

10 26 2010 Work Session

New Business

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

Minutes:

Mrs. Fields announced that a PEA grievance had been received and a date for the hearing was necessary; consensus from the Board Members was November 16, 10:00 AM

Board Agenda Review

2. [12:40 - 1:15 PM Review 10 26 2010 School Board Agenda](#)

Attachment: [10 26 10 School Board Agenda.pdf](#)

Minutes:

C-19: Professional Services Contract

Mr. Mullenax asked if this is all the training required for staff. Mark Grey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, reported that staff is to receive the training to do the actual work (building the capacity). After that, the trainer's services will no longer be needed for this project. Capital Outlay funds will be used.

3. [1:15 - 1:30 PM Break](#)

Discussion

Item 4

4. [1:30 - 1:45 2010 Qualified School Construction Bond](#)

Attachment: [2010 QSCB Project Budgets and Timelines.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2010 QSCB - Work Session Executive Summary.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mark Grey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, reported that earlier this year the district issued several Qualified School Construction Bonds. The majority of the bonds have been obligated and construction has begun on several projects.

Jerry Ford, Ford and Associates, reported that a change earlier in the year shifted the risk creating a more efficient market for the district. The 5th Third Bank has proposed a bid of 0% for a 19 year period; each year a set aside of 80 cents on the dollar payback. All of the money must be spent within 36 months; otherwise significant penalties are incurred. Checks have to be written and issued before the deadline. Mark and Fred have been working diligently on the process and are ahead of the game.

Mark commented that this is the first time since he has been with the district that the department has worked along side of Facilities to ensure that projects are planned, contracts awarded, and construction begun. Reimbursement resolutions are in place. Planning stages take time, the team effort is working on the process to have as much in place during the planning stage phase as possible. This is a reimbursement process. Mr. Harris asked for clarification on the repayment of the \$21.5 million with the AARA funds ending December 31.

Item 5

5. [1:45 - 2:00 PM Carol M White Physical Education Program Grant \(PEP\)](#)

Attachment: [Senior Coordinator Physical Education.pdf](#)

Attachment: [TRST Physical Education 12 month.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Clerk Specialist.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PEP Board Summary \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [Learning K-12 Curriculum Instruction SY11 Proposed2.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PEP BIA.pdf](#)

Minutes: David Lewis, Associate Superintendent of Learning, and Kathleen Wright, PE Coordinator, partnered with the YMCA in this three year competitive grant. Six grant schools: Tenoroc High, Crystal Lake Middle, Lakeland Highlands Middle, Haines City High, Lakeland High School and Ft. Meade Middle Senior. Gym sites are established at all six schools to house equipment and programs.

Item 6

6. [2:00 - 2:15 PM Class Size Update](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Bruce Tonjes, Associate Superintendent of School-Based Operations, reported that 28,000 classrooms were counted; the same classroom could count up to six or seven times. We were 100% in compliance by DOE's deadline of October 15th.

Since that time, we have between 5-7 classrooms out of compliance daily because of mobility which is the district's biggest problem and concern. We create co-teaching classrooms to meet the demand. Since we are unable to predict the amount of students enrolling for each classroom, we created the classroom count with 3 student seats under the maximum. This is a cost to the district because we receive our FTE funds on a per student count. When we have empty seats, we lose funding.

Mrs. Sellers reported that the class size amendment caused mass disruption for students and parents and was costly for the district. This will be an on-going process if Amendment 8 does not pass in November. Enrollment numbers change day after day and time after time.

Dr. McKinzie commented that when the district began working toward meeting the requirement almost two years ago, we looked at each school individually and their classroom requirements and needs. We looked at each grade level and the number of classes needed for a number less than maximum number of seats allowed. Busing students to other sites is not cost effective so we had to look at co-teaching.

Mr. O'Reilly stated that charters were granted the right to set their class size by school. These are schools that have a contracted set enrollment. Why would the Legislators provide a leeway for charters but not public schools?

Mrs. Fields asked what happens if the amendment does not pass? Dr. Tonjes commented that DOE has not provided information on their plans. We currently have the problem of not having enough substitutes to co-teach.

Dr. McKinzie reported that until a sufficient funding source is found for education, the state will never provide sufficient funding.

Information

Item 7

7. [Building Name Change at Wahneta Elementary](#)

- Attachment: [Name Change Wahneta EI.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Statutory Authority Florida.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [SAC Ltr.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Memo to Supt RE Name Change at Wahneta EI 10-20-10.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [The School Board.pdf](#)

Item 8

8. [Head Start Administration 2010 Community Assessment](#)

Attachment: [2010 Head Start Program Community Assessment Report 2010.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Harris commented that a ballot next Tuesday will address the need of the county-wide bus system. Families that need the services of Head Start also need access to transportation.

Mattie Friedt, Director of PreSchool Programs, reported that the assessment revealed a real need for adult education and a reliable mode of transportation for families in need. We currently have 942 students in Head Start and 904 children on the waiting list.

Mrs. Field asked who paid for the assessment report? Mattie reported that it is a requirement of the Head Start grant.

Item 9

9. [2010-2011 School Improvement Plans](#)

- Attachment: [District 2 SIP.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [District 4 SIP.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [District 5 SIP.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [District 6.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [District 7 SIP.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [District 1 SIP.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [District 3 SIPf.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Fields asked if the goals are set by each school or the district?

Wilma Ferrer, Senior Director of Assessment and Accountability, reported that goals are set by each school but they are reviewed by district staff to ensure they are not setting themselves up for failure and are realistic.

Mrs. Fields asked who ensures the goals are on track once they have been

established?

Donna Buckner, Assessment and Accountability, reported that schools review the data after the Discovery testing. After the December testing, they will review the new data and can adjust goals if needed. AYP sets 79% proficiency as a standard.

Adjournment

The Work Session was adjourned at 1:44 PM. Minutes were approved and attested this 16th day of November, 2010.

Kay Fields, Board Chair

Sherrie B. Nickell, Ed. D, Superintendent