

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT # 368
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MIAMI COUNTY

Regular Meeting
JANUARY 11, 2010
7:00 P.M. – BOARD OF EDUCATION ROOM

MINUTES

Members Present:

Stacy Bledsoe
Kelly Franke
Brenda Hallstrom

Amiee Seck
Tom Vohs

Members Absent:

Shelly Schierman

Mike Yocam

Dr. Rod Allen, Superintendent of Schools
Judy Welter, Asst. Superintendent of Schools
Jimmy Hay, Business Manager/Clerk
Cheri Cowman, Deputy Clerk

Staff: Amy Hastert, Paula Krehbiel, Mark Bloustine, Matt Meek, Staci Wokutch, Janis Grandon, Jerry Henn

Visitors: Eric White, Brian McCauley

AGENDA

Mr. Vohs moved to approve the agenda as written. Mrs. Hallstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Vohs moved to approve the consent agenda as written. Ms. Franke seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dr Allen appreciated the student holiday programs and the arrangements made for the Legislative Dinner by Cheri Cowman, Shandi Andres, and the PHS staff. Unfortunately, the Legislative Dinner was cancelled this year due to inclement weather. He commended Nancy Arwood, Robin Schneider, and Jimmy Hay for their extra efforts in meeting with teachers considering the retirement incentives and Nancy and Jimmy for conducting interviews/analysis in securing the new health insurance broker. Special thanks to Janis Grandon, Matt Meek, Judy Welter, and Jen Runyan for conducting two rounds of interviews to secure our new nurse before the beginning of the holidays. President Seck thanked the maintenance/custodial staff for the fine job of removing snow at all the buildings.

CURRICULUM PRESENTATION

Paola Middle School Principal, Matt Meek, and Assistant Principal, Mark Bloustine, made the curriculum and Site Council presentations. Under curriculum, PMS is no longer on improvement, have attained Standards of Excellence in Reading, Math, and Writing, and staff are focusing on improvements in their 7/8th grade Math scores, their low social economic status, and student transition to 7th grade. The PMS Site Council has been addressing the following items: a new schedule, 8th grade promotion, the Local Consolidated Plan survey, beginning a new WatchD.O.G.S. program, paperless grade cards and newsletters, starting a student advisory

council, as well as many other factors. Both administrators were positive about the direction the staff and students at PMS are taking.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Allen and Jimmy Hay provided a brief update on funding cuts and budget considerations to the Board of Education. After considering the Governor’s Budget, initial legislative consideration/action, the staff taking advantage of the retirement incentives by February 1, the initial Budget Adjustments Spreadsheet will be presented for discussion/recommendations to the BOE at the February 8 board meeting.

A work session will be held on Monday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Activities Budget Adjustments at Paola High School and Paola Middle School with the building principals and athletic directors.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Vohs moved to approve the Greenbush Driver’s Education Curriculum and Contract. The enrollment cost will change from \$275 to \$240 which is a savings for our students. Mrs. Bledsoe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Vohs moved to approve the copier lease with Ricoh for the next 48 months. All copier equipment in the buildings will be upgraded and/or replaced and the lease amount will be less than the current lease. Ms. Franke seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Benefits Committee is recommending a change in our broker for the district’s self-insured plan. BAS will remain the third party administrator, actually processing claims. Jimmy Hay, Nancy Arwood, and Dr. Allen interviewed five companies and learned a great deal from the interviews and recommendations each made to insure the stability of our plan. Mr. Vohs moved to approve the change in Health Insurance Broker of Record to Bukaty. Ms. Franke seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. District administrators will meet with the new broker to discuss not only their recommendations, but those of the other companies and plan to meet with the Benefits Committee around the end of the month to discuss planned changes for next October’s new plan year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Franke moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and negotiations until 8:45 p.m. Mr. Vohs seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Franke moved to re-enter into executive session to discuss personnel and negotiations until 9:45 p.m. Mrs. Bledsoe seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

No further action was taken. The Board of Education adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

President _____

Clerk _____

Date Approved: