

eAgenda

December 13, 2011 Regular Meeting

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Regular Meeting – December 13, 2011
5:00 p.m.
School Board Room
4204 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Southern Oaks Middle School)

1. [Call to Order](#)

Minutes:

Chairman Hilson called the St. Lucie County School Board's December 13, 2011 Regular Meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. in the School Board Room. All five School Board members were present as follows: Chairman Carol A. Hilson (residing in District No. 2), Vice Chairman Debbie Hawley (residing in District No. 1), Member Kathryn Hensley (residing in District No. 4), Member Troy Ingersoll (residing in District No. 5), and Member Donna Mills (residing in District No. 3). Superintendent Michael J. Lannon and School Board Attorney Daniel B. Harrell were in attendance.

Southern Oaks Middle School Band, under the direction of Joann Kinder, led the Pledge of Allegiance and performed several musical selections.

Mrs. Hensley shared information received from the 66th Annual Joint Conference of School Boards and Superintendents about a traditional greeting between African tribal Masai warriors: "*Kasserian Ingera*," meaning "*And how are the children?*" which acknowledged the high value that the Masai always place on their children's well-being. Even warriors with no children of their own always give the traditional answer, "All the

children are well" meaning that peace and safety prevail, that the priorities of protecting the young and the powerless are in place. Mrs. Hensley challenged everyone to envision what St. Lucie County, a Community at Hope, would gain if every adult embraced the responsibility to care and protect all of our children.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. [Proposed Adoption of School Board Policies #2.12, #2.20, #3.90, #8.10 \(Revised\)](#)

Attachment: [SCH 0500049 NEW Policy 2.12 Name \(V2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [SCH 0500049 Policy 2.20 Responsibilities and Authority of the Board \(MR RL\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [SCH 0500049 Policy 3.90 Charter Schools 9-29-11 \(MR RL\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [SCH 0500049 Policy 8.10 Safety \(MR RL\).pdf](#)

Minutes:

Chairman Hilson opened the public hearing to receive comments on the proposed amendments to School Board Policies #2.12 - Name, #2.20 - Responsibilities and Authority of the Board, #3.90 - Charter Schools, and #8.10 - Auxiliary Services. No one came forward to speak, consequently, the public hearing was closed and Superintendent Lannon made a recommendation for approval as presented.

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve School Board Policies #2.12, #2.20, #3.90, and #8.10 as presented. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: TROY INGERSOLL

Second: DONNA MILLS

DEBORAH HAWLEY - Aye

KATHRYN HENSLEY - Aye

CAROL HILSON - Aye

TROY INGERSOLL - Aye

DONNA MILLS - Aye

MINUTES

3. [November 8, and 22, 2011 \(Revised\)](#)

Attachment: [Nov 8 MINUTES 2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Nov 22 Re-orgMINUTES2011.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Nov 22 Reg Wkshp MINUTES2011.pdf](#)

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the Minutes Reports for November 8 and 22, 2011 as presented and attached. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: TROY INGERSOLL

Second: KATHRYN HENSLEY

DEBORAH HAWLEY	- Aye
KATHRYN HENSLEY	- Aye
CAROL HILSON	- Aye
TROY INGERSOLL	- Aye
DONNA MILLS	- Aye

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

4. [Distinguished Sunshine State Scholar - Helga Vega \(Revised\)](#)

Minutes: Assistant Superintendent Kerry Padrick, Fort Pierce Westwood High Principal Mallissa Hamilton, and Fort Pierce Westwood MOA Assistant Principal Mary Gregory came forward to introduce and recognize student Helga "Roxie" Vega, who had received the Distinguished Sunshine State Scholar award for the 2011-12 academic school year. Roxie was described as an outstanding student who was in her 3rd year at the Marine Oceanographic Academy. She was taking all advanced courses, worked at the Sunrise City Bakery, volunteered at her church and maintained a weighted GPA of 4.65; she is a nice, sweet, beautiful and intelligent person who is an exceptional representative of her school and peers.

5. [Outstanding Service Delivery Award - St. Lucie County Schools Psychological Services Department \(Revised\)](#)

Attachment: [NASP Award 2011_0001.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Bill Tomlinson, Student Services/Exceptional Student Education Assistant Superintendent, and Student Services Director Barbara Casteen proudly announced that the Florida Association of School Psychologists had presented the St. Lucie County Schools Psychological Services Department with an award for Outstanding

Service Delivery in the Practice of School Psychology. Dr. Robert Brugnoli, Program Specialist for Psychological Services, and Shelley Welby, School Psychologist, read the Child Advocate Pledge. All psychologists from the department were asked to come forward to be congratulated for their excellence in advocating for children.

6. [Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County Presentation](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Tony Loupe, Chairman of the Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County, stated he was honored to present an appreciation award to the School Board and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for their outstanding partnership and commitment to the success of our children. This new program was key to unlocking new opportunities for young children in St. Lucie County.

7. ["WhatChaReadin'? Wednesdays" Proclamation](#)

Minutes:

St. Lucie County Reading Council President Debbie Remington and Vice President Vincent Scotto presented the "WhatChaReadin'? Wednesdays" proclamation to the Board for approval.

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the proclamation for "WhatChaReadin'? - PASS Wednesdays" as presented.

Vote Results

Motion: DONNA MILLS

Second: TROY INGERSOLL

DEBORAH HAWLEY - Aye

KATHRYN HENSLEY - Aye

CAROL HILSON - Aye

TROY INGERSOLL - Aye

DONNA MILLS - Aye

8. [Literacy Week Proclamation - January 23 - 27, 2012 \(Revised\)](#)

Attachment: [LITERACY PROCLAMATION Dec 13 2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Celebrate Literacy Week.pdf](#)

Minutes: Ms. Rachel Sullivan, Oak Hammock Literacy Coach, read the proclamation designating the week of January 23-27, 2012, as "Literacy Week" in St. Lucie County Public Schools.

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the Board accept the proclamation as presented. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: DEBORAH HAWLEY

Second: KATHRYN HENSLEY

DEBORAH HAWLEY - Aye

KATHRYN HENSLEY - Aye

CAROL HILSON - Aye

TROY INGERSOLL - Aye

DONNA MILLS - Aye

CTA REPORT

9. [Remarks](#)

Minutes: CTA/CU President Vanessa Tillman extended happy holiday greetings to all and congratulated collaboration teams for coming together to ratify several letters of understanding (see consent agenda items). Ms. Tillman called attention to Florida's upcoming vote to change FCAT cut scores and decried legislators for the negative impact their vote will have on Florida's future and its children. This will penalize kids and teachers so Ms. Tillman asked everyone to be proactive by contacting their legislators to let them know they should not be creating tests to make tests--who gets the money? Urge legislators to invest in children and fund education properly.

CWA REPORT

10. [Remarks](#)

Minutes: No report.

SCHEDULED SPEAKER(S)

11. [None](#)

Minutes: There were no requests received from scheduled speakers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Human Resources

12. [Personnel Actions \(Revised\)](#)

Attachment: [121311 OOF Content December 2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [121311 attachments.pdf](#)

Attachment: [121311.pdf](#)

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the attached 12 page personnel action report as presented. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: KATHRYN HENSLEY

Second: TROY INGERSOLL

DEBORAH HAWLEY - Aye

KATHRYN HENSLEY - Aye

CAROL HILSON - Aye

TROY INGERSOLL - Aye

DONNA MILLS - Aye

13. [Classroom Teachers' Association \(CTA\) Bargaining Unit Contract Approval and Ratification](#)

Attachment: [SUMMARY OF CONTRACT LANGUAGE - CTA 121311.pdf](#)

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the CTA Bargaining Unit contract language as agreed to and ratified (see attached). - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: KATHRYN HENSLEY

Second: TROY INGERSOLL

DEBORAH HAWLEY - Aye

KATHRYN HENSLEY - Aye

CAROL HILSON - Aye

TROY INGERSOLL - Aye

DONNA MILLS - Aye

14. [Classroom Teachers' Association – Classified Unit \(CTA-CU\) Bargaining Unit Contract Approval and Ratification](#)

Attachment: [SUMMARY OF CONTRACT LANGUAGE - CU 121311.pdf](#)

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the CTA-CU Bargaining Unit contract as agreed to and ratified (see attachment). -

Vote Results

Motion: KATHRYN HENSLEY

Second: TROY INGERSOLL

DEBORAH HAWLEY -

KATHRYN HENSLEY -

CAROL HILSON -

TROY INGERSOLL -

DONNA MILLS -

Business Services Finance

15. [Copier \(Equipment\) Lease Agreements - Weatherbee Elementary, Garden City Early Learning Academy, F. K. Sweet Elementary, Oak Hammock K-8 \(Revised\)](#)

Attachment: [Max Davis Leases 2011-12 \(WBE GCELA\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [Max Davis lease 2011-12 \(FK Sweet & OHK8\).pdf](#)

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the copier (equipment) lease agreements with Max Davis Associates, Inc. for Weatherbee Elementary, Garden City Early Learning Academy, F. K. Sweet Elementary and Oak Hammock K-8 schools as presented and attached. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: KATHRYN HENSLEY

Second: TROY INGERSOLL

DEBORAH HAWLEY - Aye

KATHRYN HENSLEY - Aye

CAROL HILSON - Aye

TROY INGERSOLL - Aye

DONNA MILLS - Aye

16. [Payment of Bills October 2011](#)

Attachment: [Sequential Checks Oct 2011.pdf](#)

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the School Board of St. Lucie County approve the Payment of Bills for the month of October 2011 as per the attached. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: KATHRYN HENSLEY

Second: TROY INGERSOLL

DEBORAH HAWLEY - Aye

KATHRYN HENSLEY - Aye

CAROL HILSON - Aye

TROY INGERSOLL - Aye

DONNA MILLS - Aye

17. [Monthly Financial Report October 2011](#)

Attachment: [Expense Summary Oct 2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Revenue Summary Oct 2011.pdf](#)

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the School Board of St. Lucie County approve the Monthly Financial Report for October 2011 as presented. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: KATHRYN HENSLEY

Second: TROY INGERSOLL

DEBORAH HAWLEY - Aye

KATHRYN HENSLEY - Aye

CAROL HILSON - Aye

TROY INGERSOLL - Aye

DONNA MILLS - Aye

18. [Payment of Bills November 2011](#)

Attachment: [Sequential Checks Nov 2011.pdf](#)

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the Payment of Bills for the month of November 2011 as presented. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: KATHRYN HENSLEY

Second: TROY INGERSOLL

DEBORAH HAWLEY - Aye

KATHRYN HENSLEY - Aye

CAROL HILSON - Aye

TROY INGERSOLL - Aye

DONNA MILLS - Aye

19. [Monthly Financial Report November 2011](#)

Attachment: [Expense Summary Nov 2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Revenue Summary Nov 2011.pdf](#)

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended Board approve the Monthly Financial Report for November 2011 as presented. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: KATHRYN HENSLEY

Second: TROY INGERSOLL

DEBORAH HAWLEY - Aye

KATHRYN HENSLEY - Aye

CAROL HILSON - Aye

TROY INGERSOLL - Aye

DONNA MILLS - Aye

Business Services Purchasing

20. [ITB 12-5E Purchase and Installation of Servers \(Revised\)](#)

Attachment: [Notice of Intent to Award.pdf](#)

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the Board award the ITB 12-5E bid for purchase and installation of servers to the low, responsive and responsible bidder, United Data Technologies, Inc. for an indeterminate amount and authorize the purchasing department to renew the contract for two (2) additional one-year periods, the initial contract term to commence July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014; Option Year 1 - July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; Option Year 2 - July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, as presented. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: KATHRYN HENSLEY

Second: TROY INGERSOLL

DEBORAH HAWLEY	- Aye
KATHRYN HENSLEY	- Aye
CAROL HILSON	- Aye
TROY INGERSOLL	- Aye
DONNA MILLS	- Aye

21. [Declaration of Surplus Property - Damaged, Broken and Obsolete \(Revised\)](#)

Attachment: [Surplus Equipment 12-13-2011.pdf](#)

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the School Board declare the attached list of damaged, broken, and/or obsolete items as surplus property and authorize staff to dispose of the property in a manner consistent with law. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: KATHRYN HENSLEY

Second: TROY INGERSOLL

DEBORAH HAWLEY	- Aye
KATHRYN HENSLEY	- Aye
CAROL HILSON	- Aye
TROY INGERSOLL	- Aye
DONNA MILLS	- Aye

Strategic Planning

22. [Resolution of 2010-2011 Financial Audit Concerns - Renaissance Charter School of St. Lucie](#)

Attachment: [2011 RCS Audit Response.pdf](#)

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the Board accept the Renaissance Charter School of St. Lucie County Letter of Response which sufficiently addressed outstanding issues for follow-up that the School Board discussed during its November 8, 2011 regular meeting - PASS

when considering approval of the Charter School's Annual Financial Audit.

Vote Results

Motion: KATHRYN HENSLEY

Second: TROY INGERSOLL

DEBORAH HAWLEY - Aye

KATHRYN HENSLEY - Aye

CAROL HILSON - Aye

TROY INGERSOLL - Aye

DONNA MILLS - Aye

23. [Resolution of 2010-2011 Financial Audit Concerns, Imagine-Nau Charter School](#)

Attachment: [Audit Report Response Imagine Nau.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Room Inventory Imagine Nau 2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Copy of Inventory Nau 2010-2011.pdf](#)

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the Board accept the Imagine-NAU Charter School Letter of Response which sufficiently addressed outstanding issues for follow-up that the School Board discussed during its November 8, 2011 Regular Meeting when considering approval of the Charter School's Annual Financial Audit. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: KATHRYN HENSLEY

Second: TROY INGERSOLL

DEBORAH HAWLEY - Aye

KATHRYN HENSLEY - Aye

CAROL HILSON - Aye

TROY INGERSOLL - Aye

DONNA MILLS - Aye

Division of Student Services

24. [Professional Services Agreement with Attorney Katherine Hill for Hearing Officer](#)

[Services](#)

Attachment: [Hill Hearing Officer II 11-12.pdf](#)

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the agreement with Attorney Katherine Hill for Hearing Officer Services per the contract fee schedule not to exceed \$10,000 annually for the 2011-12 school year as per the attached. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: KATHRYN HENSLEY

Second: TROY INGERSOLL

DEBORAH HAWLEY	- Aye
KATHRYN HENSLEY	- Aye
CAROL HILSON	- Aye
TROY INGERSOLL	- Aye
DONNA MILLS	- Aye

Area Assistant Superintendents

25. [Authorization to Advertise Public Hearing on Proposed Adoption of St. Lucie County School Board Job Descriptions \(Revised\)](#)

Attachment: [Revised Job Description Info 12-13-11.pdf](#)

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the legal ad authorizing a public hearing on the matter of its adoption of all job descriptions as rules (see attached). - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: KATHRYN HENSLEY

Second: TROY INGERSOLL

DEBORAH HAWLEY	- Aye
KATHRYN HENSLEY	- Aye
CAROL HILSON	- Aye

TROY INGERSOLL	- Aye
DONNA MILLS	- Aye

CONSENT ITEM PULLED FOR SEPARATE VOTE

OTHER BUSINESS

26. [None](#)

SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF REPORTS ON SELECTED TOPICS

27. [Technology Digital Divide Report \(Revised\)](#)

Attachment: [Tech Workstream 20111026 wo Video.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Terence O'Leary, Assistant Superintendent of ITS, assisted by Mr. Nick Zrallack, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, reported on components of the districts partnership with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt pertaining to the technology workstream. The purpose of the technology workstream was to empower students, parents, teachers and the community for the future through integrating data from multiple systems and delivery of digital content. A power point demonstration on building the digital ecosystem using Pinpoint (an integrated suite of educational managing tools) was shared along with milestones that included the teacher evaluation system, data warehousing, delivery of digital content, a delivery timeline, scope of work, timeline of projects, and professional development.

The Board was extremely appreciative of the excellent report and wonderful progress accomplished by everyone involved.

28. [Introduction of Linda K. Zecher, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt CEO \(Revised\)](#)

Minutes: Superintendent Lannon was honored to introduce Linda K. Zecher to the Board. Ms. Zecher was appointed President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt on September 6, 2011 and was visiting the district to become acquainted with staff, visit Palm Pointe Educational Research School, and reaffirm her company's commitment of support for the five year partnership which was formally approved by the Board and HMH on March 22, 2011.

29. [FCAT Cut Scores](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Lannon informed the Board that there will be a significant reduction in A-rated

schools, millions of dollars will be lost from A+ recognition funds, and there will be a negative impact to communities whose reputations were built in part on school letter grades if the Department of Education approves a tougher scoring system known as the FCAT 2.0 when it comes up for vote on December 19, 2011 via teleconference. A group of educators and panels of experts, including superintendents (and Florida superintendents), business leaders and college presidents, recommended/supported a cut score of 243. The cut score DOE was considering for adoption was 245 which is considered to be college entry level. The FCAT 2.0 is a much tougher test and cannot be compared to the old test--it's a new baseline and from there schools will work to build improvement statewide. This will be an enormous leap and will be carefully monitored and reported so that everyone pays close attention to what is happening to our children. Mr. Lannon indicated there should be an outcry, not against higher standards, but about providing resources to meet childrens' needs.

Mrs. Hensley questioned how the Department of Education, as a governmental body in the sunshine, could vote on such a major item of impact by teleconference where the public is not in attendance and participants are not looking at each other while considering something so substantive.

30. [Superintendent's Initial Comments on 2012-13 Budget](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent talked about Governor Scott's announcement that education was his top priority. The Governor had stated he planned to put one billion dollars into education, however, Mr. Lannon pointed out that that amount would not cover growth or loss of ARRA and Edujobs money--"Florida has no replacement plan and that leaves us lacking. It's about those in power making a commitment to get revenue." Mr. Lannon said he appreciated the one billion dollars but it wasn't the Governor's call--it's the legislators and they had not come together yet.

After citing all of the deep budget cuts since 2007, Mr. Lannon estimated the district was looking at reductions in revenue and increased fixed costs in excess of \$10 million dollars which may impact student assignment, facilities, transportation and more. Everything was on the table including facility consolidation, employees, diminished number of days, impact to health insurance, property insurance; everything had to be balanced. These next eight months will be the hardest any school system or governmental system has endured in a lifetime in Florida. This is serious business and there are no easy answers--Mr. Lannon did not see any resolve among legislators to bring revenues forward and that's a problem.

The Board urged citizens to write to their legislators and to go to the district's website if they needed contact information.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

31. [Report\(s\)](#)

Minutes: No report.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

32. [Treasure and Research Coast Collaboration Resolution](#)

Attachment: [khMULTICOUNTY COLLABORATIVE RESOLUTION.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board members reported on various meetings and activities they had participated in and also those that were yet to come. They appreciated receiving the many invitations from schools and would try to attend as many as possible. Students were reminded they needed to be in school up to the very last day before winter break. That was the idea when the calendar committee worked out the Thanksgiving week/break.

Chairman Hilson asked board members to select a training module for the next Master Board training session and wished all a happy holiday.

Motions:

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the Treasure and Research Coast Collaboration Resolution prepared and brought forth by Mrs. Kathryn Hensley - PASS empowering the Superintendent and staff from each of the four School Boards to work together as per the attached.

Vote Results

Motion: TROY INGERSOLL

Second: DONNA MILLS

DEBORAH HAWLEY - Aye

KATHRYN HENSLEY - Aye

CAROL HILSON - Aye

TROY INGERSOLL - Aye

DONNA MILLS - Aye

UNSCHEDULED SPEAKERS

33. [Speaker\(s\)](#)

Minutes: There were no unscheduled speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

34. [Time Adjourned](#)

Minutes: Following disposition of all business scheduled to come before the Board, Chairman Hilson adjourned the December 13, 2011 Regular Meeting at approximately 7:04 p.m.

Note: If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the School Board regarding any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings. For this purpose, an individual should ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, at his/her own expense, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (Sec. 286.0105 F. S.). In compliance with ADA requirements, special needs can be reasonably accommodated by contacting the School Board of St. Lucie County at least ten (10) working days prior to the meeting. Contact the Board's Assistant by phone 772-429-3914, fax 772-429-7559., or harrisonc@stlucie.k12.fl.us. Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) is available at 772-429-3919. This agenda may be amended from time to time on an as needed basis.