THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Regular Meeting - August 26, 2003

MINUTES

The School Board of St. Lucie County held a regular meeting in the School Board Room on August 26, 2003 at approximately 6:10 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: MR. MICHAEL J. LANNON, District Superintendent

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Carvelli called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Action: There was a motion to approve the minutes for

the June 24, 2003 special meeting and the

July 22, 2003 regular meeting (Miller/Hilson/

Carried 5-0).

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

1. Educational Lamp Award

The following employees were presented with the Educational Lamp Award: Jay Stewart from Fort Pierce Central High, Barbara Hisey from District Office, Angela Mas from Floresta Elementary, Sam Robinson and Sheppard Baker from the Facilities Department.

2. Recognition of Anthony Bonna, Page at the U. S. Senate

A St. Lucie West Centennial High School student, Anthony Bonna, had been selected as a Page to the U. S. Senate for one year. The Board recognized Anthony for this achievement and asked that he keep them informed about his experience.

3. Teen Trendsetter Reading Mentors

In cooperation with the Governors Mentoring Initiative, Universal Studios Florida, Comcast, Office Depot, Florida Trends Next Magazine and AAA Auto Club, five St. Lucie County high school students were recognized and chosen to organize, implement and recruit youth mentors as Teen Trendsetters from their school to motivate and mentor third graders in their reading skills. The students who were recognized were: Jamie Autin from Lincoln Park Academy; Shyanne Helms from Fort Pierce Central High; Harold Howard from Fort Pierce Westwood High; Teanna Paulo from Fort Pierce Westwood High, and Angelika Zych from Lincoln Park Academy.

4. Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program Participants

The Board recognized Ms. Dianna Zychowski, teacher at St. Lucie West Centennial High, and Belkis Madera, teacher at Dan McCarty Middle, for being selected as participants in the Fulbright Memorial Fund (FMF) Teacher Program in Japan for November, 2003.

5. Perfect Internal Account Audits for 2001-2002 Recognition

The following schools and employees were recognized for receiving perfect internal account audits for the 2001-2002 fiscal year: Nancy Spooner from Dale Cassens School; Margaret Subock from St. Lucie West Middle, and Geri Slade from Southern Oaks Middle.

6. Five Star Schools

The following schools were recognized for earning the Five Star School Award 2002-03: Bayshore Elementary, Dan McCarty Middle School, Floresta Elementary, Fort Pierce Magnet School of the Arts, Frances K. Sweet Elementary, Lakewood Park Elementary, Lincoln Park Academy, Parkway Elementary, Port St. Lucie High, St. Lucie Elementary, St. Lucie West Middle School, White City Elementary, Chester A. Moore Elementary, Fairlawn Elementary, Fort Pierce Central High, Fort Pierce Westwood High, Garden City Elementary, Lawnwood Elementary, Manatee Elementary, Port St. Lucie Elementary, Rivers Edge Elementary, St. Lucie West Centennial High, Village Green Elementary, and Windmill Point Elementary.

In order to qualify for this award, a school must achieve 100% of the criteria in the categories of Business Partnerships, Family Involvement, Volunteers, Student Community Service and School Advisory Councils. Twenty-four schools had produced documents in the form of a portfolio of each criteria.

7. School Energy Savings Award

Siemens Technologies, Inc. announced that it would be presenting a monthly award (for a total of 10 months) in the amount of $500 to the school that reduced energy consumption by the greatest percentage. Port St. Lucie High School received the award for April 2003.

8. Lakewood Park Elementary Donations - this item was deleted from the agenda.

9. St. Lucie West Centennial High Donations (Total Value $2,950)

Action: The superintendent recommended that the Board

accept the donations totaling $2,950 on behalf

of St. Lucie West Centennial High School (Hensley/

Miller/Carried 5-0).

10. St. Lucie County School District-wide Donation to Third Grade Students from St. Lucie County Rotary Club (Total Value $11,000)

Action: The superintendent recommended that the Board accept

the donation of dictionaries for all third grade students

at a total value of $11,000 (Hilson/Hensley/Carried 5-0).

Addendum 34. Recognition of Mr. Michael Hitsman, Mr. Bob Massa, Mr. Arley Hatch, and Mr. Marty Sanders

The Board recognized Mr. Hitsman, Mr. Massa, Mr. Hatch, and Mr. Sanders for their actions and fast response to a situation at Lawnwood Elementary involving a fire.

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL ASPIRE GRANT RECOGNITION

Mrs. Trina Trimm, principal of St. Lucie West Centennial High School, asked the Board to recognize several people who had helped put together the ASPIRE grant project. Ms. Kathie Schmidt and Ms. Mary Krause were thanked for their efforts.

STAFF REPORTS

11. Curriculum Report

Ms. Debbie Iseman, Director of Staff Development, gave a power point presentation on the district’s 2003 Summer Institute. There were a total of 76 classes and 2,365 participants. Various teachers spoke to the Board on what they learned and how the classes had helped them. This had been a very impressive training effort that gave teachers new and refined skills so they could do more for students. Mr. Lannon noted that in public education, training was the one thing that was under funded but it was the very thing education needed for reform. Board members appreciated receiving the report and were encouraged by the teachers’ enthusiasm.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Lannon spoke about

- a recent District Advisory Council meeting that was very dynamic and informative.

Each school and parents were well represented and some of their concerns were carried

forward by board members to the TC3 meeting regarding legislative matters.

- Representative Simmons, chairman of the Educational Finance Committee, had met

with Mr. Lannon and others to talk about concerns such as the state reduced numbers

of estimated enrollment for all districts which could be off as much as 15%-20%.

Rep. Simmons pledged to look into that and also look into opening up some funding.

- the first letter had been sent off to staff highlighting the goals that the Board had

put forth and asked for feedback which was related to Mr. Lannon’s evaluation

assessment. It was hoped the process could be finalized by the first week in October.

Mr. Lannon indicated he would develop an instrument and concentrate on three

of the goals (8 goals was a little excessive). Dr. Miller said she would like to hear

the discussion on what the superintendent felt was the most important goals.

- staff was looking at becoming a standard-bearer district.

- reviewed school and class enrollment.

- received an update on student assignment percentages of those

who received first choice (March 1 - May applicants), customer

traffic for July and August 2003. Board members asked for the

percentages on late applicants only.

- Mr. Lannon was inducted into the St. Lucie County Reading Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

Action: The superintendent recommended that the Board approve

consent agenda items #13 through #17, #19 through

#28, and addendum items #35 and #36 (Hensley/

Miller/Carried 5-0).

13. Personnel Agenda & Leaves

14. Job Descriptions

15. Accelerated Induction into Teaching Agreement with Florida Atlantic University

16. Agreement and Release Regarding John Harris

17. Budget Amendments #17

18. Consulting Contract with David Lycan for 2003-2004 (Delete)

19. Resolution for District General Obligation Bonds, Series 1996A and Series 1997

20. Frances K. Sweet Trip to Sea Camp, Newfound Harbor Marine Institute, Big Pine Key, FL on 10/17-19/03.

21. Inter-institutional Articulated Acceleration Agreement with Indian River Community College

22. ESE Hospitalized/Homebound Contract with Theresa Raymond

23. ESE Hospitalized/Homebound Contract with John Pierson

24. ESE Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Robert Brugnoli

25. ESE Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Shawn Sorensen

26. Area Center for Educational Enhancement Region III (ACEE 3) Grant Proposal for $2,900

27. Facilities Use Agreement - Port St. Lucie Athletic Association, Inc., for Use of Ball Fields at Northport Middle

28. Northport Middle 6th Grade Center Change Order #1 to Carlton Paving for Additional Concrete

Addendum 35. Change Order #4 to Paul Jacquin & Sons, Inc., for Flooring Covering Sealer at St. Lucie County Public Schools District Offices

Addendum 36. Boys and Girls Club Mentoring Services Grant

OTHER BUSINESS

29. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order #293/EG/02-06-89/0121/02-03

30. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order #294/NF/03-06-89/0261/02-03

31. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order #295/MM/12-28-88/0371/02-03

32. Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty, and Final Order #296/SH/02-04-90/0331/02-03

Action: The superintendent recommended that the Board combine

items #29 through #32 into one recommendation for approval

of Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Penalty,

and Final Orders #293 through #296 (Hilson/Miller/Carried 5-0).

FACILITIES REPORT

No report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

33. Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning

Action: The superintendent recommended that the Board approve

transmittal of the interlocal agreement as drafted to the

Florida Dept. of Community Affairs (FDCA) (Hensley/

Miller/Carried 5-0).

CTA REPORT

Clara Cook, President of CTA/CU, informed the Board that a date had tentatively been arranged to discuss collaborative bargaining with the Board on September 11, 2003. Board members were asked to check their schedules.

CWA REPORT

No report.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS

Dr. Miller thanked Mr. Lannon, Mr. Bargeron and other staff members who helped develop a list of legislative issues to be carried to the TC3 conference.

Dr. Carvelli remarked that the “Bowl for Kids Sake” fundraiser was coming up on September 13-14, 2003. Board members had been pleased to write a check and join in on the fun but they were not bowlers.

Mrs. Hensley was pleased that some great results had already been received on the educational issues that she and Dr. Miller and others had presented. There were issues going on involving youth violence , an initiative taken up by the Roundtable. Also, a youth advisory group was being formed and was planning a kick-off in September. The group would probably use a model from TC3 and/or SWAT model to try to help children empower themselves.

UNSCHEDULED SPEAKERS

Mr. Mike Jacquin addressed the Board about impact fees and referenced the time frame changes from February to November that had been mentioned in the past. Mr. Jacquin wanted to clarify when one goes through the process, the fees are collected at the beginning.

ADJOURNMENT

After conducting all business scheduled to come before the Board, Chairman Carvelli adjourned the regular August 26, 2003 meeting at approximately 8:20 p.m.