

**NON CONSENT
ITEM 6**

**ORLANDO, FLORIDA
February 10, 2004**

The School Board of Orange County, Florida, met in public hearing and regular meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at 5:30 pm. Present were: Berton R. Carrier, chairman Timothy Shea, vice chairman, Joie Cadle, Judge Richardson Roach, Karen Ardaman and Kathleen B. Gordon school board members; Henry Boekhoff, chief financial officer, Frank C. Kruppenbacher and Andrew B. Thomas, school board attorneys and Ronald Blocker, superintendent.

Susan Landis Arkin, school board member, was absent.

At 4:45 p.m., the board entertained the following special order speakers:

Kathleen Schoenberg, Esq., 1050 Brooks Lane, Delray Beach, Florida, 33483, and Eric Fetter, Esq., 25 South Magnolia Avenue, Orlando, Florida, 32801, addressed the board regarding the operations of MESTA Charter School.

Mr. Carrier recessed the meeting at 4:55 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

Barbara Wooten and Diane Darnell did not show to address the board. Mr. Carrier stated that letters were sent to both and were returned with the notification of "no known address".

A closed expulsion hearing was held at 5:00 p.m. and adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

The chairman called the board meeting to order at 5:35pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed a moment of silence.

The chairman announced that any individual who would like to address an item on the agenda could do so by completing the appropriate form at the board table.

Adoption of Agenda: Mr. Blocker requested the following changes to the agenda: an addendum to 1.1 (Request Approval of Personnel Agenda Dated February 10, 2004, Including the Designation/Creation of Positions to be Filled, the Minimum Job Qualifications for the Positions, Salary Schedules, Appointments and Terminations of Select Personnel) including the removal of the name CS for future action; the additions of 9.5 (Request Approval of the First Amendment to the Agreement Between Lake Nona and The School Board of Orange County, Florida and Authorize the Superintendent to Select a Firm and Enter into A Contract for Permanent Construction of the Addition to North Lake Park Community School) and Nonconsent #5 (Request Immediate Termination of the Charter for MESTA Charter School With a Last day of School Operations on February 13, 2004).

The chairman found good cause to amend the agenda as requested.

It was moved by Mr. Shea and seconded by Mr. Roach that the agenda as amended be approved.

The motion passed 6-0 (with Mrs. Arkin absent).

Adoption of Consent Agenda: It was moved by Mrs. Ardaman and seconded by Mrs. Cadle that the consent agenda be approved.

1. Human Resources and Labor Relations *(Legally Required Board Action)*
 - 1.1 Request Approval of the Personnel Agenda Dated February 10, 2004, Including the Designation/Creation of Positions to be Filled, the Minimum job Qualifications for the Positions, Salary Schedules, Appointments, and Terminations of Select Personnel as Shown Thereon **Addendum**
 - 1.2 Request Approval to Enter Into a Contract With Center & Associates for ESOL Strategies Online Course Service for 150 OCPS Employees
2. Approve Student Expulsions *(Legally Required Board Action)*
 - 2.1 Request Approval of the Expulsion of a Student for the Remainder of the 2003-2004 School Year, Including Summer School and the Entire 2004-2005 School Year, Including Summer School/TR Apopka High School
 - 2.2 Request Approval of the Expulsion of Students in Conjunction With the Waivers of Out-of-School Student Expulsion and The District Behavior Contracts
3. Approve Grant Applications *(Legally Required Board Action)*
 - 3.1 Request Approval of Submission of Application to the Florida Department of Education for a Math and Science Partnership (Title II, Part B) Grant
4. Approve Education Services Related Items *(Legally Required Board Action)*
 - 4.1 Request Approval of School Advisory Council Membership Roster
 - 4.2 Request Approval to Enter an Agreement Between Robert Hungerford Preparatory School and New England Institute of Technology at Palm Beach, Inc. (Hereinafter New England Tech and Florida Culinary Institute) for the Purpose of Establishing a Formal Articulation Between These two Organizations With Regard to Courses Outlined in the Attached Addenda
 - 4.3 Request Approval of Payment to Center for Drug-Free Living for Services Received in New Horizons Programs
 - 4.4 Request Approval of Cooperative Agreement With Center for Drug-Free Living for New Horizons Program and Services
 - 4.5 Request Approval of the First Addendum to the Inter-District Agreement for the Enrollment of Osceola County School Board Students in Princeton House Charter School
 - 4.6 Request Approval to Extend Contract for Mathematics Specialist Sue Burns, The Doodlebug Group, for Schools in the Urban Cohort, North and West Learning Communities
5. Approve Work Force Education Issues *(Legally Required Board Action)*
 - 5.1 Request Approval of the Career and Technical Education Week Proclamation
 - 5.2 Request Approval of the Health Science Training Agreement With Various Agencies for Clinical Experience
6. Approve Curriculum, ESE & Multilingual Services *(Legally Required Board Action)*
 - 6.1 Request Approval of Proclamation Endorsing Brotherhood and Sisterhood Week, February 15-21, 2004
7. Approve Operations Issues *(Legally Required Board Action)*
 - 7.1 Request Approval of Bids to be Awarded – February 10, 2004
8. Approve Business and Finance Functions (None) *(Legally Required Board Action)*

9. Approve Construction Related Issues *(Legally Required By Law)*
 - 9.1 Request Approval of the Certificate of Final Inspection for the Immediate Needs Project at Grand Avenue Elementary School
 - 9.2 Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to DeJong & Associates, Inc.
 - 9.3 Request Approval of Amendment No. 5 to C. T. Hsu & Associates, PA at Boone High School
 - 9.4 Request Approval of Contract for Elementary School Site With Cypress Lakes Investments and, Subject to Completion of all Normal Due Diligence Matters, Authorize the Superintendent to Close on the Site
 - 9.5 Request Approval of the First Amendment to the Agreement Between Lake Nona and The School Board of Orange County, Florida and Authorize the Superintendent to Select a Firm and Enter into A Contract for Permanent Construction of the Addition to North Lake Park Community School **Addition**
10. Approve Change Orders (None) *(Board Policy EL11/Legally Require Board Action)*
11. Approve Legal/Audit Issues
12. Accept Superintendent's Monitoring Reports

At the request of Mr. Roach, Mr. Kruppenbacher provided clarification for item 9.5 (Request Approval of the First Amendment to the Agreement Between Lake Nona and The School Board of Orange County, Florida and Authorize the Superintendent to Select a Firm and Enter into A Contract for Permanent Construction of the Addition to North Lake Park Community School).

The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Blocker introduced the following newly appointed administrators: Jack Green, assistant principal, alternative education; Lee Montgomery, assistant principal, Lake George Elementary; and Ruth Velazquez, assistant principal, Azalea Park Elementary.

Board members highlighted the following from the consent agenda: the efforts of the workforce education department, the importance and role of School Advisory Councils, the partnership between Robert Hungerford Preparatory School and the New England Tech and Culinary Institute, and the board's support of the agreement between the Orange County School Board and Lake Nona.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Mrs. Ardaman and seconded by Mr. Shea that the following minutes be approved:

- Nonconsent #1 – January 20, 2004 – School Board Recognitions
- Nonconsent #2 – January 22, 2004 – School Board Work Session
- Nonconsent #3 – January 27, 2004 – School Board Agenda Review
- Nonconsent #4 – January 27, 2004 – School Board Meeting

The motion passed 6-0.

Nonconsent #5 – Request Immediate Termination of the Charter for MESTA Charter School With a Last Day of School Operations on February 13, 2004: Mr. Blocker briefly reviewed the operation of the MESTA Charter School.

It was moved by Mrs. Ardaman and seconded by Mrs. Cadle that the Charter for MESTA Charter School be terminated with a last day of school operations on February 13, 2004, with authority of the board chairman to execute an order to that effect.

The following individuals addressed the board:

Kathleen Schoenberg, 1050 Brooks Lane, Delray Beach, Florida, 33483
Eric W. Fetter, 25 South Magnolia Avenue, Orlando, Florida, 32801
Elaine Morris, 10151 University Boulevard, Orlando, Florida, 32817
Lisa Worsham, 5830 Elon Drive, Orlando, Florida, 32808
Linton Morris, 5370 Silver Star Road, Orlando, Florida, 32808
Peter Okaiwele, 6668 Ryan Chase Court, Orlando, Florida, 32810
Reverend Evers Robinson, 1521 High Grove Way, Orlando, Florida, 32818
Sylvia Young, 505 Ramona Lane, Orlando, Florida, 32805

There was discussion by board members, Mr. Blocker and Mr. Kruppenbacher.

At the request of Mr. Blocker, Jason Powell, director, school choice services, gave a detailed summary of the operation of MESTA Charter School and highlighted grounds that supported the decision to terminate the charter.

Michael Smith, director, internal audits, provided information regarding the auditing of MESTA Charter School.

There was lengthy discussion among board members, the superintendent and general counsel.

The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Kruppenbacher requested that the chairman to have the record incorporate a modification as stated by general counsel.

It was moved by Mrs. Ardaman and Mr. Roach that the modification as stated by general counsel be approved.

The motion passed 6-0.

School Board Committee Reports: Mr. Carrier asked for consensus of the board to instruct the supt. and appropriate staff to begin discussions with Orange County Government regarding a recommendation from the FOCUS group. The request concerned designating 10 Orange County public schools to house programs for young people in locations where no county parks or facilities are available. This would be contingent upon a suitable agreement between Orange County Public Schools and Orange County Government defining roles and responsibilities of all parties involved. He added that the district would be held harmless in any instances involving those programs, with legal counsel serving on the committee to ensure legal representation and that any program instituted in these schools would be done so to the highest standards.

The board gave consensus to the chairman's request.

Mr. Carrier requested that the superintendent bring something back to the board to discuss in the very near future.

Mr. Blocker gave an update on the Unitary Status work session, stating that a second work session will be scheduled for mid-April.

Mr. Blocker also gave a brief summary of school bus advertising noting that through research, it was discovered that this had been a challenging venture for other districts and organizations. He added that the district would hold off seeing how things go in Putnam County.

Information and Future Meeting Dates: Mr. Blocker announced the following upcoming meetings:

February 23, 2004	4:00 pm	Work Session
February 24, 2004	5:30 pm	School Board Meeting
March 8, 2004	4:00 pm	Work Session
March 9, 2004	5:30 pm	School Board Meeting
April 13, 2004	5:30 pm	School Board Meeting

Information Shared by School Board Members: Mrs. Ardaman commended Mrs. Gordon for her work on alternatives for Magnet Busing.

Mrs. Gordon reminded everyone the FSBA “Rally in Tally” is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2004, in Tallahassee. She added each district represented had been asked to display a banner boasting statistics about their successes and invited her fellow board members to attend.

Mrs. Cadle reported she and Mr. Shea recently had the pleasure of attending the University High School Consortium Meeting where feeder schools got together to hear information on how University is transitioning from the 4 X 4 block to a traditional six period day. She also visited Oakshire Elementary School and spoke with the International Reading Team who was there look at their reading program.

Mr. Roach commended Mrs. Gordon for her outstanding, enthusiastic participation in FSBA.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Chairman

Secretary

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