

Meeting of the Board of Education  
Flora Community Unit School District #35  
August 9, 2010 - Administration Office  
5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Warren, Kitley, Nicholson, Erbacher, Hout, Luttrell and Suntrup.

Administration Present: Pierson, Gummert, Schade, Pearce and Carder;  
T. Pearce and Johnson

Guests: Karla Slover, Steve Downen & Bill Reichert, EWR

Media: Beth Fancher

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

1. Motion Nicholson, seconded by Luttrell, to approve the Consent Agenda: Minutes from previous meeting , July 19, 2010, Bills, Treasurer's report and approve Cheri Gill to receive Board member petitions for the April, 2011 Board election. Roll call: Warren, yes; Kitley, yes; Hout, yes; Suntrup, yes; Nicholson, yes; Erbacher, yes; Luttrell, yes.
2. Steve Downen, EWR, presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Education using "looking forward to our children's future". The presentation was also available at the district's central registration and will be available at each school's open house. The presentation suggests that construction of a new elementary school building will result in a district wide savings.
3. Superintendent Pierson updated the Board on the hiring of Holland Construction of Swansee as the Construction Manager.
4. Superintendent Pierson informed the Board there were no new updates concerning schedule B.
5. Motion Hout, seconded by Nicholson, to approve the Tentative Budget for the 2010-11 school year, as presented, to place a copy on file for public inspection for thirty days, and to set the Budget Hearing at the regular meeting of the Board of Education on Monday, September 20, 2010. All ayes. Motion carried
6. Mr. Pierson reported the Board has been working with Edward Jones representatives concerning the bond referendum.

7. Motion Nicholson, seconded by Suntrup, to approve Superintendent Pierson to hire staff as needed to start the school year. Roll call: Erbacher, yes; Luttrell, yes; Warren, yes; Kitley, yes; Hout, yes; Suntrup, yes; Nicholson, yes.
8. Committee Reports: None
9. Administrator Reports: Elementary Principal Pearce reported they are still waiting on Pre-K funding, McEndree Open House is Thursday, September 2nd and Washington Open House is Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Principal Carder reported Open House for Lincoln is Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and Xenia's Open House is Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. FHJHS Pincipal Schade 6<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation is Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and Open House is Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. FHS Principal Gummert reported fall sports had started, Open House is Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and the football team would like permission to stay overnight on October 8<sup>th</sup> prior to the October 9<sup>th</sup> Momence game. The Quarterback Club will be paying for the hotel. Board member Erbacher, spoke to the Board as a junior class parent, that the Junior class would like to have several fundraisers. Since there is no JILG, they spoke to Bobby McNeely and the Junior class will be taking over the Dodgeball fundraiser on October 21<sup>st</sup>, also they would like to have a FHS Alumni Basketball game around the holidays. Maintenance Director Johnson reported Howell Paving had started work on the junior high parking lot and Coating & Applications had started on the McEndree roof. Superintendent Pierson started out by thanking the retired teachers for their help and support on the new elementary building and thanking everyone who helped with Central Registration, 95% of the kids were registered during those 2 days. Mr. Pierson also informed the Board of the mentoring program on Thursday, the planning of a track dedication on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and he would like for the Building & Grounds committee to meet 30 minutes before all the Open House's.
10. Motion Luttrell, seconded by Nicholson, to approve the overnight stay for the FHS football team on October 8<sup>th</sup> prior to the October 9<sup>th</sup> Momence game. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. The Board of Education took a short break from the meeting. (7:06 p.m.) All ayes. Motion carried.
12. Motion Nicholson, seconded by Suntrup, to enter into executive session. (7:30 p.m.) All ayes. Motion carried.
13. Motion Erbacher, seconded by Kitley, to return to regular session. (8:09 p.m.) All ayes. Motion carried.
14. Motion Luttrell, seconded by Erbacher, to accept the letter of resignation from Amy Postin as a Teacher's Assistant, effective immediately. All ayes. Motion carried.

15. Motion Kitley, seconded by Nicholson, to approve personal leave for Lori Shehorn on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> . All ayes. Motion carried.
16. Motion Hout, seconded by Suntrup, to approve personal leave for Whitney Luttrell on August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> . All ayes. Motion carried. Luttrell abstained.
17. Motion Kitley, seconded by Luttrell, to approve an 8 week maternity leave for Kellie Massie with the starting range from September 3<sup>rd</sup> to September 10<sup>th</sup>. All ayes. Motion carried.
18. Motion Hout, seconded by Suntrup, to employ Therese Jochums as Junior High Secretary for the 2010-11 school year. Roll call: Nicholson, yes; Erbacher, yes; Luttrell, yes; Warren, yes; Kitley, yes; Hout, yes; Suntrup, yes.
19. Motion Hout, seconded by Suntrup, to employ Jennifer Melton as High School Home Economics Teacher and Co-Scholastic Bowl Coach for the 2010-11 school year. Roll call: Kitley, yes; Hout, yes; Suntrup, yes; Nicholson, yes; Erbacher, yes; Luttrell, yes; Warren, yes.
20. Motion Nicholson, seconded by Kitley, to employ Whitney Luttrell as a Teacher's Assistant for the 2010-11 school year. Roll call: Erbacher, yes; Warren, yes; Kitley, yes; Hout, yes; Suntrup, yes; Nicholson, yes. Luttrell abstained.
21. Motion Hout, seconded by Nicholson, to approve Whitney Luttrell as Volunteer High School Tennis Coach for the 2010-11 school year. All ayes. Motion carried. Luttrell abstained.
22. Motion Hout, seconded by Suntrup, to employ Diane Brashear as a Teacher's Assistant for the 2010-11 school year. Roll call: Nicholson, yes; Erbacher, yes; Luttrell, yes; Warren, yes; Kitley, yes; Hout, yes; Suntrup, yes.
23. Motion Nicholson, seconded by Kitley, to adjourn the meeting. (8:15 p.m.) All ayes. Motion carried.