

Inverness, Florida
April 23, 2019

An Administrative Hearing, Special Meeting and Workshop were held at the District Services Center located at 1007 West Main Street, Inverness, Florida on Tuesday, April 23, 2019. Present: Sandra Himmel, Superintendent; Thomas Kennedy – Chairman; Sandra Counts – Vice Chairman; School Board Members: Virginia Bryant, Douglas A. Dodd and Linda B. Powers. Also in attendance, R. Wesley Bradshaw, School Board Attorney.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

The Administrative Hearing was opened at 9:00 a.m.

Upon motions made; seconded and approved, an expulsion was directed in Case No. 19-96 and No. 19-100

The Administrative Hearing was closed at 9:10 a.m.

SPECIAL MEETING

Chairman Kennedy opened the Special Meeting at 9:13 a.m. Sandra Counts had opening exercises and reflected on a story about a former student with autism and the positive attitude she had throughout her years in high school. Ms. Counts hoped all teachers were blessed with the same “I can do it” attitude as they approach the last month of school. She then asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA AS RECOMMENDED BY SUPERINTENDENT

Douglas Dodd moved to approve the Adoption of the Agenda as recommended by the Superintendent; seconded by Virginia Bryant and carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES, JONNY BISHOP

- A. Human Resources, Suzy Swain
Approved Instructional and Support Recommendations. (copy in supplemental file)

Sandra Counts moved to approve the Instructional and Support Recommendations; seconded by Virginia Bryant and carried unanimously.

- B. Risk Management, Cheri Cernich
Approved School Board of Citrus County Resolution – Student Crime Watch Program (copy in supplemental file)

Cheri Cernich, Director of Risk Management, requested approval of the School Board of Citrus County Resolution regarding the Student Crime Watch Program in

order to promote responsibility among students and improve school safety. She shared that it was mandated by Florida Statute to have a Resolution.

Virginia Bryant moved to approve the School Board of Citrus County Resolution – Student Crime Watch Program; seconded by Douglas Dodd and carried unanimously.

FINANCE, MIKE MULLEN

- A. Approved the Purchase of Class Link (copy in supplemental file)

Kathy Androski, Coordinator of Informational Services, requested approval of the purchase of Class Link, a single sign-on program. She explained that it allowed students and staff to click on an icon on their mobile device, computer or through the web and logon. That would give them access to all the digital materials and different programs they use with just one login. Mrs. Androski gave a brief overview of the program.

Sandra Counts moved to approve the purchase of Class Link; seconded by Douglas Dodd and carried unanimously.

- B. Approved Archive Social Agreement (copy in supplemental file)

Mrs. Androski requested approval to continue with the Archive Social Agreement. She explained it was used to archive social media accounts used by all teachers, administrators, such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.

Sandra Counts moved to approve the Archive Social Agreement; seconded by Virginia Bryant and carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY, LEGAL MATTERS

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT NEEDS TO COME BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD

Jonny Bishop, Assistant Superintendent, mentioned that the Citrus High School Weightlifting Team Champions would be recognized at the May 14th Board Meeting.

Virginia Bryant mentioned she would be attending a Florida School Board Insurance (FSBIT) meeting in Orlando the following day and was not able to attend Golden Citrus Scholars.

Linda Powers shared that she attended the Joint Government Meeting in Chairman Kennedy's stead. She said all subjects in the county were discussed and felt it was a very productive meeting.

Sandra Counts expressed what a delight it was to see over 400 students doing math problems at Math Field day. She also attended the Elementary Upward Bound and her SAC committee meetings. Ms. Counts mentioned she was looking forward to May with many events to attend.

Thomas Kennedy reminded everyone about the following events: Golden Citrus Scholars, IB Senior Banquet, CRH Senior Awards, the 1st Annual Made for the Trades and the District Staff Luncheon.

FINANCE, MIKE MULLEN - Revisited

- A. Approved the Purchase of Class Link

Sandra Counts moved to accept the Class Link Service Agreement and the addendum; seconded by Virginia Bryant and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kennedy adjourned the Special Meeting at 9:38 a.m.

WORKSHOP

Chairman Kennedy called the Workshop to order at 9:38 a.m.

TOPICS:

- A. Policy Review

Policy 3.40 Safe and Secure Schools (copy in supplemental file)

Chuck Dixon, Director of Planning and Growth Management, discussed the revisions to the policy. Cheri Cernich, Director of Risk Management and Kit Humbaugh, Director of Student Services, were in attendance and responded to the Board's concerns. Following clarification and discussion, it was the consensus to move forward and place Policy 3.40 on a future agenda for advertising for a Public Hearing.

Policy 4.72 Homeless Students (Copy in supplemental file)

Chuck Dixon briefly reviewed minimal changes to the policy to be placed on a future agenda for advertising for a Public Hearing. There was no comment from the Board.

- B. School Board Policy 5.30 & Florida Statute 1003.32 (Copy in supplemental file)

Trish Douglas, Director of Elementary Education, mentioned she brought Policy 5.30 and FL Statute 1003.32 to the workshop for discussion per request of the Board. Linda Powers had questions regarding behavioral students in classrooms. She asked, if a student had been disrupting a classroom, did the teacher have the right to remove that student from the classroom, and if so, was that being done? Ms. Douglas assured Mrs. Powers that it certainly was being done and explained that the student would be placed in another classroom. She shared that there were processes in place, such as problem-solving team meetings on students with behavior issues, interventions have been developed and behavior TOSAs at the district level that helped model and coach some behavior intervention strategies for the teachers. Ms. Douglas stated it was about being proactive and changing student's behavior. She shared that all the elementary schools were utilizing

Sanford Harmony, a social emotional tool that cultivates strong relationships in classrooms. Kit Humbaugh, Director of Student Services, worked with Orange County to help implement Sanford Harmony and gave a brief overview of the program. Mike Mullen, Assistant Superintendent stated that the focus was to educate students at the elementary level and try to change behavior through education.

C. 2019-2020 Code of Student Conduct

Gina Dickey, Coordinator of District Student Services, provided the Board with a packet outlining the proposed changes to the 2019-2020 Code of Student Conduct (COSC), (copy in supplemental file). Ms. Dickey explained that the recommendations came from the schools and were brought to a COSC committee meeting to be discussed. She shared that the COSC would be available digitally and only minimal copies would be printed. She gave a brief overview of the proposed changes to the COSC and following some discussion, it was the consensus to move forward and place on a future agenda for advertising for a Public Hearing.

D. 2019-2020 Budget and 5 Year Work Plan Update (copy in supplemental file)

Tammy Wilson reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the current General Fund Budget situation. Ms. Wilson discussed the Citrus County vs. Statewide impact for Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP); Revenue vs Expenses; Total vs Unrestricted Fund Balance and General Fund Appropriations Summary.

Chairman Kennedy called for a short recess at 11:22 a.m. and reconvened the Workshop at 11:34 a.m.

Ms. Wilson continued with the budget update and reviewed the Capital Fund Budget and a summary of the 5-year work plan and responded to the Board's inquiries and concerns.

Chairman Kennedy adjourned the Workshop at 11:57 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was called at 11:59 a.m. pursuant to Florida Statute 447.605 and the room was cleared except for appropriate designated personnel.

The Executive Session was closed at 12:14 p.m.

Thomas Kennedy
Chairman

Sandra Himmel
Superintendent