

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Pulaski County Special School District was held at 925 East Dixon Road on October 12, 2010.

Opening
10/12/10

Secretary Gwen Williams called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Present: Mr. Tim Clark, Mrs. Gloria Lawrence, Mrs. Sandra Sawyer, Mr. Tom Stuthard, Mrs. Mildred Tatum, Mr. Bill Vasquez, Ms. Gwen Williams, and Superintendent Charles Hopson

Chris Queen, representing Sylvan Hills High School, served as the student board member.

National Anthem
10/12/10

The 7th and 8th grade Maumelle Middle School Band Trumpet players performed the Star Spangled Banner. An invitation for the upcoming BBQ Band & Boogie event at Maumelle Middle School was extended to the board and superintendent.

Special Recognition
10/12/10

Presentation for Former Board Members

Mr. Danny Gililand and Mr. Charlie Wood, former members of the board, were thanked for their years of outstanding service to the district. Mr. Gililand accepted a plaque presented by the Board in appreciation of this service. Mr. Wood was not present at the meeting in order to receive his plaque. Mr. Gililand thanked the board and the district for allowing him to be part of the board and district.

Dr. Hopson thanked Mr. Clark for his outstanding service to the board and district for the past two years as board president.

Welcome New Board Members

Mrs. Gloria Lawrence (Zone 4) and Mr. Tom Stuthard (Zone 5) were welcomed to the Pulaski County Special School District Board of Education.

Presentation of Award

Wilbur D. Mills University Studies High School was presented a framed certificate recognizing them for fifty years of continuous accreditation with North Central.

Proclamations

Proclamations were declared for: National School Bus Safety Week and Red Ribbon Week.

Minutes
10/12/10

Ms. Williams moved, seconded by Mrs. Tatum, approval of the minutes for the September 14, 2010 regular board meeting. The motion carried.

Reports/ Presentations
10/12/10

Daisy Bates Jumpers

Coach Courtney Cancienne spoke on behalf of the Daisy Bates Jumpers and gave a brief overview of the team and their recent visit from a national team. Bates Elementary is the only school in the state with a jump rope team. She stated that the team would like to be invited to perform at events.

Hudson Cisne Audit

An overview of the 2008-2009 District Audit was given by a representative of Hudson Cisne.

LRAFB
Update

Col. Andy Coggins, commander of the 19th Airlift Wing Mission Support Group, presented an update regarding the assessment of schools on bases around the country. He stated the military placed education and safety of school facilities high on the priority list.

Public Comments

10/12/10

Support of
Jacksonville
School District

Kenny Elliott, Bob Stroud, Marshall Smith, Bill Howard, Mike Traylor, John Ferrell, Avis Twitty, Mayor Gary Fletcher, Dr. James Bolden, and Kevin McCleary spoke on behalf of their support to create a separate Jacksonville School District.

Rizelle Aaron stated that he and the Jacksonville chapter of the NAACP supported the efforts of the board and the superintendent regarding the Jacksonville schools. He said the minority groups were not represented by the Jacksonville Education Committee and requested that Jacksonville be kept under the leadership of the PCSSD superintendent and board of the Pulaski County Special School District.

Susan Lear requested information regarding why there were no textbooks at North Pulaski High School for the freshman Pre-AP biology class. Ms. Elliott stated the books had been ordered.

Ivory Tillman voiced his concerns regarding Jacksonville, and stated that the Jacksonville Chapter of the NAACP did not support a separate school district at this time. He stated he did not feel that minority groups were receiving fair representation.

Suspension of
Rules

Mr. Clark asked if anyone would like to suspend the rules for the purpose to allow negotiations to resume between PCSSD and Jacksonville for a stand alone school district. Mr. Clark moved to suspend the rules to allow negotiations to resume between PCSSD and Jacksonville regarding a separate school district. The motion died for lack of second.

Ms. Williams respectfully requested that under new business, the reorganization of the board be moved to item number one.

PACT

Marty Nix, President of PACT, welcomed the new board member and commented how much electricity was in the air at the schools and the district due to this change. She commented on the positive and productive discussions/negotiations that have been held with Paul Brewer, Special Consultant to the Superintendent - Human Resources, and stated she felt things were moving forward. She said that PACT had been meeting monthly with the superintendent and his cabinet and appreciated the transparency of the sessions. Ms. Nix stated that Mrs. Farver had informed her the teachers would be reimbursed for their out-of-pocket expenses for supplies. She asked the board to look at and ensure employee's rights. She addressed issues occurring during the school board campaign and requested the board and administration look into confidential information that was sent out at North Pulaski High School. Dawn Jackson was presented the PACT Friend of Education Award.

PASS Emery Chesterfield, President of PASS, welcomed the new board members and stated that PASS stands firm to work with the board. He wished a happy birthday to PASS Chief Negotiator, Don Clevenger. He thanked Ms. Williams for putting the old business actions on page 36 and 37 on the agenda.

Joshua and Knight Intervenor,
PCSSD Equity/
Pupil Services No representative from ODM, Joshua and Knight Intervenor, or PCSSD Equity and Pupil Services expressed a desire to address the board.

Old Business

10/12/10

Procurement Cards A representative of the US Bank presented information regarding Procurement cards. Mr. Vasquez moved, seconded by Mrs. Tatum, approval of the adoption of PCSSD Procurement card policy and procedures. The motion carried.

Recognition of PACT Ms. Williams moved, seconded by Mrs. Lawrence, approval of the recognition of PACT. The motion carried.

Recognition of PASS Ms. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Stuthard, approval of the recognition of PASS. The motion carried.

Negotiations of PASS contract Ms. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Vasquez, approval of negotiations with the PASS contract. The motion carried.

Approval of Revision of Board Policy BID-R
Second Reading Mr. Vasquez moved, seconded by Mr. Stuthard, approval of the revision of board policy BID-R, Expense Policy for Board Members. The motion carried.

New Business

10/12/10

Reorganization of Board - Election of Officers Ms. Williams requested this action be moved to the beginning of new business items. Ms. Williams moved, seconded by Mrs. Lawrence, approval of the slate of new officers as: Mr. Vasquez, President; Mrs. Lawrence, Vice-President; Ms. Williams, Secretary; and Mrs. Tatum, Parliamentarian. The motion carried.

Ms. Williams excused herself from the meeting at this time.

Parent Notification System Mrs. Tatum moved, seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, approval of an upgraded Parent Notification System. The current system does not work with eSchool, PCSSD's new student data collection system. This new notification system is intended to improve fiscal efficiency, communications, parent involvement and emergency readiness. The motion carried.

Appointment of Ex Officio Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Legal Counsel Mrs. Tatum moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, approval to appoint Superintendent Charles Hopson as Ex Officio Financial Secretary; Anita Farver as Treasurer; Williams, Selig, Gates and Woodyard; Bequette and Billingsley; and Paul Blume as legal counsel. Mr. Vasquez requested that the legal counsel be separate from this action. He requested to amend the motion to remove Bequette & Billingsley and Paul Blume and make this a separate

action. Mr. Stuthard seconded the amended motion. A roll call vote was requested.

Roll Call

Yes: Lawrence, Sawyer, Stuthard, Vasquez

No: Clark, Tatum

The motion carried that Bequette and Billingsley and Paul Blume be a separate action.

A roll call vote was requested to appoint Superintendent Charles Hopson as Ex Officio Financial Secretary; Anita Farver as Treasurer; and Williams, Selig, Gates and Woodyard as legal counsel. Mr. Vasquez made a motion to just include the Ex Officio Financial Secretary and the Treasurer and make Williams, Selig, Gates and Woodyard a separate action.

Roll Call

Yes: Clark, Lawrence, Sawyer, Stuthard, Tatum, Vasquez

No:

The motion carried.

Mr. Vasquez moved, seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, approval to appoint Williams, Selig, Gates and Woodyard as legal counsel in the current capacity. A roll call vote was requested.

Roll Call

Yes: Clark, Lawrence, Sawyer, Stuthard, Tatum, Vasquez

No:

The motion carried.

Mr. Clark moved, seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, to retain Bequette & Billingsley and Paul Blume as legal counsel. After discussion regarding the benefit of having an attorney on staff, Mr. Vasquez moved, seconded by Mrs. Lawrence, to table this action until the November board meeting and give Dr. Hopson the opportunity to explore the advantages or disadvantages of hiring a staff attorney. It was decided that the current contract for Bequette and Billingsley be extended to the November board meeting. Mr. Clark accepted the motion to table until the November board meeting, seconded by Mrs. Lawrence. The motion carried.

Final Resolution
Bond Issue
(1/1/02)

Mr. Vasquez moved, seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, approval to proceed with the issuance of second lien bonds. This was to consider final resolution for October 1, 2010 bond issue which refunded the 1/1/02 bond issue to produce savings. The motion carried.

Final Resolution
Bond Issue
(1/1/02)

Mr. Vasquez moved, seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, approval to proceed with the issuance of second lien bonds. This was to consider final resolution for October 15, 2010 bond issue which refunded the 11/1/04B bond issue to produce savings. The motion carried.

Annual Plan to
the Public: Media
Report Fall 2010

Dr. Robert Clowers presented the Annual Plan to the Public: Media Report Fall 2010, with documentation of proposed new wording. Mr. Vasquez moved, seconded by Mrs. Sawyer, approval of the report with the proposed new wording. The

motion carried. Dr. Hopson thanked Dr. Clowers for addressing these issues and said that by his effort and attention to detail, the district was no longer in academic and fiscal distress in those areas.

Purchase Requisitions

Mr. Vasquez moved, seconded by Mrs. Lawrence, approval of the revisions of the Business Procedure Manual regarding Purchase Requisitions. The motion carried.

Purchase Orders

Mrs. Sawyer moved, seconded by Mr. Stuthard, approval of the revisions of the Business Procedure Manual regarding Purchase Orders. The motion carried.

Ethics

Mr. Stuthard moved, seconded by Mrs. Lawrence, approval of the revisions of the Business Procedure Manual regarding Ethics. The motion carried.

Receiving Merchandise

Mrs. Sawyer moved, seconded by Mr. Vasquez, approval of the revisions of the Business Procedure Manual regarding Receiving Merchandise. The motion carried.

Consultant Agreement – Pacific Educational Group

Mr. Vasquez moved, seconded by Mrs. Tatum, approval of the consulting agreement between PCSSD and the Pacific Educational Group. After discussion, the motion carried.

ACSIP Plans

Mr. Vasquez moved, seconded by Mrs. Lawrence, approval of the ACSIP Plans for schools, the PCSSD District ACSIP Plan, and the ACSIP Statement of Assurances. The motion carried.

Addendums

Mrs. Tatum moved, seconded by Mr. Vasquez, to table the addendums until the November board meeting. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

10/12/10

Mrs. Tatum moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, approval of the consent agenda. The motion carried.

Those items included:

- Personnel--certified and support staff
- The bills for payment
- Award of Bids
- Financial Report

Student board member, Chris Queen, thanked the board for allowing him to represent his school. He stated that he appreciated the experience which allowed him to see the other side of issues that went on in the district.

Adjournment

10/12/10

Mrs. Tatum moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Board President

Board Secretary