

**Minutes  
School Board of Charlotte County  
Regular Meeting  
January 26, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sifrit at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman, Sue Sifrit, Vice Chairman, Andrea Messina, Board Members Alleen Miller, Barbara Rendell, Lee Swift, Superintendent David E. Gayler, and School Board Attorney Michael R. McKinley.

Chairman Sifrit called for changes and additions to the Agenda.

Superintendent Gayler reported the following changes and additions:

Addition to Item F2h. - Personnel Addendum #1

Removal of item F2g. - Drug Free Charlotte County Budget Report & Board of Directors

On motion by Rendell, seconded by Miller, that the school board accept the changes and additions to the January 26, 2010 Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1034.

Chairman Sifrit called for Reports.

Curriculum Specialist Bob Davis introduced the Florida Gulf Coast University Math Competition student winners, and identified their accomplishments for board recognition.

Carolyn Gorton, Interim Director of Career and Technical Learning, provided a power point presentation of the Charlotte High School Agricultural Program renovations. Program instructor Cindy Webb introduced the Charlotte High School Future Farmers of America members for a brief resenationof the FFA meeting opening procedures, and Mrs. Gorton presented a copy of House Resolution 930, in support of Career and Technical Education

Recognition was given from the Division of Learning to Mr. Al Cheatham for his service to the students of Charlotte County in the Field of Environmental Education.

In recognition of National Mentoring Month, Mary Fred Clemmons, Executive Director of the Charlotte Local Education Foundation recognized the mentors serving students in schools and through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Chuck Bradley, Director of Professional Development, recognized Nancy Davis, NAES; Cathy Janiak, VES, and Ramona Robinson, PCMS as teachers who successfully completed the required standards to receive certification as National Board Certified Teachers.

Chairman Sifrit called for Old Business. There were no Old Business tems for discussion.

Chairman Sifrit called for New Business.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Messina, that the shool board approve the items on the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1034.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**CHANGES AND ADDITIONS**

**REPORTS**

**FLORIDA GULF COAST  
UNIVERSITY MATH COMPETITION - PCHS WINNERS**

**CTC/CHS FUTURE FARMERS  
OF AMERICA/AGRICULTURAL  
PROGRAM**

**RECOGNITION OF AL  
CHEATHAM-ENVIRONMENTAL  
EDUCATION**

**CLEF RECOGNITION/NA-  
TIONAL MENTORING MONTH**

**NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED  
TEACHER RECOGNITION**

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**NEWBUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion by Swift, seconded by Messina, that the school board approve the Annual Audit of Internal Accounts as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1034.

Mr. Swift wanted to go on record to congratulate Greg Griner, Randy Wiley, and Benji Dees for the improvements in school and department internal account audit procedures.

Schools recognized for perfect internal account audits were: Charlotte Harbor Center, Liberty Elementary, Mayaka Elementary, Peace River Elementary, Port Charlotte Middle, and the School and Community Relations (ACE).

On motion by Rendell, seconded by Miller, that the school board approve the ESOL Endorsement Plan Renewal as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1034.

On motion by Swift, seconded by Messina, that the school board approve the mileage rate change as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1034.

On motion by Messina, seconded by Miller, that the school board terminate the contract with H.I.G.H.E.R. Tutotial services for failure to provide adequate services  
Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1034.

Mr. Swift made note that he would inform the School Board Association of the supplemental education service providers with whom the district have terminated contracts with for non-compliance or inadequate delivery of services.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Messina, that the school board approve the amendment to contract with Harvard Jolly, Inc. for the Port Charlotte High School Football Field.

Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1034.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Messina, that the school board accept the Charlotte Local Education Foundation Financial Statement as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1034.

On motion by Rendell, seconded by Miller, that the school board approve the Personnel Action and Job Descriptions as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1034.

Chairman Sifrit called for Citizen Comments. There were no citizen comments.

Chairman Sifrit called for Attorney Comment. There were no attorney comments.

Chairman Sifrit called for Board Member Comments.

Mr. Swift reported that the Florida Purchasing Consortium is in the process of formation for the purchase of office supplies, and indicated he would be absent from the Teacher of the Year/Support Employee of the Year banquet due to his attendance in Tallahassee.

Mrs. Messina congratulated Chris Bress and Gene Spurr for their change in designation with the Special Projects Center, welcomed aboard Mr. Greg Hurlean as Director of Purchasing, complimented the health screening process and the Clinic Open House at the Technical Center, congratulated Carolyn Gorton for an outstanding newsletter on technical careers and indicated she would be sharing the newsletter articles with the Charlotte County Economic Development Council.

**ANNUAL AUDIT OF INTERNAL ACCOUNTS**

**MR. SWIFT**

**INTERNAL ACCOUNT AUDIT RECOGNITIONS**

**ESOL ENDORSEMENT**

**MILEAGE RATE CHANGE**

**TERMINATION OF SES CONTRACT WITH HIGHER TUTORIAL SERVICES**

**AMENDMENT WITH HARVARD JOLLY / PCHS FOOTBALL FIELD**

**CLEF FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**PERSONNEL ACTION**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Mr. SWIFT**

**MRS. MESSINA**

Mrs. Miller reported that she was pleased to visit nine schools and the transportation department during the notification of Teacher of the Year and Support Employee of the Year finalists, complimented the Clinic facility at the Charlotte Technical Center, thanked Ellen Harvey for the display of student artwork at the Clinic facility, applauded the Alice in Wonderland performance sponsored by Showbiz Kids, and congratulated the Charlotte High School Band for their participation in the Martin Luther King Parade.

MRS. MILLER

Mrs. Rendell made mention of the Chefs at Fisherman's Village being students from the Charlotte Technical Center Culinary Arts Program, gave thanks to the anonymous teachers who gave aid to an injured citizen as reported in the letters to the editor section of the Charlotte Sun Newspaper, and suggested that Mrs. Sifrits' Chamber of Commerce letter on education be included on the district website.

MRS. RENDELL

Mrs. Sifrit congratulated the wind ensemble students who joined the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra for a performance at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, complimented the updated look of the District Website, and reported that a link was available between the Punta Gorda Middle School and the National Journal of Educational Technology.

MRS. SIFRIT

Chairman Sifrit called for Superintendent Comments

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Gayler thanked Ellen Harvey for her continued exposure of the arts through student participation such as the Youth Symphony, announced that the artwork on display at the Clinic is being made available for purchase with proceeds going to the art teachers for supplies, gave special thanks to Gerry Olivo, Gene Spurr, Kelly Marachel, and the custodial staff members for their assistance during the Florida Power and Light load control event, and announced his personal plans for retirement after 35 years in education.

Mrs. Sifrit thanked Dr. Gayler for his notification of retirement plans, thanked him for the outstanding leadership he has provided throughout the past nine years, and stated that through his leadership, he has overcome obstacles of monumental proportions during Hurricane Charley, he has built a structure and culture where students will continue to be successful, students and staff will continue to excel, employees will continue to be valued, and the district vision of student success will be foremost. Mrs. Sifrit indicated that a Superintendent Search would be placed underway, and that this notice of retirement makes the January 26, 2010 School Board Meeting an historic meeting.

CHAIRMAN SIFRIT

With no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

*Sue Sifrit*  
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Chairman

*[Signature]*  
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Superintendent

Copy of the Agenda prepared for this meeting is on file in the Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1034.