

Inverness, Florida
March 13, 2018

An Administrative Hearing, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing were held at the District Services Center located at 1007 West Main Street, Inverness, Florida on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Present: Sandra "Sam" Himmel – Superintendent; Douglas A. Dodd – Chairman, Thomas Kennedy – Vice Chairman, School Board Members: Virginia Bryant, Sandra Counts, Linda B. Powers and R. Wesley Bradshaw, School Board Attorney.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING:

The Administrative Hearing was opened at 3:00 p.m.

Upon motions made, seconded and approved, an expulsion was directed in Case No. 18-38, 18-49, 18-50, 18-51, 18-54 and 18-55.

The Administrative Hearing was closed at 3:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING:

Chairman Dodd called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. He welcomed public comments and that the citizen comment cards are available in the back of the room if interested in addressing the Citrus County School Board. The Chairman noted that opening exercises are rotated between school board members and this month was his month. He introduced Reba Spivey, Agriculture Advisor and Instructor at Citrus High School, and introduced student members of the Future Farmer of America (FFA) Chapter. Student members reflected on their FFA achievements and the benefits of participating in the FFA Chapter.

Superintendent Himmel reflected on the FFA program and commitment to the program. She personally thanked them for attending. The FFA Chaplain gave the opening prayer. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA AS RECOMMENDED BY SUPERINTENDENT

Virginia Bryant moved to Adopt the Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent; seconded by Thomas Kennedy and carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Public input was given by Leslie Barras, Kevin McAdams, and Victoria Smith, President of Citrus County Education Association.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA

Linda Powers moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Sandra Counts and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

Zachary Leonard, Lead Teacher/Administrator, AES (Academy of Environmental Science), distributed and reviewed the AES Annual Report. He introduced Board of Directors: Michelle Leeper – Chairperson; Pierre Santos – Treasurer; Ben Smith, Secretary and Brian Tambasco, Joe Dube, Sarah Ellis, Chris Monrad and Barry Widman.

Mr. Leonard reviewed changes to the 2017-2018 school year staff, current enrollment, curriculum and scheduling, and the revisions for the 2018-2019 school year. He also discussed school repairs and maintenance, public relations, grants, additional funding, and goals for 2018-2019 school year.

Thomas Kennedy thanked Mr. Leonard for reaching out to the Principals and Administrators to provide opportunities for the students.

SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES, JONNY BISHOP

B. Human Resources, Suzy Swain

- 1) Approved Instructional and Support Recommendations (copy in supplemental file)

Virginia Bryant moved to approve the Instructional and Support Recommendations; seconded by Linda Powers and carried unanimously. Ms. Swain recognized Rene' Johnson, Coordinator of Title I and No Child Left Behind, which was approved on the Consent Agenda and effective on July 1, 2018.

Thomas Kennedy questioned and received clarification from Ms. Swain on the current open positions. Chairman Dodd mentioned the open drafting position at Citrus High School.

D. Risk Management, Cheri Cernich

- Approve funding for additional School Resource Officers (copy in supplemental file)

Superintendent Himmel requested Jonny Bishop, Executive Director of School Support Services, to present his findings regarding the School Resource Officer's (SRO) Program.

Mr. Bishop distributed a Cost Analysis associated with adding (5) five additional SROs for the months of April, May, and June. (Copy in supplemental file) Discussion ensued regarding the new mandates and the cost of having an SRO at each school site at all times, and the funding source to support these new mandates.

Chairman Dodd recessed the Regular Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Dodd opened the Public Hearing at 5:00 p.m. and read the public comments guidelines.

- A. Received public comment on the recommended materials for our 2017-2018 Instructional Materials Adoption

Public input was given by Barbara Hunter, Karen Baldwin and Rosemary Nilles.

Chairman Dodd adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:12 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING – Continued

Chairman Dodd reconvened the Regular Meeting at 5:12 p.m.

PRESENTATION (Following the 5:00 p.m. Public Hearing)

Recognition and presentations of the Elementary and Secondary Tropicana Speech Winners (copy in supplemental file)

Mollie Chandler, Program Specialist, gave an overview of the 4H Tropicana Speech Contest that is available to fourth, fifth and sixth grade students. Mrs. Chandler recognized Dr. Ward who served as the 4H representative and coordinates the district's speech competition and thanked him for his continued dedication to the students of Citrus County.

Chairman Dodd paused the presentation for a 5:15 for a time certain public comment.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Public input was given by Victoria Smith regarding student behaviors at the elementary schools.

Public input was given by Linda Stiegler to have CREST school have their own SRO.

PRESENTATION (Following the 5:00 p.m. Public Hearing) - Continued

Recognition and presentations of the Elementary and Secondary Tropicana Speech Winners (copy in supplemental file)

Mrs. Chandler introduced the winners who were in attendance and those students presented their speeches. At the end of the award-winning speeches, Chairman Dodd congratulated and shared his appreciation on behalf of the Board for sharing their speeches.

Chairman Dodd called for a recess at 5:40 p.m. and the Regular Meeting was reconvened at 5:52 p.m.

SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES, JONNY BISHOP - Continued

D. Risk Management, Cheri Cernich

Approved funding for additional School Resource Officers (copy in supplemental file)

The Board continued their discussion on how to move forward with an additional (5) five SROs and another coverage person. Also discussed was whether the District would incur all or half of the cost until the end of June.

Superintendent Himmel shared the Governor indicated that the Guardian money, money that rolls through the Department of Education directly to the Sheriff's office, cannot be used for SROs at this time.

Chairman Dodd felt all governmental entities: School District, Sheriff Department and County Commissioners are working toward keeping our children safe.

Virginia Bryant made a motion to fund 50% for (5) five new SROs beginning March 14, 2018 until June 30, 2018; seconded by Thomas Kennedy. Chairman Dodd felt all campuses need to be covered, including AES and CREST. Following the discussion, the vote was taken and carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY, LEGAL MATTERS

None at this time.

Chairman Dodd requested the Executive Secretary read the donation into the record which were accepted during the Approval of the Consent Agenda.

APPROVED MINUTES

Thomas Kennedy moved to approve the minutes of the Administrative Hearing and Regular Meeting of February 13, 2018; seconded by Sandra Counts and carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None at this time.

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT NEEDS TO COME BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD

Mike Mullen, Assistant Superintendent, shared that one of the last events for the Elementary Running Club will be on Friday, March 16th at 5:30 p.m.

Virginia Bryant reminded everybody about the CREST / CRHS Field Day Friday, March 23rd at 10:00 a.m. The children race and receive awards. This is done every year and it is outstanding. She mentioned there are a couple of Upward Bound meetings coming up next week. The Elementary is on March 22nd and the Middle/High is March 23rd. Mrs. Bryant mentioned she goes to the Crystal River Mall and loves seeing the art work on display by our schools. She also appreciates the Tropicana Speeches.

Linda Powers encouraged the Board to see the art work displayed at the Historical Court House from the art teachers of Citrus County. Also, she mentioned the Lecanto High School Art Exhibit is March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Powers attended the NAMI Association mental health meeting. She shared there were a lot of supportive comments coming from the members regarding the help the District provides for students and adults.

Sandra Counts mentioned the fantastic art work displayed at the District Services Center. She distributed a handout she received from the League of Women Voters regarding the "Worst of the Worst" proposed Florida's Constitution Revision Commission's Amendments.

Thomas Kennedy shared that he went to the Citrus Springs Middle School – School Advisory Enhancement Counsel (SAEC) meeting last night. He thanked Superintendent Himmel, Mr. Mullen and Dr. Hebert for the refresher courses flowing through SAEC. Mr. Kennedy shared he had the great honor of being the Master of Ceremonies for the All County Chorus sponsored by the Education Foundation. He also gave a shout out to the Citrus County Education Foundation upcoming events: The School House Shuffle, April 7th, Superintendent's Golf Classic, April 21st, and Math Field Day, April 14th. Mr. Kennedy also gave a shout out to the "Manor Sisters" from Citrus Springs Elementary, videos on YouTube. Last he mentioned the Golden Citrus Scholar Award which will be April 26th at the Central Florida College, Lecanto Campus.

Chairman Dodd appreciated the attendance of those from Forest Ridge Elementary School SAEC committee. He plans to attend both Upward Bound Breakfasts. Chairman Dodd mentioned the upcoming Spring Break and the Citrus County Fair. He appreciates the participation of students and parents for their art exhibits at the District Services Center. Chairman Dodd mentioned the American Red Cross Shelter Work managers course that our principals and assistant principals take. He shared his concerns regarding the FEMA reimbursement. He felt the District did a great job providing shelters during the Hurricanes this year. Chairman Dodd also shared his concerns with our Emergency / Active Shooter Drills.

Thomas Kennedy mentioned the Leadership Program, the great work that is being done, and believes it should be presented to the Board.

The Board shared their opinions regarding the Lock Down/Active Shooter Drills. Superintendent Himmel made reference to the Safety and Security Committee and announcing codes as a drill. She felt it could be debated either way and drills will be increased.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dodd adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Douglas A. Dodd
Chairman

Sandra Himmel
Superintendent

ATTACHMENT – A

Educational Services, Scott Hebert

- A. Approved to advertise for a Public Hearing at the May 8, 2018 School Board Meeting to approve the 2018-2019 Code of Student Conduct (copy in supplemental file)

School Support Services, Jonny Bishop

- A. Facilities, Construction and Maintenance, Eric Stokes
- 1) Approved Pre-Qualification of Contractors for Educational Facilities (copy in supplemental file)
 - 2) Approved the Educational Plant Survey (5.15) Recommendation to Remodel/Enclose Room 213B, in Building 2 at Lecanto Primary School (copy in supplemental file)
 - 3) Approved the Educational Plant Survey (5.16) Recommendation to Renovate/Remodel Room 369, in Building 3 at Citrus High School (copy in supplemental file)
 - 4) Approved the Educational Plant Survey (5.17) Recommendation to Remodel Rooms in Building 3 of the District Services Center (Transportation Department) – (copy in supplemental file)
 - 5) Approved the 2018 Certification of Facilities Data (copy in supplemental file)
- B. Human Resources, Suzy Swain
- 2) Approved Rene’ A. Johnson, Coordinator of Title I and No Child Left Behind, effective July 1, 2018 (copy in supplemental file)

- C. Planning and Growth Management, Chuck Dixon
- 1) Approved to advertise for a Public Hearing at the May 8, 2018 School Board Meeting to approve the revision of Policy 2.26 School Improvement and Education Accountability (copy in supplemental file)
 - 2) Approved to advertise for a Public Hearing at the May 8, 2018 School Board Meeting to approve the revision of Policy 4.10 The Curriculum (copy in supplemental file)
 - 3) Approved to advertise for a Public Hearing at the May 8, 2018 School Board Meeting to approve the revision of Policy 5.60 Student Injuries (copy in supplemental file)
 - 4) Approved to advertise for a Public Hearing at the May 8, 2018 School Board Meeting to approve the revision of Policy 5.61 Student Illness (copy in supplemental file)
 - 5) Approved to advertise for a Public Hearing at the May 8, 2018 School Board Meeting to approve the new Policy 5.202 Postsecondary Enrollment Programs (copy in supplemental file)

Finance, Mike Mullen

- A. Approved Disposal of Active Surplus Property (copy in supplemental file)
- B. Approved the Disposal of Active Surplus Property - Lecanto High School (copy in supplemental file)
- C. Approved the Disposal of Active Surplus Property – Citrus High School (copy in supplemental file)
- D. Approved the Disposal of Active Surplus Property – Inverness Middle School (copy in supplemental file)
- E. Approved the \$1,000 donation to Citrus High School from Mike Scott Plumbing (copy in supplemental file)
- F. Approved the donation of (5) iPads and (1) Osmo Genius Toy Kit, valued at \$722.84, to Inverness Primary School from DonorsChoose.org (copy in supplemental file)
- G. Approved the \$650 donation to Central Ridge Elementary School from Sodium (copy in supplemental file)
- H. Approved the \$5,000 donation to Homosassa Elementary School from the estate of Evan G. Coe (copy in supplemental file)
- I. Approved the \$500 donation to Lecanto Primary School from Exxon Mobile (copy in supplemental file)
- J. Approved the \$1,000 donation to Inverness Middle School from J.M. Mechanical, Inc. (copy in supplemental file)
- K. Approved the \$1,000 donation to Inverness Middle School from Royal Legacy (copy in supplemental file)
- L. Approved the \$500 donation to Lecanto High School from C.E.M. Solutions, Inc. (copy in supplemental file)
- M. Approved the \$500 donation to Lecanto High School from Joseph Varney (copy in supplemental file)

- N. Approved the \$500 donation to Lecanto High School from Daniel Sullivan (copy in supplemental file)
- O. Approved the \$500 donation to Lecanto High School from Mark and Dawn Rogers (copy in supplemental file)
- P. Bids:
 - 1) Approved award of Bid #2018-20 Reroofing portions of Inverness Primary, Bldgs. 1A, 3 & 5 to Roof USA, LLC (copy in supplemental file)
 - 2) Approved award of Bid #2018-21 Lecanto Middle School partial Gymnasium HVAC replacement to Air Mechanical & Service Corp. (AMSCO) – (copy in supplemental file)
 - 3) Approved award of Bid #2018-22 Hernando Elementary School Kitchen Renovation to William F. Berry Construction, Inc. (copy in supplemental file)
- Q. Approved Budget Amendment #5 January 2018 (copy in supplemental file)