THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY

Regular Meeting – October 28, 2003

MINUTES

The School Board of St. Lucie County had a ribbon cutting before holding its regular October 28, 2003 meeting in the new School Board Room located at 4202 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, Florida, at approximately 7:00 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 LANNON, District Superintendent

 MR. DANIEL B. HARRELL, Attorney

Following the presentation of the Colors by Fort Pierce Westwood High School JROTC students, the National Anthem sung by Lawnwood Elementary student Jernie Talles-Millan, and the Pledge of Allegiance & Preamble recited by Frances K. Sweet Elementary students, Chairman Carvelli called the meeting to order.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

As a special gesture, Mr. Bob Davis, St. Lucie County Tax Collector, attended the district’s grand opening and presented the Board with a check representing the refund monies from the county due to the Board.

1. EDUCATIONAL LAMP AWARD

The employees who were recognized and received a plaque for their exceptional public relations efforts were: Pandora Ingram from Garden City Elementary, Melody Madej from Port St. Lucie Elementary, Jocelyn Baylow from Port St. Lucie High, Gary Taylor from Maintenance Department, and Cassandra Hicks from Transportation Department.

2. STATE OF FLORIDA OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR 2002-2003

The Board recognized Ms. Peggy Anderson, former assistant principal and currently principal at Lincoln Park Academy, who was appointed as the State of Florida’s Outstanding High School Assistant Principal for the 2002-2003 school year.

.3. MICHAEL JORDAN GRANT FOR EDUCATION AWARD FOR $2,500 TO FOREST GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Forest Grove Middle School was one of 300 schools selected nationwide to receive $2,500 from the Michael Jordan grant for education. The school purchased “The Skin I’m In”, Coretta Scott-King Award, and the Great Gilly Hopkins Newberry winner.

4. SCHOLAR ATHLETE STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Mr. Jay Stewart, District Athletic Director, presented the October award to Jamal Deveaux, a student at St. Lucie West Centennial High School. Jamal is a National Honor Society member and a member of HOSA. He aspires to be a dentist and has volunteered many hours at the police department, a dentist office and at the “Fund”. He is also a coach on Saturday mornings for Pop Warner Football League and an active member of the 2003-2004 yearbook staff.

5. PORT ST. LUCIE HIGH SCHOOL ING UNSUNG HEROES AWARD

Ms. Stacey Ayers, teacher at Port St. Lucie High School, was recognized as one of the nation’s most innovative educators in the 2003 Education’s Unsung Heroes Awards program.

6. ST. LUCIE COUNTY EDUCATION FOUNDATION PRESENTATION OF CLASSROOM AND MENTOR GRANTS

Foundation President Bridget Abernethy presented 14 checks totaling $14,978.49 to teachers and recognized sponsors and recipients.

7. SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS’ AWARENESS WEEK, NOVEMBER 10-14, 2003

Mrs. Barbara Slaga, Executive Director of Student Services, spoke to the Board about the psychology department and all endeavors the psychologists undertake to help children. Psychologist Lurana Hillard read a proclamation designating the week of November 10-14, 2003 as School Psychologist Awareness Week.

 Action: The superintendent recommended that the Board

 adopt the proclamation (Miller/Gaines/Carried 5-0).

8. PORT ST. LUCIE ELEMENTARY DONATION

 Action: The superintendent recommended that the Board

 accept the donation of $200 on behalf of Port St.

 Lucie Elementary (Gaines/Hensley/Carried 5-0).

9. ST. LUCIE WEST CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL DONATIONS

 Action: The superintendent recommended that the Board

 accept the donations totaling $6,300 on behalf of

 St. Lucie West Centennial High School (Hensley/

 Miller/Carried 5-0).

10. ST. LUCIE WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL DONATION

 Action: The superintendent recommended that the Board

 accept the donation of $1,000 on behalf of St. Lucie

 West Middle School (Gaines/Hilson/Carried 5-0).

STAFF REPORTS

11. CURRICULUM REPORT – There was no report from the Curriculum Department.

12. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

EMERGENCY ITEM #1 (OF 1)

The superintendent asked that the Board declare a contract with MAXIMUM for administrative claiming (Medicaid) to recoup administrative claiming dollars for July through September, 2003, as an emergency item.

 Action: There was a motion to declare the MAXIMUM

 contract as an emergency item to be placed under

 the consent agenda (Miller/Hensley/Carried 5-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

 Action: The superintendent recommended that the Board

 approve consent agenda items #13 through #22, #24,

 and addendum items #38 and #39, and emergency

 item #1 (of 1) (Hensley/Miller/Carried 5-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

 Action: The superintendent recommended that the Board

 combine items #25 through #36 into one motion to

 approve Stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of

 Law and Penalty, and Final Orders #318 through #329

 (Hensley/Miller/Carried 5-0).

FACILITIES REPORT

Mr. Marty Sanders, Executive Director of Facilities & Maintenance, handed out a draft of an RFP for new high school and directed the Board’s attention to page 5, item D. Mr. Sanders referred to Architect’s Project Experience and had added a request asking that architect firms submit the firm’s previous experience specifically with design of other high schools. Mr. Sanders stated he wanted to confirm with the Board that previous experience with other high school design was necessary.

Individual board members stated their opinions. The consensus was to see what comes in and then make a decision. Dr. Miller suggested putting the word “preferred” such as, “High school experience preferred or similar experience”, so no firm would be eliminated. Under the bullet “work preformed for St. Lucie County School District in last 5 years…” it was determined that 5 years was sufficient.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

37. Interlocal Agreement for Utilities Services - School Site at California and Savona Boulevards, Port St. Lucie.

Attorney Dan Harrell had provided the Board with a draft agreement to lease from the City of Port St. Lucie a four-acre parcel of land that was adjacent to the K-8 school site located at California and Savona Boulevards. By adding the parcel to the 15-acre school site, the School Board could more comfortably plan, construct, and operate a comprehensive campus. The proposed agreement provided that the Board would construct certain recreational components of the school on a leased parcel, with the primary use of those facilities being for the school’s operations. The lease further provided that the City may use the facilities during non-school hours under a schedule to be coordinated with the school’s principal.

Mr. Harrell suggested the following change to page two of the agreement : add the words under 6. b. “During any period that the City elects to conduct activities on the premises, the City will adopt an activity schedule for the Premises that will have minimum conflict with the normal and peaceful conduct of classes at the K-8 School.”

 Action: The superintendent recommended that the Board

 approve and authorize execution of a lease agreement

 in substantially the form provided by Attorney Harrell

 to include the suggested changes outlined by Mr.

 Harrell (Miller/Hilson/Carried 5-0).

CTA REPORT

No report.

CWA REPORT

No report.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS’ REPORTS

Board members expressed their appreciation to everyone who worked so hard to move into the new district office. It was a pleasure to be in the new office and it was felt that much good would come from having all offices together in the same facility.

Dr. Gaines brought up a question he had received from a retired educator. The track at Dan McCarty Middle School had become overgrown and Dr. Gaines asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the track. It was determined that Dan McCarty Middle School was responsible for the maintenance of their track.

Dr. Gaines referred to a letter he had received from a parent and given to Mr. Lannon. The parent had been misinformed and it was explained that if a principal feels the need to put a student in a program, then that would occur. The district goal was to get kids into special reading programs.

Dr. Carvelli explained this would be his last meeting this year as chairman since reorganization was scheduled to occur on November 18, 2003. Dr. Carvelli recalled highlights of his chairmanship which included: 1) the first “State of the District” speech; 2) conducting an Impasse Hearing that started 30 minutes after becoming chairman; 3) requesting the formation of the superintendent search committee to look at options to keep a popular superintendent from leaving the district; 4) supporting a team effort in working with interim superintendent Sandra Wolfe; 5) appointment the new superintendent Michael Lannon; 6) joining the County Commissioners in the first joint meeting; 7) supporting the effort for the district’s first and very successful audit review by OPPAGA; 8) standing together with board members to establish new impact fees for students; 9) initiating staff on collaborative bargaining, and 10) celebrating the opening of the new district office facility.

It was mentioned that there would be an executive session immediately following the regular meeting.

UNSCHEDULED SPEAKERS

There were no unscheduled speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

After conducting all business scheduled to come before the Board, Chairman Carvelli adjourned the regular October 28, 2003 meeting at approximately 8:40 p.m.