THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

SPECIAL MEETING - JUNE 4, 2003

The School Board of St. Lucie County held a special meeting in the School Board Room on June 4, 2003 that began at approximately 6:13 p.m.

PRESENT: DR. JOHN CARVELLI, Chairman

Member Residing in District No. 3

MS. CAROL A. HILSON, Vice Chairman

Member Residing in District No. 2

DR. SAMUEL S. GAINES

Member Residing in District No. 5

MRS. KATHRYN HENSLEY

Member Residing in District No. 4

DR. JUDI MILLER

Member Residing in District No. 1

ALSO PRESENT: DR. WILLIAM VOGEL, Executive Officer/

Superintendent of Schools

MR. DANIEL B. HARRELL

Attorney to the School Board

HEARING DISPOSITIONS - EXPULSION

Chairman Carvelli opened the meeting and Superintendent Vogel informed the Board about the students who had withdrawn in lieu of expulsion as mentioned below.

STUDENT WITHDRAWALS (22)

Dr. Vogel informed the Board that twenty-two students had withdrawn from the St. Lucie County School District in lieu of expulsion and noted for the record that the following students would have expulsion proceedings instituted if they attempted to re-enroll in any St. Lucie County school in the future:

Student CD (DOB/05-31-84), Grade 11, Fort Pierce Westwood/Anglewood Center

Student LH (DOB/02-05-88), Grade 9, Fort Pierce Central High

Student AB (DOB/06-29-87), Grade 10, St. Lucie West Centennial High

Student JB (DOB/05-03-88), Grade 9, Excel Alternative, Inc.

Student RB (DOB/05-03-88), Grade 9, Excel Alternative, Inc.

Student MC (DOB/02-16-87), Grade 10, Fort Pierce Central High

Student MD (DOB/11-15-85), Grade 10, Dale Cassens School

Student LE (DOB/11-04-86), Grade 9, Fort Pierce Westwood High

Student CF (DOB/08-18-88) Grade 9, Fort Pierce Central High

Student OF (DOB/04-04-87) Grade 8, Excel Alternative, Inc.

Student JF (DOB/09-04-86) Grade 10, Excel Alternative, Inc.

Student LG (DOB/11-26-89) Grade 7, Northport Middle

Student CG (DOB/04-04-86) Grade 9, Excel Alternative, Inc.

Student D’AH (DOB/11-19-88), Grade 8, Forest Grove Middle

Student DM (DOB/08-12-90), Grade 7, Southern Oaks Middle

Student CR (DOB/09-15-86), Grade 9, Port St. Lucie High

Student DT (DOB/06-28-88) Grade 8, Southern Oaks Middle

Student KT (DOB/01-06-87), Grade 9, Fort Pierce Central High

Student DW (DOB/07-02-86), Grade 11, Fort Pierce Central High

Student BW (DOB/10-03-85, Grade 11, Fort Pierce Central High

Student CW (DOB/02-17-85), Grade 11, Fort Pierce Westwood/Anglewood Center

Student JW (DOB/11-01-88), Grade 7, Southport Middle

Dr. Vogel also noted for the record that the above listed students’ files would be stamped with the notation that expulsion proceedings were pending in case their records were requested by any other school district in the state of Florida.

RECOMMENDED ORDER #1

Recommended Order #1 pertained to a 16-year-old (DOB/09-20-86) 8th grade student at Excel Alternatives who was charged with a violation of the Code of Student Conduct, Rule G, Level IV - Disorderly Conduct. The Excel project manager, Mr. David Robson, recommended that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. The hearing officer recommended that the petition for expulsion for the remainder of the 2002-2003 be granted. The superintendent recommended that the Board expel the student for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. Neither the student nor a representative appeared for the hearing after having been notified of the hearing date, time, and place. The hearing was scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. The Board waited until 6:15 p.m. before proceeding with the hearing.

Action: There was a motion to expel the student from the

regular program of instruction of the St. Lucie County

school system for the remainder of the 2002-2003

school year (Hensley/Hilson/Carried 5-0).

RECOMMENDED ORDER #2

Recommended Order #2 pertained to a 16-year-old (DOB/06-09-86) 10th grade student at Excel Alternatives who was charged with a violation of the Code of Student Conduct, Rule M, Level II - Malicious Harassment, Bullying or Intimidation. The Excel project manager, Mr. David Robson, recommended that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. The hearing officer recommended that the petition for expulsion be denied. ***The superintendent informed the Board that he was dismissing the petition for expulsion with prejudice***. The Board did not take action on this matter. Neither the student nor a representative appeared for the hearing after having been notified of the hearing date, time, and place. The hearing was scheduled to begin at 6:10 p.m. The Board waited until 6:20 p.m. before proceeding with the hearing.

RECOMMENDED ORDER #3

Recommended Order #3 pertained to a 16 year old (DOB/08-12-86) 11th grade student at St. Lucie West Centennial High School who was charged with a violation of the Code of Student Conduct, Rule B, Level III - Battery of Student. The principal recommended that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. The hearing officer recommended that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. The superintendent recommended that the Board expel the student for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. Neither the student nor a representative appeared for the hearing after having been notified of the hearing date, time, and place. The hearing was scheduled for 6:20 p.m. The Board waited until 6:20 p.m. before proceeding with the hearing.

Action: There was a motion to expel the student from the

regular program of instruction of the St. Lucie

County school system for the remainder of the

2002-2003 school year (Hilson/Miller/Carried 5-0).

RECOMMENDED ORDER #4

Recommended Order #4 pertained to a 15 year old (DOB/10-07-87) 10th grade student at Port St. Lucie High School who was charged with a violation of the Code of Student Conduct, Rule A, Level IV - Alcohol. The principal recommended that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. The hearing officer recommended that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. The superintendent recommended that the Board expel the student for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year and that the student continue to receive appropriate ESE services per his IEP. Neither the student nor a representative appeared for the hearing after having been notified of the hearing date, time, and place. The hearing was scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. The Board waited until 6:40 p.m. before proceeding with the hearing.

Action: There was a motion to expel the student from the

regular program of instruction of the St. Lucie County

school system for the remainder of the 2002-2003

school year, subject to the continued provision of

special education and related services (Hilson/Miller/

Carried 5-0).

RECOMMENDED ORDER #5

Recommended Order #5 pertained to a 14 year old (DOB/02-09-89) 8th grade student at St. Lucie West Middle School who was charged with a violation of the Code of Student Conduct, Rule H, Level IV - Drugs/Substance Abuse. The principal recommended that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. The hearing officer recommended that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. The superintendent recommended that the Board expel the student for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. Neither the student nor a representative appeared for the hearing after having been notified of the hearing date, time and place. The hearing was scheduled to begin at 6:40 p.m. The Board waited until 6:52 p.m. before proceeding with the hearing.

Action: There was a motion to expel the student from the

regular program of instruction of the St. Lucie County

school system for the remainder of the 2002-2003

school year (Hensley/Hilson/Carried 5-0).

RECOMMENDED ORDER #6

Recommended Order #6 pertained to a 12 year old (DOB/12-12-89) 7th grade student at Forest Grove Middle School who was charged with a violation of the Code of Student Conduct, Rule R, Level IV - Weapon. The principal recommended that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. The hearing officer recommended that the student be expelled for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. The superintendent recommended that the Board expel the student for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year.

Action: There was a motion to expel the student from

the regular program of instruction of the St. Lucie

County school system for the remainder of the

2002-2003 school year (Hilson/Miller/Carried 5-0).

Following disposition of all hearings scheduled to come before the Board, Chairman Carvelli adjourned the special June 4, 2003 meeting at approximately 7:05 p.m.