**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY**

**REGULAR MEETING – January 13, 2004**

**MINUTES**

The School Board of St. Lucie County held a regular meeting in the School Board Room on January 13, 2004 at approximately 6:00 p.m.

 PRESENT: MS. CAROL A. HILSON, Chairman

 Member Residing in District No. 2

 DR. JUDI MILLER

 Member Residing in District No. 1

 DR. JOHN CARVELLI

 Member Residing in District No. 3

 MRS. KATHRYN HENSLEY

 Member Residing in District No. 4

 ABSENT: DR. SAMUEL S. GAINES

 ALSO PRESENT: MR. MICHAEL J. LANNON, District Superintendent

 MR. DANIEL B. HARRELL, Attorney to the School Board

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Students from Frances K. Sweet Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance, the Preamble, and then sang two songs celebrating America.

**MINUTES**

 Action: There was a motion to approve the minutes for the

 November 18, 2003 regular meeting (Miller/Hensley/Carried 4-0).

 **SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS**

 Approved 1. Sunrise Ford “Drive to Achievement” Incentive Donation/Program

 Sunrise Ford President Mary Jo Tierney and Vice President Mike Wetzel described

 the “Drive to Achievement” incentive program they were proposing to increase

 students’ academic achievement and attendance.

 Action: The superintendent recommended that the Board approve the

 incentive program and accept the Ford Focus and cash prizes from

 Sunrise Ford, all totaling $16,750 (Miller/Carvelli, Carried 4-0).

2. Riverside National Bank’s Hometown Hero Award Winner

 Ms. Rita Johnson, principal at Garden City Elementary School, asked the Board to recognize Ms. Artina Morgan, 21st Century Coordinator at Garden City Elementary School, for being the recipient of the Riverside National Bank Hometown Hero Award. Ms. Pat Alley, President of Riverside National Bank--at Fort Pierce, was present to also congratulate Ms. Morgan.

 Approved 3. Educational Lamp Award

 The employees nominated to receive the Educational Lamp Award for their exceptional efforts in customer relations were: Willis Johnson from F. S. Sweet Elementary, Joyce Woods from Port St. Lucie Elementary, Joan Jennings from Windmill Point Elementary, Kathleen Powell from Dan McCarty Middle School, and Michael Lannon from the superintendent’s office.

 Postponed4. Clean Campus Awards for December and January (Postponed to January 27, 2003)

 This item was postponed until the January 27, 2004 Board meeting. There was no action taken on this matter.

 Approved 5. Reading Council Logo Contest Winner

 In honor of the St. Lucie County Reading Council’s 25th anniversary, the Council sponsored a logo contest. Ms. Candy Lee, representing the Reading Council, introduced the winner of the logo contest to the Board, student Ashley Biehl. The student received a plaque and a $100 savings bond from the Reading Council.

Approved 6. Winner of Highest Honor from HOSTS Learning - C. A. Moore Elementary

 Ms. Gerri McPherson, Executive Director of Zone 1 Schools, called up Mrs. Susan Lyle, principal at C. A. Moore Elementary School, and asked the Board to recognize Mrs. Lyle, her staff, students, and community members who had worked together to receive the exemplary HOSTS Link Language Arts Learning Award for the school year 2002-2003.

Approved 7. Dan McCarty Middle School Donations (Total Value $540)

 Acton: The superintendent recommended that the Board accept the

 donations totaling $540 on behalf of Dan McCarty Middle School

 (Carvelli/Hensley/Carried 4-0).

Approved 8. Forest Grove Middle School Donations (Total Value $1,250)

 Action: The superintendent recommended that the Board accept the

 donations totaling $1,250 on behalf of Forest Grove Middle

 School (Miller/Carvelli/Carried 4-0).

**STAFF REPORTS**

Received 9. Curriculum Report - Reading Endorsement Add-on Program

Ms. Donna Dorio and Ms. Lisa Slover presented a report on the St. Lucie County School District Reading Endorsement Add-on Program developed in collaboration with ACEE Region III Consortium. It was noted that nationally, 40% of the population has severe reading problems. Along with the No Child Left Behind Act, the state of Florida recognized this national issue by enacting Florida Text Rules 6A-4.0291, and 6A-4.0292 mandating requirements for teachers of reading. It was expected that the endorsement would result in more teachers acquiring the appropriate skills and competencies to identify reading problems very early and to provide for required interventions and assistance to improve reading for all students. The program will ensure that highly qualified reading teachers will be available for students needing intensive reading instruction and, more generally, will raise the knowledge and skill level of all teachers with regard to the reading process.

Received10. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Lannon thanked the Board for its support in moving to a standard-bearer school system. Several staff members attended a meeting in Arizona and would be sharing the information with board members. Mr. Lannon asked that board members meet with George Thompson possibly on Tuesday, late in the afternoon.

On March 14th, Mr. Lannon mentioned there would be a meeting in Chicago at the Center for Leadership in School Reform where key leaders, i.e., the chairman and one other board members along with other administrators and himself, were asked to participate.

Mr. Lannon addressed the new district grades that the government had put together. Mr. Lannon indicated the report was a mis-use of data. The results were not clear and if it was not possible to use FCAT grading for a district grade, the district would have had a C or close to a B grade.

Other matters mentioned by the superintendent included:

 - collaborative bargaining training was scheduled to begin January 14 in

 the board room from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. School board members would be

 observing only

 - the Board was asked to schedule an expulsion meeting at 5:00 p.m. any day

 after January 21, 2004

**CONSENT AGENDA**

 Action: The superintendent recommended that the Board approve

 consent agenda items #11 through #15 (Hensley/Miller/

 Carried 4-0).

Discussion: prior to stating the question, board members asked for information regarding the financial impact of the Reading Endorsement Add-on Program so that the information could be passed on to legislators.

Approved 11. Personnel Agenda & Leaves

Approved 12. ESE Professional Services Agreement for Speech Therapy with Susan Marvin for $27,000

Approved 13. Reading Endorsement Add-on Program

Approved 14. School Health Services Annual Staffing/Budget Plan 2003-2004

Approved 15. Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) Ranking for Construction Mgr. Selection for K-8 School

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Approved 16. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order

 #375/LW/09-24-87/0301/03-04

Approved 17. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order

 #376/RW/09-27-88/0201/03-04

Approved 18. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order

 #377/TT/05-02-86/0161/03-04

Approved 19. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order

 #378/CS/03-04-90/0072/03-04

Approved 20. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order

 #379/AS/07-09-89/0301/03-04

Approved 21. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order

 #380/JM/07-05-88/0161/03-04

Approved 22. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order

 #381/RG/11-04-88/0301/03-04

Approved 23. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order

 #382/AG/02-28-89/0301/03-04

Approved 24. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order

 #383/AF/05-11-87/0161/03-04

Approved 25. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order

 #384/MC/12-03-86/0161/03-04

Approved 26. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order

 #385/AB/02-17-88/0201/03-04

Approved 27. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order

 #386/ZH/11-08-90/0391/03-04

Approved 28. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order

 #387/BB/10-30-89/0371/03-04

Approved 29. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order

 #388/DW/04-19-93/0361/03-04

 Action: The superintendent requested that the Board combine Other

 Business item #16 through #29 into one recommendation for

 approval of Orders #375 through #388 (Miller/Hensley/Carried 4-0).

**FACILITIES REPORT**

Discussed updated facilities project list and the need to find property for future school sites due to increased growth in district.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

No report.

**CTA REPORT**

No report.

**CWA REPORT**

No report.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS**

Reviewed meetings/activities attended and upcoming events.

**UNSCHEDULED SPEAKERS**

There were no unscheduled speakers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After conducting all business scheduled to come before the Board, Chairman Hilson adjourned the January 13, 2004 meeting at approximately 8:43 p.m.