florida Public Charter School Grant Program Budget, \\$350,000.00, Carolyn Bridges](#)

Attachment: [Tenoroc SUA CSP Grant WS 4.10.12.pdf](#)

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19. [Haines City Step Up Academy, 2012-2015 Florida Public Charter School Grant Program Budget, \\$350,000.00, Carolyn Bridges](#)

Attachment: [Haines City SUA CSP Grant WS 4.10.12.pdf](#)

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20. [Renaissance Charter School at Polk, 2012-2015 Florida Public Charter School Grant Program Budget, \\$350,000.00, Carolyn Bridges](#)

Attachment: [Renaissance CSP Grant WS 4.10.12.pdf](#)

Item 21

21. [15-Year Term Contract Modification for Berkley Accelerated Middle School](#)

Attachment: [BAMS 15yr Contract Modification WS 4.10.12.pdf](#)

Item 22

22. [15-Year Term Contract Modification for McKeel Elementary Academy](#)

Attachment: [McKeel EI 15yr Contract Modification WS 4.10.12.pdf](#)

Item 23

23. [15-Year Term Contract Modification for McKeel Academy of Technology](#)

Attachment: [McKeel Academy 15yr Contract Modification WS 4.10.12.pdf](#)

Item 24

24. [15-Year Term Contract Modification for South McKeel Academy](#)

Attachment: [S McKeel 15yr Contract Modification WS 4.10.12.pdf](#)

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25. [15-Year Term Contract Modification for Ridgeview Global Studies Academy](#)

Attachment: [Ridgeview 15yr Contract Modification WS 4.10.12.pdf](#)

Item 26

26. [Continuation Grant: Farmworker Jobs and Education Program](#)

Attachment: [Farmworkers Board Summary 12-13.pdf](#)

Item 27

27. [Samsung® "Solve for Tomorrow"](#)

Attachment: [BrdItem_Samsung.pdf](#)

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Item 28

28. [Carl D. Perkins Secondary, DJJ Avon Park Youth Development Center Continuation Grant](#)

Attachment: [Perkins DJJ 2012-13 Board Summary.pdf](#)

Adjournment

Work Session adjourned at 11:35 AM. Minutes were approved and attested this 24th day of April, 2012.

Hazel Sellers, Board Chair

Sherrie B. Nickell, Ed. D, Superintendent