



02-09-2010 Regular School Board Meeting

MISSION: TO SERVE EVERY STUDENT WITH EXCELLENCE AS THE STANDARD

The School Board of Brevard County, Florida met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at the Educational Services Facility, 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida. Notice of the meeting was advertised in The Eagle newspaper on Thursday, February 4, 2010 and the affidavit of publication with a copy of the ad attached is filed in the Affidavit File in the Board Office.

A-1. Call to Order

1. [Call to Order](#)

Minutes: Chairman Kneessy called the School Board Meeting of February 9, 2010 to order at 5:30 p.m.

A-2. Roll Call

2. [Roll Call](#)

Minutes:

Members Present: Robert Jordan, Dr. Barbara Murray, Amy Kneessy, Karen Henderson, Andy Ziegler

Chairman Kneessy called for a moment of silence for Johntae Gowdie, 9th Grade student at Titusville High School.

A-3. Invocation (Jordan Folkes, 8th Grade, Southwest Middle School)

3. [Invocation](#)

Minutes: The Invocation was led by Jordan Folkes, 8th Grade, at Southwest Middle School.

A-4. Pledge of Allegiance (Shelby Lawson, 8th Grade, Southwest Middle School)

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Shelby Lawson, 8th Grade, Southwest Middle School.

A-5. Entertainment (Southwest Jazz Band & Ladies Ensemble)

5. Entertainment

Minutes:

Southwest Middle School, under the direction of Music Director, Andrea Boley, entertained the Board and the viewing audience prior to the start of the meeting, played one additional musical number.

Chairman Kneessy took this opportunity to thank Ms. Ashbury, Chorus Director; Tamara Lewis, Band Director and Michael Sperr, Band Director, and their students for entertaining the Board prior to the start of the Board.

A-6. Emergency Item

A-7. Adoption of Agenda

6. Adoption of Agenda

Minutes:

Dr. Binggeli read the following changes into the agenda:

Recognition Agenda

B-7. Recognition of Brenda Blackburn, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

Consent Agenda

F-20. Contract for 11th Grade Students to see 1776 at the King Center for the Performing Arts

Consent Revision

F-11. Student Expulsions

Information Revision

H-28. School Board Policy Revisions - Neola Recommendations

Information Deletion

Contract for 11th Grade Students to see 1776 at the King Center for the Performing Arts

Motions:

Adopt the agenda for the Regular School Board meeting of February 9, 2010 and its revisions. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Barbara Murray

Second: Karen Henderson

Karen Henderson - Aye

Robert Jordan - Aye

Amy Kneessy - Aye

Barbara Murray - Aye

Andrew Ziegler - Aye

Motion Minutes: Ms. Henderson requested that the Out-of-Area agenda be moved for discussion prior to the Action Agenda. The Board agreed.

B. Recognition of Visitors/Guests

B. Curriculum & Instruction

7. Recognition of Brenda Blackburn, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

Minutes:

Chairman Kneessy took this opportunity to introduce Susan Lamm-Merritt, Assistant Professor at BCC Melbourne Campus; and Marika Koch, Assistant Professor at BCC Cocoa Campus, and the Introduction to Education students.

Dr. Brian T. Binggeli stated that Brenda Blackburn accepted the position of

Superintendent of Montgomery County Schools, Virginia and we recognize her accomplishments for Brevard County.

Chairman Kneessy read a proclamation on behalf of the Board and Brevard Public Schools to recognize the significant impact Ms. Blackburn has had upon this district and the students we serve. Ms. Blackburn was presented with a clock and a framed resolution.

Ms. Blackburn said a few words of thanks and had a photo taken with the Board, Superintendent and Directors from Curriculum and Instruction.

C. Resolutions/Proclamations

C. District Communications

8. [Relay for Life Proclamation](#)

Attachment: [RFL Proclamation Final.pdf](#)

Minutes: Rick Morton, Event Chair for Relay for Life and Tech. Support for Brevard Public School, read the resolution proclaiming February 15-19, 2010 as "Relay for Life Days".

Motions:

Proclaim February 15-19, 2010 "Relay for Life Days" in Brevard Public Schools. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Robert Jordan

Second: Karen Henderson

Karen Henderson - Aye

Robert Jordan - Aye

Barbara Murray - Aye

Andrew Ziegler - Aye

Amy Kneessy - Aye

D. Presentations

D. Middle School Programs/K-12

9. [Preparing 21st Century Citizens](#)

Minutes:

Beth Thedy, Director of Middle School Programs, introduced her staff, Blair Nave, Elementary Social Studies Resource Teacher; Theresa Phelps, Elementary Writing Resource Teacher; Bob McLaren, Middle School Language Arts/Social Studies Resource Teacher; Irene Ramnarine, Secondary Social Studies Resource Teacher; and Daniel Julich, Grant Project Coordinator for Teaching American History Grant. These teachers shared a journey of civics education in a presentation regarding "Preparing 21st Century Citizens".

Ms. Kneessy complimented the above named presenters and stated that Brevard is setting the standard for the rest of the nation and that is very pleasing.

Dr. Binggeli echoed the sentiments of Ms. Kneessy and thanked the resource teachers for their hard work. He stated that he had the opportunity to see our students who are involved in the Model Senate and mentioned they certainly had an understanding of the process and they also learned the messy work of politics and the give and take of that process.

Mr. Jordan stated that this was a class act. He thanked them for their enthusiasm.

Ms. Henderson stated that she had the opportunity to join the EMBARK program in the fall of 2009, and stated it was well put together. She thanked the presenters for their work.

E. Public Discussion

10. [Public Discussion](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman reminded the public that there is a maximum allotted time of three minutes per speaker set aside for discussion. She also stated that the Board would not respond to issues this evening but the Superintendent would investigate the concerns and respond in a timely manner. the following person(s) addressed the Board:

1. John Russo, BFT, Rockledge - Race to the Top

2. Dan Bennett, BFT, Rockledge - Labor Relations
3. Janet Eastman, BFT, Rockledge - Race to the Top

Before Ms. Eastman spoke in public discussion, a Certification of Vote.

The Certification of the Vote was issued on February 9, 2010. The Type of Election was a yes or no for acceptance of the proposed changes to the Agreement between the Brevard Federation of Teachers and the School Board of Brevard County.

The result of the tabulation is attached.

F. Consent

F. Board Office/Superintendent

11. [Student Expulsion\(s\)](#)

Attachment: 2.9.10 Expulsions.pdf (Confidential Item)

12. [Approval of Minutes](#)

F. Accounting Services

13. [Financial Statements with Operating and Capital Budget Amendments for the period ending December 31, 2009](#)

Attachment: [December Financials.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Operating Budget Amendment - Dec.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Capital Budget Amendment - Dec.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Explanations for December 31, 2009 Budget Amendment.pdf](#)

14. [Approve the Investment Report for the Quarter Ending December 31, 2009](#)

Attachment: [BREVARD 4009 COMPLETE.pdf](#)

F. Purchasing & Warehouse

15. [Property Disposal](#)

Attachment: [FEB 9 10.pdf](#)

16. [Purchasing Bids, RFPs, RFQs, ITNs, Sole Source Purchasing Requests and Sales and Services Agreements](#)

Attachment: [10-014BM Test, Inspection and Maintenance of Storm Shutters at 27 District Locations.pdf](#)

Attachment: [10-015BM Gymnasium Floor Refinishing and Repair.pdf](#)

Attachment: [SSA #1007 - Xerox - Educational Technology.pdf](#)

F. Human Resources

17. [Support Staff Recommendations](#)

Attachment: [Support Staff 02-09-10.pdf](#)

F. Secondary Programs

19. [High School and Middle School Instructional Program Course Lists for 2010-2011](#)

Attachment: [High Course List 2010-11 \(Final 010510\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [Middle Course List 2010-11 \(Final 010510\).pdf](#)

20. [Contract for 11th Grade Students to see 1776 at the King Center for the Performing Arts](#)

Attachment: [1776 - KingCenter2010 - Contract.pdf](#)

F. Area I Superintendent

21. [Contracted Services Agreement between University Park Elementary and New Hope Educational Services](#)

Attachment: [University Park Elem. 2-15-10.pdf](#)

22. [Field Trip -- Satellite High School Wind Ensemble Performance in Oxford, Mississippi, February 24-27, 2010](#)

F. School Board Attorney

23. [Involuntary Termination of Instructional Employee, Maria T. Crabb](#)

Attachment: [Crabb 2-9-10.pdf](#)

F. Approval of Consent

24. [Approval of Consent Agenda](#)

Motions:

Approval of the Consent Agenda Items with the exception of the items pulled for discussion. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Robert Jordan

Second: Andrew Ziegler

Karen Henderson	- Aye
Robert Jordan	- Aye
Amy Kneessy	- Aye
Barbara Murray	- Aye
Andrew Ziegler	- Aye

Items Pulled for Discussion

F. Human Resources

18. [Instructional Staff Recommendations](#)

Attachment: [Instructional Staff 02-09-10.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Murray pulled this agenda item to share some views and discussions that she has had over the past few weeks in regard to the retirement of Judy Preston. She noted that her decision to vote against Ms. Preston, as a retiree returning to our district, was in no way directed to any performance issues but to open the flow of personnel advancement in our district to enhance organizational effectiveness.

Dr. Murray voiced her concerns about the policy and practice of the district, which has been to continually rehire retirees, which in the long run will create tremendous operational voids at many levels.

Ms. Kneessy requested Harold Bistline, School Board Attorney, to read the Statute and what is the Board's authority once the recommendation has been made by the Superintendent.

Mr. Bistline read Florida Statute 1012.22 which states that the Superintendent will nominate the personnel for appointment by the Board. The Statute states in essence that the Board shall approve the appointments unless the School Board rejects for good cause any employee nominated. Good cause has to be shown on the record. He stated that Dr. Murray was questioning the policy, not the good cause of the employee.

Mr. Jordan elaborated on his reasoning on why he disagreed with Dr. Murray's viewpoint.

Ms. Kneessy explained to the audience and viewing public regarding the changes in DROP.

Dr. Binggeli responded to the concerns regarding the DROP and personnel being hired. He stated that whomever is brought before the Board for hiring will be the best person for the job to fit the needs of the district.

Ms. Henderson stated the importance of cross training and a viable succession plan and gave an example of not having cross training in place.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board regarding the policy and current practice of rehiring retired personnel in DROP.

Motions:

Accept : The retirement of Judy R. Preston, Associate Superintendent of Financial Services, effective January 29, 2010. The resignation of Brenda B. Blackburn, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, effective February 26, 2010. Approve the routine instructional staff recommendations. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Barbara Murray

Second: Robert Jordan

Karen Henderson	- Aye
Robert Jordan	- Aye
Amy Kneessy	- Aye
Barbara Murray	- Aye
Andrew Ziegler	- Aye

Motion Minutes:

Dr. Binggeli took the opportunity to publicly congratulate and extend his appreciation to Brenda Blackburn, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, for her many years of service to the children of this community.

Chairman Kneessy called for a SoundWaves video break at 6:41 p.m.
The School Board meeting reconvened at 6:56 p.m.

G. Action

G. Board Office/Superintendent

40. [Out of Area Policy Discussion](#)

- Attachment: [Policy 5120.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Policy 7120.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [091203_Out of Area Matrix.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Area Superintendent Out-of-Area Approvals.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Out-of-Area Employee Information 1-8-10.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Basis for Out-of-Area Assignments.pdf](#)

Minutes:

At the request of Ms. Henderson during the adoption of the agenda, this information agenda item was moved to be discussed prior to the Action items.

Ms. Henderson requested that Sandy Demmon, Area III Superintendent, clarify the current practice with the Out-of-Area and how it impacts the redistricting.

Ms. Demmon explained the Out-of-Area process, how it effects the redistricting, and the current policy as it relates to out-of-area requests.

Ms. Henderson requested the district take another look on how the out-of-areas requests are being handled including the McKay Scholarships. She also requested the district determine whether there needs to be a policy/procedure update or if the current policy/procedures are going to work.

Further discussion will take place regarding the out-of-area and McKay Scholarship requested at the Board Policy Workshop on February 16, 2010.

G. Risk Management

25. [Proposed Language Change for Board Policy 8475 – Criminal Background and Employment Non-District Personnel](#)

- Attachment: [2009-10 Board Policy Change Sheet for 8475.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [2009-10 Board Policy 8475 - Criminal Background and Employment Non-District Personnel - Draft Changes.pdf](#)

Motions:

Authorize the Superintendent to advertise for a public hearing for the proposed language revisions to Policy 8475-Criminal Background and Employment, Non-District Personnel. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Robert Jordan

Second: Karen Henderson

Karen Henderson	- Aye
Robert Jordan	- Aye
Amy Kneessy	- Aye
Barbara Murray	- Aye
Andrew Ziegler	- Aye

Motion Minutes:

Ms. Kneessy took this opportunity to thank Mr. Langdorf, Director of Risk Management, for all the information he put together on the criminal background check.

Mr. Ziegler stated that the changes would make transportation to sporting events easier on the school and the parents.

G. Student Services

26. [Revisions to Board Policy 5111.01 - Homeless Students](#)

- Attachment: [Brevard County 5111.01.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Homeless Policy Change Sheet.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Brevard County 5111.01 Final.pdf](#)

Motions:	
Authorize the Superintendent to advertise for public hearing and approve the revisions to Board Policy 5111.01 - Homeless Students.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Robert Jordan	
Second: Andrew Ziegler	
Karen Henderson	- Aye
Robert Jordan	- Aye
Amy Kneessy	- Aye
Barbara Murray	- Aye
Andrew Ziegler	- Aye

G. Project Management

27. [Central Area Elementary School Attendance Boundary Changes for 2010-11](#)

Attachment: [Central Elem North Option 1.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Central Elem South Option 4.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Central Elem North Option 2.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Sherwood Membership Projections.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Central Elem North Option 3.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Central Elem South Option 2.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Longleaf Membership Projections.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Explanation of Options.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Central Elem South Option 1.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Central Elem South Option 3.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Andersen Membership Projections.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Manatee Membership Projections.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Williams Membership Projections.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Chairman Kneessy declared the public hearing open. She reminded the public that there is a maximum allotted time of three minutes for their presentation. The following person(s) addressed the Board regarding Central Area Elementary School Attendance Boundary Changes for 2010-2011:

1. Shana Shorti, Melbourne
2. Mark Witherspoon, Melbourne
3. Carol McCormack, Mayor of Palm Shores
4. Dennis Wills, Melbourne
5. Cathy Jones, Melbourne
6. Thomas Jordan, Melbourne
7. Sharon Savastio, Melbourne
8. Mary Morosetti, Melbourne
9. Jennifer King, Melbourne
10. Michelle Cohen, Melbourne
11. John Corelli, Melbourne
12. Stephen Nassar, Melbourne
13. Janice Hudson, Melbourne
14. Leslie Iodice, Melbourne
15. Robert Quackenbush, Melbourne
16. Brenda Roman, Melbourne
17. Lawrence Taub, Melbourne
18. Kim Wolff, Melbourne
19. Tonya Johnson, Melbourne
20. Deborah Thomas, Melbourne
21. Judith Mathys, Melbourne
22. Sheri Taylor, Melbourne
23. Dean Boston, Melbourne
24. Andrew Lester, Melbourne
25. Jay Moynahan, Melbourne
26. George Luniwly, Melbourne
27. Steve Fiala, Melbourne
28. Siva Subramaniam, Melbourne

29. Scott Merson, Melbourne*
30. Vimarie Monopoli, Melbourne
31. Florie Trinh Raffaele, Melbourne
32. Leslie Starnes, Melbourne
33. Laura Jackson, Rockledge
34. Tammy Johnson, Rockledge
35. Joan Bailey, Melbourne
36. Anthony Hickman, Rockledge
37. Jake Wise, Melbourne

*Did not show

Ms. Kneessy asked if there was anyone else that wanted to speak that did not have an opportunity to sign up.

1. Captain John Tatton, Melbourne

Chairman Kneessy closed the public hearing.

Chairman Kneessy called for a break at 8:46 p.m.
The School Board meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Ms. Kneessy requested Dane Theodore, Director of Planning & Management, to update the Board and the public on what occurred since the last School Board meeting of January 19, 2010.

Mr. Theodore addressed the closing of the Space Shuttle Program and its effects on the redistricting.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board, Superintendent and Mr. Theodore regarding the Central Area Elementary School Attendance Boundary Changes for 2010-2011.

Motions:

Hold a Public Hearing and approve the recommended attendance boundary changes with the recommended conditions at the following schools for the 2010-11 school year: Anderson, Cambridge, Creel, Croton, Endeavour, Golfview, Longleaf, Manatee, Mila, Quest, Saturn, Sea Park, Sherwood, Suntree and Williams. Recommended Attendance Boundary Changes: North Option 2 and South Option 1
Recommended Conditions: Rising sixth graders - PASS may stay at their current school. Transportation

will not be provided. No sibling preference for rising sixth graders. End "cap and bus" restrictions at Quest. Students currently bused to Quest from Manatee return to Manatee. If the student lives in an area of the Manatee attendance boundary that is redistricted to another school, the student will attend the other school.

Vote Results

Motion: Barbara Murray

Second: Robert Jordan

Karen Henderson	- Nay
Robert Jordan	- Aye
Amy Kneessy	- Aye
Barbara Murray	- Aye
Andrew Ziegler	- Nay

Motions:

Dr. Murray Called the Question - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Barbara Murray

Second: Robert Jordan

Karen Henderson	- Aye
Robert Jordan	- Aye
Amy Kneessy	- Nay
Barbara Murray	- Aye
Andrew Ziegler	- Nay

Motions:

Make the motion to vacate so that Ms. Kneessy can have the opportunity to weigh in on the discussion. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Karen Henderson

Second: Barbara Murray

Karen Henderson - Aye

Robert Jordan - Aye

Amy Kneessy - Aye

Barbara Murray - Aye

Andrew Ziegler - Aye

Motion Minutes:

Ms. Kneessy requested clarification on the recommendation as presented. Mr. Theodore read the recommendation that the Board will be voting on.

Ms. Kneessy thanked the Board for allowing her to weigh in on the discussion. She went on to explain her concerns regarding Mila. She went on to thank the staff for all their hard work, along with the Board for their honest and open discussion.

Ms. Henderson stated that she did not agree with North Option 2 and explained her position to the Board. Mr. Theodore explained how the district decided on their recommendation.

After discussion the Board voted on the original recommendation.

H. Information

H. Human Resources

28. [School Board Policy Revisions - NEOLA Recommendations](#)

Attachment: [2.09.10 Policies.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Kneessy pulled this agenda item to state that she is uncomfortable with reviewing 38 policies, five of which are new, and only having one public hearing for all thirty eight. It was her opinion that this did not give the policies the time and attention that they require.

Dr. Binggeli stated that we can certainly add this to the discussion at the Board Policy workshop on February 16, 2010. He went on to state that

there are times that the policy have to be brought in compliance with law and it happens in waves.

H. Labor Relations

29. [Ratification of the Compensatory Time Language for the Contract with the Brevard Federation of Teachers](#)

Attachment: [Compensatory Time Language - TA 12.07.09.pdf](#)

30. [2010-2011 Staffing Plan Recommendations](#)

H. Title I/Early Childhood Education

31. [Contracted Services Agreement between the Office of Title I and Dr. Cathy Vatterott](#)

Attachment: [Dr. Vatterott Contract.pdf](#)

H. Secondary Programs

32. [Student Fees for Driver Education Program](#)

H. Exceptional Education

33. [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\) Entitlement Projects Roll Forward Funds for Fiscal Year 2009](#)

Attachment: [150RollforwardAmend.1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [150RollforwardAmend.2.pdf](#)

Minutes: Mr. Ziegler pulled this agenda item to ask if the district knew at this time, what the IDEA funds would be for the upcoming school year. Dr. Binggeli stated that we do not know and could not even assume with any accuracy.

H. Area I Superintendent

34. [Eau Gallie High School AFJROTC Cadet Orientation Flight. Provided by the 301st Rescue Squadron, Patrick AFB, Florida](#)

H. Area III Superintendent

35. [Field Trip: Edgewood J/S HS, Merritt Island High, and Jefferson Middle School Robotics Team #801 FIRST Championships in Atlanta, GA](#)

36. [Field Trip - Rockledge High, Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High and Viera High Schools Robotics Team #233 FIRST Regional Robotics Competition, Los Angeles, CA](#)

H. Area IV Superintendent

37. [Riverview Elementary Trip to Washington, DC](#)

Attachment: [20100108090141.pdf](#)

38. [Satellite High School AF JROTC Students to Fly Aboard USAF HC-130 Aircraft at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida](#)

39. [Titusville High School German Club Trip to Helen, GA](#)

Attachment: [20100128105416.pdf](#)

I. Staff Reports

41. [Staff Reports](#)

Minutes: There are no staff reports.

J. Additional Public Presentations (If Required)

42. [Additional Public Presentation\(s\)](#)

Minutes: There are no additional public presentations.

K. Board Member Reports

43. [Board Member Reports](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Murray congratulated all the science fair winners and thanked the parents for their support.

Ms. Henderson requested an update on the online registration process.

Ms. Kneessy noted she met with the Florida Today Editorial Board along with people that are coordinating the Census 2010 Project. She went on to explain the importance of the Census and how many underestimate the power or the impact of it.

Ms. Kneessy noted that she will be at DeLaura Middle School on Friday, February 12, 2010 for their annual Climate conference.

Ms. Kneessy thanked the Board for their openness and honesty on such a controversial

item.

L. Superintendent's Report

44. [Superintendent's Report](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Binggeli noted that he attended the science fair as a parent as well as in his role as the Superintendent. He took the opportunity to publicly thank not only the instructors/research science fair teachers, but the judges. The judges have brought tremendous expertise and have been doing the science fair for years and have added so much value for our students.

Dr. Binggeli thanked the Board, Mr. Theodore, and staff for all of their work in the redistricting. Our staff has brought the community into this process in substantive ways. Finally, he thanked our community for providing their input and getting involved in the process or redistricting. Everyone that was involved did the best we all could do for the organization and for the schools and the children that we serve. He did not want to leave without expressing his appreciation to those many groups.

M. Adjournment

45. [Adjournment](#)

Minutes: The School Board meeting was adjourned at 10 :06 p.m.

Secretary

Chair