

10 13 2009 Work Session

New Business

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

Minutes:

Hazel Sellers reported she attended the Florida Education Investment Trust Fund meeting where the main topic was security of investments and establishing a management company. They are asking school districts to be the initial participants in a TRUST Agreement. Money does not have to be invested through them but if you choose to do so you have to be a participating member.

The Chief Financial Officers of eight (8) districts serve on an advisory committee to the FEIT. Mark Grey, our Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, is on the Advisory Committee

Mrs. Sellers will provide the Board Members with a copy of the document.

Dr. McKinzie asked the Board to provide her a list of topics they would like to discuss at the Board Retreat on November 2. The retreat will be held at the Jim Miles Center with Bill Strouse as the moderator. 8:30 - 5:00.

Board Agenda Review

2. [8:40 - 9:20 AM October 13, 2009 Board Agenda Review](#)

Attachment: [10-13-09 PCSB Mtg..pdf](#)

Minutes:

C-10 Mrs. Fields asked if there are steps to stop bad checks from being received from the same person, as well as when a family transfers to a different school.

Staff responded that currently there are steps at individual schools but not between schools.

C-11 What is the cap on student charges. Marcia Smith reported at Elementary it is \$7; Middle is \$5, and High Schools do not allow charges.

3. [9:20 - 9:30 AM BREAK](#)

Discussion

Item 1

4. [9:30 - 9:45 AM Charter Review Committee Recommendation to the Superintendent on Lakeland Montessori Middle School Application, Carolyn Bridges](#)

Attachment: [Charter Review Comm.Recom.9-09.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Fields questioned their PE requirement.

Dr. McKinzie stated that she felt that was the weakest part of the application.

Carolyn Bridges reported that there is little room for alternative plans in case of rainy days.

Mrs. Fields voiced concerns on the student portfolio requirement as part of the application process.

Mrs. Bridges reported the school plans to have parent meetings to help those students without portfolios.

Mrs. Fields voiced concerns that the parents in the named targeted areas (Salvation Army Ministries, Parker Street Ministries, Talbot House, etc) would have little knowledge of portfolios and would essentially be excluding them from enrollment.

Mrs. Lofton agreed with Mrs. Fields regarding the portfolios limiting access for all students to apply. No other charter school has this requirement.

Charter School representatives stated that the Montessori concept is non-traditional. They plan to be available to provide information and avenues available for those parents/students who do not understand the concept of the portfolio. The applicant feels the portfolio will show self-motivation which is a large part of the Montessori classroom concept. Parents have to be a part of the school education process.

The portfolio would include information / interests of the student: essay, classwork, research paper, volunteer history, art work, goals or dreams of student.

As to the PE requirement, it will be a serious challenge because of the non-traditional curriculum and the lack of green space. Florida Southern's campus is a block from their Polk Art Museum site.

Item 2

5. [9:45 - 10:10 AM Revised Polk County School Board Professional Certificate Requirements](#)

Attachment: [Revised PCSB Professional Certificate Requirements 10-13-09 WS.pdf](#)

Minutes: Ron Ciranna, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resource Services, reported that the state updated the process from the last reporting session 1997.

Item 3

6. [10:10 - 10:40 AM School Improvement Plans 2009-10](#)

Minutes:

Wilma Ferrer distributed a power point explaining the new state template for the SIP.

Mrs. Fields requested that Board Members be notified when schools make changes to their SIP on DOE's website.

Item 4

7. [10:40 - 11:00 AM 2010 Draft Legislative Platform](#)

Attachment: [2010 Platform Draft Final Version.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Harris asked if DROP will be addressed at the legislative level?

Wendy Dodge responded that it is possible. FASA has requested that the age level be higher than 57.

Mr. Harris commented that the current age (57) is a problem because it has the person unemployed before the age to receive social security or medicare and forces them to seek new employment.

Wendy will place a request to increase the age requirement to 62 on the Legislative Platform.

Information

Item 5

8. [Sixth Modification to Edward W. Bok Academy Contact-Accountability Plan, Carolyn Bridges](#)

Attachment: [WS Edward W Bok Academy Accountability Plan 10 13 09.pdf](#)

Item 6

9. [First Modification to Charter Contracts for Enrollment Plan, Carolyn Bridges](#)

Attachment: [eAgenda Modifications for Enrollment Plans10 13 09.pdf](#)

Item 7

10. [Modification to Lake Wales High School and Bok Academy Contracts for Articulation Agreement, Carolyn Bridges](#)

Attachment: [WS-Articulation Agreement 10 13 09.pdf](#)

Item 8

11. [H1N1 Vaccination Distribution and Procedures](#)

Attachment: [Polkchd_h1n1-im-consent-form-2_Final_9_Oct_09.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Dr. McKinzie reported this is a very fluid issue with the Polk County Health Department. We will begin vaccinations at the Middle and High Schools. This is a Health Department initiative and they assume all responsibility. We are simply arranging for space and distributing their forms.

Linda Troupe reported that the plan is for the middle and high schools to have the option of mist or injections and elementary schools will have the nasal mist.

Letters will be emailed to principals and we have scheduled a general meeting to overview the plan. It is uncertain how many parents will choose to have their child immunized at school. Issues arise at the middle and high school levels if too many sign up: i.e. how large groups can receive the vaccinations during the school day (in between class changes, lunch, etc.)

A second vaccination is required for students under 9 years old.

Mrs. Sellers asked about risk factors associated with the spray and asthma. Mrs. Troupe responded that it could cause an asthmatic reaction: coughing, swelling, etc. Health Department staff have a plan in place to observe students before returning them to class. They will also be checking cum folders prior to administering the vaccination to see if there are any medical concerns.

Mrs. Cunningham is concerned that parents will perceive the School Board is advising students to receive the vaccination. She does not support this concept.

Dr. McKinzie reported that Dr. Haight is very adamant that parents will not immunize their children against the H1N1 virus unless it is done at the school sites. The Health Dept. will also be offering clinics on Saturdays as another option.

Mr. Mullenax asked if teachers and school staff will receive the vaccination. Mrs. Troupe reported that if the vaccination supply is sufficient, staff will have the option.

Mr. Harris asked about the cost involved. Mrs. Troupe reported that it is funded through State and Federal grants.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 PM. Minutes were approved and attested this 27th day of October, 2009.

Frank J. O'Reilly, Chairman

Gail F. McKinzie, Ph. D., Superintendent