

**Minutes
School Board of Charlotte County
Special Meeting
Tuesday, July 28, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rendell at 5:30 p.m.
Present: Chairman, Barbara Rendell, Vice Chairman, Alleen Miller, Board Members Andrea Messina, Sue Sifrit, Lee Swift, Superintendent David E. Gayler, and Mrs. Cheyenne Young representing School Board Attorney Michael R. McKinley.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rendell called for changes and additions to the Agenda.

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

Superintendent Gayler reported the following changes and additions:

- Addition to Item G2e. - Personnel Addendum #1
- Removal of Item G1a- Pay Requests - McKinley invoice

On motion by Messina, seconded by Swift, that the school board accept the changes and additions to the July 28, 2009 Agenda.
Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1026.

REPORTS

Chairman Rendell called for Reports. There were no reports.

OLDBUSINESS

Chairman Rendell called for Old Business. There were no Old Business items for discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Rendell postponed the Regular Meeting for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing to address the following:

1. *Presentation of Proposed District Budget*
 - a. District Required Local Effort, Prior Period Funding Adjustment, Discretionary, and Capital Improvement Millage Rates for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year**
 - b. Critical Need .25 Operating Millage Rate**
 - c. Approval of the Tentative District Budget for 2009-2010**
2. *School Board Policies*
 - a. School Board Policy 1139.01 – Staff Discipline**
 - b. School Board Policy 1140 – Suspension or Termination of Administration**
 - c. School Board Policy 1150 - Resignations**
 - d. School Board Policy 3139.01 – Staff Discipline**
 - e. School Board Policy 3140 – Suspension or Termination of Instructional Staff**
 - f. School Board Policy 3150 – Resignations**
 - g. School Board Policy 4139.01 – Staff Discipline**
 - h. School Board Policy 4140 – Suspension or Termination of Support Staff**
3. *Student Progression Plan*

**2009-2010 PROPOSED
DISTRICT BUDGET**

BOARD POLICY #
1139.01
1140
1150
3139.01
3140
3150
4139.01
4140

**STUDENT PROGRESSION
PLAN**

Chairman Rendell called for Citizen Comment. There were no citizen comments.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED

Chairman Rendell resumed the Regular Meeting.

On motion by Swift, seconded by Messina, that the school board approve the Required Local Effort of 4.8120 mills, the Prior Period Funding Adjustment of .0470 mills, the Discretionary millage of .7480, the Capital Outlay millage of 1,5000 and the Critical Need .25 Operating Millage Rate as presented.
Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1026.

**APPROVAL OF SCHOOL
BOARD PROPOSED DISTRICT
BUDGET FOR 2009-2010**

On motion by Miller, seconded by Sifrit, that the school board approve School Board Policies #1139.01,1140,1150,3139.01, 3140,3150,4139.01, and 4140 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1025.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES 1139.01, 1140,1150,3139.01,3140, 3150, 4139.01 AND 4140

On motion by Messina, seconded by Miller, that the school board approve the Student Progression Plan as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1026.

STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN

On motion by Swift, seconded by Miller that the school board approve items on the Consent Agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1026.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Messina, seconded by Swift, that the school board approve the Charlotte Technical Center Fee Increase for 2009-2010 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1026.

CTC FEE INCREASE

On motion by Miller, seconded by Swift, that the school board approve the Transfer of Bus Titles to South County Family YMCA as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1026.

TRANSFER OF BUSES TO SOUTH COUNTY YMCA

On motion by Swift, seconded by Sifrit, that the school board approve the Meal Price Increase for School Year 2009-2010 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1026.

2009-2010 MEAL PRICE INCREASES

On motion by Miller, seconded by Messina, that the school board approve the 2009-2010 Transportation Routes for Regular Education students as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1026.

2009-2010 TRANSPORTATION ROUTES FOR REGULAR EDUCATION STUDENTS

On motion by Swift, seconded by Miller, that the school board approve the personnel action as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1026.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Chairman Rendell called for citizen comment. Mr. David Eastwood and Mr. John Biluk commented on the 2009-2010 district budget, stimulus dollars and increased millage rates.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chairman Rendell called for Attorney Comment. Mrs. Cheyenne Young stated her pleasure at being back to attend the school board meetings and working with the district.

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Chairman Rendell called for Board Member Comments.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Swift had no comments.

MR. SWIFT

Mrs. Miller commented on the NET Academy, welcomed new teachers to the district, applauded the Human Resources Department for participation in the Virtual Teach-In for applicants, thanked members of the Chamber of Commerce for their support to the new teachers, and wished a successful 2009-2010 school year to all.

MRS. MILLER

Mrs. Messina complimented the Transportation Department on their slogan of "Driving under the influence of student success", thanked Dr. Gayler for clarifying responsibility of the county commissioners to address the issue of school crossing guards, and gave accolades to the Superintendent and his staff for addressing funding issues that provide future planning for long-term fiscal interest.

MRS. MESSINA

Mrs. Sifrit gave special thanks for the Hospital Athletic Trainer partnerships, indicated that the budget meetings sparked little community response, and that the audience attendance was indicative of the public realization that this district

MRS. SIFRIT

produces a continued pattern of student and district successes and awards, in spite of the reduction in revenue, and that the community is cognizant of the fact that well-educated students, highly qualified teachers, and a high-performing school district have a positive impact on the community.

Mrs. Rendell complimented Dr. Gary for applying for and receiving grant funding to provide students an opportunity to construct the Children's Learning Garden landscaping project, and reminded the members that the July 29th workshop will be held at the Punta Gorda Transportation Department meeting room.

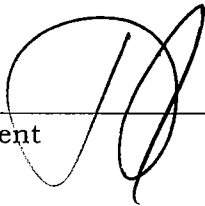
Chairman Rendell called for Superintendent Comments.

Superintendent Gayler asked that the board members check their calendars and provide a date in mid-September or October for the purpose of holding a Master Board Workshop meeting, and invited the board members to attend the District Leadership Team meeting scheduled for July 31, 2009, to be held at the Charlotte Technical Center Richard Santello Auditorium.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



Chairman



Superintendent

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BOARD MEMBER COMMENT
CONTINUED - MRS. SIFRIT

MRS. RENDELL

SUPERINTENDENT COM-
MENTS

DR. GAYLER

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes
School Board of Charlotte County
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rendell at 5:30 p.m.
Present: Chairman, Barbara Rendell, Vice Chairman, Alleen Miller, Board Members Andrea Messina, Sue Sifrit, Lee Swift, Superintendent David E. Gayler, and School Board Attorney Mike McKinley.

Chairman Rendell called for changes and additions to the Agenda.

Superintendent Gayler reported the following changes and additions:

Addition to Item G2d. - Personnel Addendum #1
Removal of Item G1h. - School Resource Officer Contract

On motion by Miller, seconded by Messina, that the school board accept the changes and additions to the July 21, 2009 Agenda.
Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1025.

Chairman Rendell called for Reports.

Mr. Jerry Olivo recognized TLC Engineering, Harvard Jolly Architects, Ajax Building Corporation and the Charlotte County School District Staff for their part in the district award of Punta Gorda Middle School being recognized and earning LEED Certification.

Mr. Chuck Bradley presented the 2008-2009 Audit Report for the Professional Development Center, noting the district rating of 4 (highest) which earns the distinction of being considered "exemplary" in the state. Mr. Bradley has been asked to join the state committee to review other district Professional Development programs.

Chairman Rendell called for Old Business. There were no Old Business items for discussion.

Chairman Rendell postponed the Regular Meeting for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing to address the following:
School Board Policy 5230.01 - Late Arrivals (Tardy) and Early Releases

Chairman Rendell called for Citizen Comment. There were no citizen comments.

Chairman Rendell resumed the Regular Meeting.

On motion by Swift, seconded by Messina, that the school board approve School Board Policy 5230.01 - Late Arrivals (Tardy) and Early Releases.
Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1025.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Swift, that the school board approve the consent agenda as amended.
Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1025.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Sifrit that the school board approve the 2009-2010 Budget for Advertisement
Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1025.

CALL TO ORDER

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

REPORTS

LEED CERTIFICATION - PGMS

PDA AUDIT 2008-2009

OLDBUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD POLICY #5230.01

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL
BOARD POLICY #5230.01

CONSENT AGENDA

2009-2010 BUDGET FOR
ADVERTISEMENT

On motion by Miller, seconded by Sifrit, that the school board approve the termination of the Financial Advisory Agreement with Sun-Trust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1025.

**FINANCIAL ADVISORY
TERMINATION**

On motion by Miller, seconded by Swift, that the school board approve the Resolution and invoice for the three-county consortium serviced by the Special Projects Center. Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1025.

SPC RESOLUTION & INVOICE

On motion by Messina, seconded by Sifrit, that the school board approve the Personnel Action as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Copy in Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1025.

PERSONNEL ACTION

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

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

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Chairman Rendell called for Board Member Comments.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Sifrit congratulated Sallie Jones and East Elementary on a smooth opening for the year-round schools, and congratulated Mr. Bradley on the receipt of an outstanding audit for the Professional Development Academy.

MRS. SIFRIT

Mrs. Messina spoke in relation to cell phone usage while driving in district vehicles, and asked which Financial Advisory Group the district would be employing in the absence of Sun-Trust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.

MRS. MESSINA

MR. SWIFT

Mr. Swift spoke in relation to the Florida School Board Association planning meeting, with emphasis on major reorganization of agenda topics to be discussed in smaller groups, and congratulated Mrs. Amity Chandler for her role as district liaison with the Drug Free Charlotte County Organization.

Mrs. Miller congratulated the year round schools, and gave special recognition to Jerry Olivo for his attention to detail in the opening of Charlotte High School, receiving several LEED Certifications, and for assisting with a smooth opening of the year round schools, gave recognition to Dr. Christine Dollinger for filing of grant applications, and applauded Mr. Bradley for the outstanding ratings on the Professional Development Academy Audit Report.

MRS. MILLER

Mrs. Rendell announced that the City of Punta Gorda will be hosting an "Extreme Makeover" event in celebration of the 5th anniversary of Hurricane Charley, asked board members to participate in the day's activities scheduled at Laishley Park, congratulated Mr. Jerry Olivo on the LEEDS certification, and applauded him and his team for the outstanding job performance dedicated to the completion of Charlotte High School.

MRS. RENDELL

Chairman Rendell called for Superintendent Comments.

**SUPERINTENDENT COM-
MENTS
DR. GAYLER**

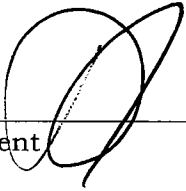
Dr. Gayler congratulated Mr. Olivo and staff for receiving LEEDS Certification for our rebuilt schools, noted that it was the 40th year anniversary of Neil Armstrong landing on the moon, and remarked on what a vision our entire country had back then, and stated that Charlotte County Public Schools will also continue to find a vision for student success.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Chairman



Superintendent

Copy of the Agenda prepared for this meeting is on file in the Supplementary Minutes Book, Section 1025.

Minutes
School Board of Charlotte County
Workshop – July 21, 2009

(Board Member Committee Reports and Process for Staff Communications on Finance)

The workshop was called to order at 3 p.m. Present: Chairman Barbara Rendell, Vice Chairman Alleen Miller, Andrea Messina, Sue Sifrit, Lee Swift, and Superintendent Gayler.

Board Member Committee Reports

Ms. Rendell asked for committee reports, there were no reports.

Process for Staff Communications on Finance

Board Members distributed copies of their individual handouts on how to deliver the information to citizens regarding the millage rate increase for the Required Local Effort and optional .25 mill. Board Members, Dr. Gayler, Fran Brasseur, and Greg Griner discussed, reviewed, and clarified several of the statements provided by Board Members. Andrea Messina distributed a copy of how the State tallies the distribution of state funds. Several areas of concern centered on: class size amendment, number of new teachers hired, millage rate, contingency funds, athletic budget cuts, and stimulus funds. Sue Sifrit handed out a copy of her individual talking points. Dr. Gayler provided the Board Members with a list of several quick essential accomplishments for Board use. Board Members requested that Dr. Gayler ask the District Leadership team to provide 1 or 2 accomplishments also. Board Members will make revisions to their statements and forward to Ms. Garneau for distribution. Further discussion will be addressed during the July 29 School Board Workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Minutes
School Board of Charlotte County
Workshop – July 14, 2009

(Insurance, Neola Board Policies, and Board Member Committee Reports)

The workshop was called to order at 9 a.m. Present: Chairman Barbara Rendell, Vice Chairman Alleen Miller, Andrea Messina, Sue Sifrit, Lee Swift, and Superintendent Gayler.

Insurance

Dr. Gayler introduced Mark McKinney of Florida School Boards Insurance Trust (FSBIT) and Lester Morales of Willis of Florida. The District insurance committee has worked with Mr. McKinney and Mr. Morales to determine if this program will benefit CCPS employees. Mr. McKinney gave an explanation on how FSBIT serves school districts. A PowerPoint presentation handout was distributed, a copy is attached to the minutes. Mr. Morales gave a detailed presentation to the Board Members regarding the benefit and the cost effectiveness of providing insurance coverage through the umbrella of FSBIT. Mr. Morales stated that approximately seven other school districts are looking at the program and that Citrus County will be the pilot program. Additional support would include having a fund reserve, clinical facilities, and insurance benefits for retired school personnel.

A short recess was held, the meeting reconvened at 10:28 a.m.

District insurance staff gave a brief overview of the work that has been completed on the enrollment for insurance, to date. Insurance committee members have met several times and are looking at insurance options. Staff has contacted the County to discuss their clinical facility but has not received a response back at this time. Staff feels that additional education will be needed for all employees regarding the pros and cons of possibly joining FSBIT.

Neola Board Policies

Ms. Barbara Melanson reviewed School Board Policies: 1140 – Suspension or Termination of Administration, 3140 – Suspension or Termination of Instructional Staff, 4140 – Suspension or Termination of Support Staff, 1150 – Resignations, 3150 – Resignations, 1139.01 – Staff Discipline, 3139.01 – Staff Discipline, and 4139.01 – Staff Discipline. A copy of the policies is attached to the minutes. After Board discussion and input; several changes were applied to the policies regarding Suspension and Termination and Resignations. The revised policies will be given to the Board for approval.

Ms. Melanson stated the Mr. Tom Young would like to meet with the Board Members to review the By-Laws policies. Members will provide dates to Ms. Melanson so she can set the date with Mr. Young.

Board Member Committee Reports

Dr. Gayler stated the Mr. Vern Crawford would like to attend the July 29, School Board workshop to discuss legislation priorities and reminded Board Members that the workshop will be held at the transportation building in Punta Gorda.

Board Members distributed copies of each of their talking points from the July 7, 2009, brainstorming session regarding Process for Staff Communication on Finance. A copy is attached to the minutes. Brief discussion was held regarding how to develop a talking sheet for Board use. Dr. Gayler stated that Mr. Brasseur should have the final figure from the County next Friday. Board Members decided to meet on July 21 to hold a workshop to continue discussion on how to deliver the information to citizens regarding the millage rate increase for the Required Local Effort and optional .25 mill.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

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Minutes
School Board of Charlotte County
Workshop – July 7, 2009

(Board Member Committee Reports and Process for Staff Communications on Finance)

The workshop was called to order at 8:54 a.m. Present: Chairman Barbara Rendell, Vice Chairman, Aileen Miller, Andrea Messina, Sue Sifrit, and Lee Swift. Absent: Superintendent David Gayler.

Chairman Rendell stated that the purpose of today's workshop is mainly to allow the Board Members to update each other regarding committee reports and to discuss ways to assist the citizens regarding the millage rate increase for the Required Local Effort and optional .25 mill.

Board Member Committee Reports

Mrs. Miller reported that she and Mrs. Sifrit serve on the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce Education Committee and that after discussion it was decided that the New Teacher Luncheon should be changed to the New Teacher Breakfast to better utilize time for all that will attend. The event will be held on July 29 at 7:45 a.m. at the Charlotte Event and Conference Center. She also reported that the nominations for the Business Education Partnership of the Year are complete and that 12 outstanding businesses were nominated. Mrs. Sifrit worked with schools to request them to nominate businesses, and felt that each school could have at least nominated one business.

Mrs. Sifrit reported the Children's Service Council will have a booth at the Back-to-School event at the Cultural Center on August 1. She gave a brief report on the two sessions that Drug-Free Charlotte County held this past year and that several administrators from Charlotte County are attending a conference at no cost to the school district.

Mrs. Messina proposed that a workshop should be held regarding the latest information from FSBA regarding upcoming legislative information. She mentioned Ms. Young will be working with the district again through the attorney's office. She stated that the Commission on the No Child Left Behind is reorganizing the subcommittees; and the one she will be working on is high school reform.

Mr. Swift reported that the audit for Crossroad Wildness reflected a \$200,000 FTE related issue and that an appeal request has been made with the DOE, and they feel it will be upheld.

Mrs. Rendell asked Board Members if they wanted to continue the Citizens for Student Success program and that if they did she would like to request some assistance with the process. All Board Members felt that the program was well received by the community members that attended the sessions and that they would like to hold another one. Mrs. Rendell then mentioned that the two areas that she would like to turn over to the Board would be preparing the list of people and all the follow-up work for that area and the twenty-five minute activity session. After discussion, it was decided that Sifrit/Miller/Swift would work on the list of people and Messina/Swift/Miller would work on the activity session.

Process for Staff Communications on Finance

A brainstorming session was held regarding how to inform the citizens regarding the millage rate increase for the Required Local Effort and optional .25 mill. A copy of the brainstorming matrix is attached. Members each will research their areas, and at the Board Workshop on July 14 further discussion will be held.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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