

09 22 2009 Work Session

New Business

1. [8:30 AM - 8:45 AM Board Members Discussion](#)

Minutes:

Kay Fields asked for an update on the District's SBA (School Board Administrative) Funds.

- Mr. Grey reported the total in Funds A and B is approximately \$91 million. Pool B is \$6.3 million, the remainder is in a fluid account for easy accessibility. According to FSBA, our loss in Fund B is approximately \$2.8 million (it fluctuates). We have funds in other non -FSBA accounts.

Dr. McKinzie provided an update on the ongoing FAIR Assessments. This is a new FSU program DOE is utilizing for online state-wide reading assessment. The assessment alligns more closely to the FCAT. The State has been experiencing networking problems and had to increase their bandwidth over the weekend. Teachers and students have been frustrated because the program freezes due to the overload. The State plans to have the FCAT online in the Spring and we definitely need the process corrected before then. The Superintendent reported that district staff around the state voiced concerns on the planned process for implementation and pleaded with DOE to delay the implementation until these concerns were addressed but we were ignored. FAIR testing is to be held three times throughout the year.

Mr. Harris commented that perhaps the public should start contacting DOE and requesting they begin listening to school districts that forwarned them of the antcipated problems.

Board Agenda Review

2. [8:45 Am - 9:15 AM Review Agenda of September 22, 2009 School Board Meeting](#)

Attachment: [09 22 09 School Board Agenda.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Consent Agenda:

C12 - Blanket travel for FETC in Orlando

- Mr. Mullenax asked why there is a blanket travel for Technology and not other areas: Math, Science. Who funds it?

Mr. Grey responded that it is based on the number of attendees. The conference is mainly for Media / Technology specialists and each school sends 2-4 people depending on the General Funds they have available.

C-20 - American History Grant

- Mr. Mullenax - What schools will participate?

Mr. Lewis provided a brochure that lists the elementary schools involved: Ben Hill Griffin, Caldwell, Dundee, Griffin, Jesse Keen, Lake Marion Creek, Lena Vista, Lewis Anna Woodbury, Padgett, Purcell, Sandhill, Sikes, Stephens.

Year two: Boswell, Carlton Palmore, Churchwell, Eagle Lake, Elbert, Floral Avenue, Gibbons Street, Inwood, Janie Howard Wilson, Kathleen, Pinewood, Polk Avenue, Socrum, and Spook Hill Elementary.

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

Discussion

Item 1

4. [9:30 AM - 9:45 AM FHSAA Eligibility Program, C2C Schools Software](#)

Attachment: [FHSAA-C2C Software.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Currently each student athlete is manually entered into the Florida High School website and are then compared by their GPA and other pertinent information to the District's Genesis program.

C2C (a secured website - POLK has the opportunity to be a fully funded pilot in

the program) works with our Genesis program beginning with 9th grade enrollment. The program verifies unweighted GPA, gender, athletic program, insurance, etc. The program can also interact with the school's website; providing calendar of events, game times, and contracts between teams (across the state) are electronically submitted and signed. FHSAA plans to have all athletic enrollment eligibility forms available on the C2C site.

Attorney John Murphy asked if Abdu Taguri (Assistant Superintendent of Information Services and Technology) is aware of the website usage.

Mr. Don Bridges stated Mr. Taguri's department helped in the installation of the program. And, FHSAA has reviewed the issue of releasing information on students.

Item 2

5. [9:45 AM - 10:00 AM School Board of Polk County Retiree Group Health Plan – Plan Year beginning January 1, 2010](#)

Attachment: [RET HEALTH RENEW 2010 SUMMARY.pdf](#)

Attachment: [SIC RETIREE RENEW EFF 01012010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [SIC COMM REV 2010 RET RENEWAL.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mark Grey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Joy Myers, Senior Manager of Employee Benefits, presented the Retiree Group Plan which begins January 1. In the future, both the employee and retiree will be presented in January.

Retirees are under 65 and over 65. Generally, the under 65 are pooled with regular active employees.

To help lower the cost for retirees, the Insurance Committee reviewed the past year's experiences of over 65 aged retirees.

- Medicare becomes the primary insurance.
- Retirees must elect Medicare Part B
- PCSB receives Retiree Drug Subsidy
- Premiums based on REM claims experience (health history)
- Projected \$1.5 million loss in over 65 retiree cost at proposed rate for 2009; \$3 million if we keep the current rate for 2010.
- Proposal from BCBS, \$218 dollars for fully insured plan with PCSB BlueCare PPO; \$340 for the 3161 plan; \$380 for the 3566 Plan, and \$441 for the 704 Plan

(Office co-pay \$10, \$25 for specialist, plus prescription plan)

Item 3

6. [10:00 AM - 10:15 Am Designated Change to 09-10 Staffing Plan - TRST, Title I in the Learning Division](#)

Attachment: [Designated Change to 09-10 Staffing Plan - TRST, Title I 9-22-09 WS.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ron Ciranna commented that the position was inadvertently left out of the staffing plan. It is a specialized position within technology. The position is vacant at the current time.

Rhonda Ashley reported that the position is grant funded.

Item 7

7. [10:15 AM - 10:30 AM Impact Fee Study](#)

Attachment: [Polk Impact Study 2009.pdf](#)

Minutes:

The fee amount is to be reviewed every three years to see if the amount is sufficient. Initially in 2002, the amount recommended was approximately \$3800 per single dwelling; the County implemented \$1600.

The fee recommended in 2005 was \$8700, the County implemented \$4000 under the belief that the school district would receive class size dollars. There are no class size dollars now, the consultant now recommends a \$10,830 per single family dwelling.

John Murphy, Attorney, asked if there is an opportunity for a meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss the need to support the recommendation. Board consensus was in support of a joint meeting.

Information

Item 5

8. [2009-2010 Student Progression Plan](#)

Attachment: [SPP SEPT 1 09 rev.pdf](#)

Minutes: Mr. Mullenax questioned the need to teach cursive writing. Mr. Harris and Mrs. Lofton supported cursive writing.

Item 6

9. [Update to the District Master Inservice Plan](#)

Attachment: [Master Inservice Plan 2009-2010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Board Summary Approval MIP 09-10.pdf](#)

Item 9

10. [Designated Change to 09-10 Staffing Plan - Senior Coordinator, Learning Interventions](#)

Attachment: [Designated Change to 09-10 Staffing Plan - Sr Coordinator, Learning Interventions 9-22-09 WS.pdf](#)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45. Minutes were approved and attested this 13th day of October, 2009.

Frank J. O'Reilly, Chairman

Gail F. McKinzie, Ph. D., Superintendent