

Inverness, Florida
July 30, 2019

A Special Meeting, Workshop and Public Hearing were held at the District Services Center located at 1007 West Main Street, Inverness, Florida on Tuesday, July 30, 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.

SPECIAL MEETING

Chairman Kennedy opened the Special Meeting at 3:00 p.m. Virginia Bryant had opening exercises and 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

Virginia Bryant moved to approve the agenda as recommended by Superintendent Himmel; seconded by Linda Powers and carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES, JONNY BISHOP

A. Food Services, Roy Pistone

Approved Petty Cash Disbursement to Assigned Food Services Personnel for the 2019-2020 School Year (copy in supplemental file)

Linda Powers moved to approve Petty Cash Disbursement to Assigned Food Services Personnel for the 2019-2020 School Year; seconded by Sandra Counts and carried unanimously.

B. Human Resources, Suzy Swain

Approved Instructional and Support Recommendations (copy in supplemental file)

Douglas Dodd moved to approve Instructional and Support Recommendations; seconded by Linda Powers and carried unanimously.

C. Safety and Security, Chief Grant

1) Swearing in School Safety Guardians

Chief Grant, District Police Chief and School Safety Specialist, introduced the district's eight School Safety Guardians and stated they were very prepared to start

the upcoming school year. He shared that in addition to the 144 hours of Guardian Certification training, they also received 150 hours of additional training which included scenarios of responding to active assailants with the School Resource Officers (SROs). Chief Grant expressed his appreciation to the family members of the Guardians who were in the audience for letting their loved ones take on this position as they will be putting themselves on the frontlines for the safety of the students. Superintendent Himmel and School Board Chairman, Thomas Kennedy, swore in the eight Guardians and the School Board members praised them for the combined 183 years of service they had in law enforcement and corrections. Mrs. Himmel thanked the Guardians for their commitment and was very excited about their partnership with the SROs.

- 2) Approved the School Resource Officer Agreement between the School Board of Citrus County and the Citrus County Sheriff's Office for the 2019-2020 School Year (copy in supplemental file)

Tammy Wilson, Director of Finance, made a clarification regarding the funding source of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement. She explained that the funding source FEFP was \$999,729.50. Douglas Dodd asked Chief Grant for clarification regarding SRO coverage at Academy of Environmental Science Station (AES). Chief grant explained that AES will not have a full time SRO, that it was the request of the AES Board, not a decision made by the district, as AES governs themselves as a Charter school. Linda Powers inquired about the coverage of security at the schools and Chief Grant shared the workday schedules for both the Guardians and the SROs. He also assured that there would always be an SRO on the school campuses and that the Guardians were the extra level of security in the schools. After some discussion, Douglas Dodd moved to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement between the School Board of Citrus County and the Citrus County Sheriff's Office for the 2019-2020 School Year; seconded by Sandra Counts and carried unanimously.

- 3) Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the School Board of Citrus County, Florida and the Citrus County Sheriff's Office regarding the School Guardian Program and School Safety Specialist (copy in supplemental file)

Sandra Counts moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the School Board of Citrus County, Florida and the Citrus County Sheriff's Office regarding the School Guardian Program and School Safety Specialist; seconded by Virginia Bryant. Douglas Dodd asked Chief Grant to share what his outlook was regarding the Guardians and SROs working together and communicating with each other. Chief Grant explained they worked through some issues, but most importantly, they had the ability to train very well together. After some discussion, a vote was taken and carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY, LEGAL MATTERS

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT NEEDS TO COME BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD

Douglas Dodd mentioned that Congress was having a Congressional App Challenge contest where there would be a winner for the best computer App designed. He requested that information regarding the contest be provided to the high schools to get them involved.

Sandra Counts mentioned she attended Withlacoochee Technical College's graduation for Law Enforcement Officer's and thought it was very professional. She also visited all of her schools and was very pleased with what they were working on for the upcoming school year.

Thomas Kennedy mentioned he visited his schools during their school improvement plan meetings and said he was very impressed. He said there were great conversations and mental health was a big part of all conversations.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kennedy adjourned the Special Meeting at 3:50 p.m.

CLOSED SAFETY/SECURITY SESSION (Pursuant to Florida Statute 281.301)

The Closed Safety/Security Session was opened at 3:53 p.m. pursuant to Florida Statute 281.301 and the room was cleared with the exception of appropriate designated personnel.

The Closed Safety/Security Session was closed at 4:36 p.m.

WORKSHOP

Chairman Kennedy opened the Workshop at 4:50 p.m.

Chairman Kennedy explained that Topic B. Budget Update, was pushed up before A. Policy Review due to the time as the Public Hearing for the approval of the tentative budget was scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

TOPICS:

- B. Budget Update (copy in supplemental file)

Tammy Wilson, Director of Finance, provided a power point presentation on the Tentative Budget. She reviewed the budget timeline and presented graphs of the history of FTE, Tax Revenue, Property Values and Millage levied. Ms. Wilson also reviewed the FEFP funding and the proposed budget for next year for the General, Special Revenue, Debt Service and Self Insurance Funds. The tentative 5-year work plan was also presented.

Chairman Kennedy recessed the Workshop at 5:31 p.m. and was reconvened at 5:41 p.m.

A. Policy Review

Chuck Dixon, Director of Planning and Growth Management, reviewed the revisions to following existing policies which will be placed on a future agenda for advertising at a Public Hearing:

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

Wes Bradshaw, School Board Attorney, provided some clarification to the revisions of Policy 3.40. Douglas Dodd requested additional language be added to the Policy. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the board to include the additional language and bring the Policy to a future meeting for approval to advertise at a Public Hearing.

Policy 4.60 District and Statewide Assessment Program (copy in supplemental file)

Policy 4.70 Home Education Program (copy in supplemental file)

Policy 5.09 Requirements for Original Entry (copy in supplemental file)

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kennedy adjourned the Workshop at 6:06 p.m.

Thomas Kennedy
Chairman

Sandra Himmel
Superintendent