

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MANATEE COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2002**

The School Board of Manatee County met in regular session at the School Board Administration Building on Monday, October 7, 2002, at 7:02 p.m. Members present: Harry G. Kinnan, Chairman, Frank Brunner, Barbara A. Harvey, Walter E. Miller, and Larry Simmons.

MINUTES

Mr. Brunner moved, with a second by Mr. Simmons, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 16, 2002, Regular Meeting of September 23, 2002 and Executive Session of September 23, 2002. Motion carried 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

FIVE STAR SCHOOL AWARD

The Five Star School Award is a prestigious award sponsored by the Department of Education. The award recognizes individual schools that strive for total community involvement. Schools must exhibit participation in the components of volunteers, business partnerships, family involvement, school advisory council and youth community service. The following schools are the recipients of the award:

Braden River Elementary
Manatee High
Miller Elementary
Orange Ridge-Bullock Elementary
Rowlett Magnet Elementary
Tillman Elementary
Wakeland Elementary

Marianne Lorentzen, Coordinator of Community & Press Relations, introduced the principal and/or representatives from each school, who accepted a certificate in recognition of the school's accomplishment.

Audience and Board Members gave all representatives a round of applause.

RESOLUTION: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION WEEK - OCTOBER 6-12, 2002

October 6-12, 2002 will be designated as Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Week. The Governor and Cabinet have issued a resolution proclaiming the week to be dedicated to recognizing ESE teachers, related personnel, ESE students, their parents and families.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Florida's education system is based upon the principle that all individuals shall have the opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve their full potential and contribute to the general welfare of their community; and

WHEREAS, educational programs for exceptional students, including students with disabilities and students who are gifted, incorporate this fundamental principle; and

WHEREAS, students with disabilities receive a variety of specialized services and instruction that enable them to participate in, and benefit from, educational activities; and

WHEREAS, access to assistive technology and communication devices, such as Braille, large print materials, sign language, and other accommodations to the general curriculum, allow students with disabilities to participate in classroom activities, benefit from instruction, and demonstrate their capabilities; and

WHEREAS, students with disabilities are provided with transition services to prepare them to attain their desired post school outcomes including postsecondary education, employment, and adult living; and

WHEREAS, students who are gifted are provided with advanced academic opportunities through acceleration and enrichment activities that help them expand their horizons and reach their potential; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has demonstrated its commitment to school improvement and accountability for all students which will increase positive outcomes for Florida's approximately 468,000 exceptional students ages birth through 21; and

WHEREAS, nearly 47,000 Florida teachers, paraprofessionals, and other educators work daily to assist these students and their parents to achieve their goals and progress on the path to excellence; and

WHEREAS, their contributions are worthy of recognition and appreciation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board and Superintendent of Manatee County Schools do hereby declare the week of October 6-12, 2002 as

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION WEEK

and urge all principals, students, parents, and citizens of Manatee County to join in this recognition and extend their appreciation for the dedicated efforts and commitment to educational excellence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Board and Superintendent of Manatee County Schools do hereby salute these outstanding educators for their dedication and unique contributions to helping each child broaden skills needed to meet the challenges of the future.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, School Board Chairman Harry G. Kinnan and Superintendent Dan Nolan have hereunto subscribed their names on this 7th day of October, 2002.

Harry G. Kinnan, Chairman of the Board

Dan Nolan, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Brunner moved, with a second by Mr. Miller, to designate October 6-12, 2002 as Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Week in Manatee County Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION: THE FIRST UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA SARASOTA/MANATEE WEEK - OCTOBER 13-19, 2002

Representatives from the University of South Florida (USF), Sarasota/Manatee Campus and the USF Sarasota/Manatee Campus Board were in attendance to accept a Proclamation designating the week of October 13-19, 2002 as the first University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee Week.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

**THE FIRST UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
SARASOTA/MANATEE WEEK
OCTOBER 13-19, 2002**

WHEREAS, the measure of a community's strength rests in its ability to provide and prepare its populace for intellectual and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida (USF) was established in 1956 and has grown in just 45 years to be the second largest university in Florida and the 15th largest in the southeast United States, with more than 39,000 students; and

WHEREAS, USF was named to the top national classification of research universities by the Carnegie Foundation in 1999,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census reported this year that a higher education degree unequivocally generates higher work life earnings for the average American adult,

WHEREAS, regional campuses enable universities to offer the convenience of educational programs to citizens in outlying areas from a main university campus, and since 1975 the USF Sarasota/Manatee regional campus has been a tremendous asset to our community, attracting residents, contributing to employee advancement and retention in the workplace, and providing residents with educational advancement and intellectual enhancement,

WHEREAS, USF Sarasota/Manatee currently serves 2,500 students annually, and offers 25 undergraduate and graduate degrees in careers such as accounting, criminology, education, information technology, management, nursing, psychology and social work,

WHEREAS, USF Sarasota/Manatee and The School Board of Manatee County have an ongoing partnership in the Para-to-Teacher program and in the development of high school Teacher Academies,

WHEREAS, USF Sarasota/Manatee will be adding more degree programs in the near future and expand classroom and office space in 2005 to accommodate expected annual enrollment of 4,800 students,

WHEREAS, USF Sarasota/Manatee is the public university for the residents of Sarasota and Manatee counties, and is located conveniently at the county line adjacent to the Ringling Museum of Art and the Sarasota Bradenton International Airport at University Parkway and U.S. 41,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we declare October 13-19, 2002, as the first University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee Week, offering a variety of educational and entertaining events for area residents to attend at the campus, making our community more aware of the higher education opportunities USF has to offer, and demonstrating the value of having a metropolitan research university campus in our own backyard.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, School Board Chairman Harry G. Kinnan and Superintendent Dan Nolan have hereunto subscribed their names on this 7th day of October, 2002.

Harry G. Kinnan, Chairman of the Board

Dan Nolan, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Simmons moved, with a second by Mrs. Harvey, to approve the Proclamation designating the week of October 13-19, 2002 as the first University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee Week. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK – OCTOBER 14-18, 2002

The Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have set their names and subscribed to a resolution declaring October 14-18, 2002 as National School Lunch Week. This resolution encourages the participation of all residents of the State of Florida in the planned activities of the week. It also recognizes the significant contributions made by the National School Lunch Program, enhancing the total educational experience of students.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program continues to play a vital role in shaping the health and nutrition patterns of Florida's children; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program has supported the promotion and implementation of nutrition principles outlined in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program promotes the increased consumption of high-quality, nutritious, agricultural products from Florida; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program serves the nation's children by providing meals that enhance their readiness to learn and to succeed in school; and

WHEREAS, , the Florida and the American School Food Service Associations collaborate with other organizations dedicated to the educational success of America's children by creating public awareness of the impact of hunger on a child's ability to learn.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that *RESOLVED* that the School Board of Manatee County, Florida does hereby proclaim October 14th through the 18th.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

In Manatee County, Florida, and encourages all residents to participate in the planned activities of the week and to recognize the significant contributions made by the National School Lunch Program which enhances the total educational experience of students.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the School Board of Manatee County, and the Superintendent of Schools have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the School Board of Manatee County to be hereunto affixed in the City of Bradenton on this 7th Day of October, 2002.

Chairman of the Board

Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Harvey moved, with a second by Mr. Miller, to approve the Proclamation declaring October 14-18, 2002 as National School Lunch Week. Motion carried 5-0.

AGENDA CHANGES

Chairman Kinnan announced the following Agenda changes: C. - 2. **Agreement for Professional Services Between Owner and Architect/Engineer**, C. - 3. **Agreement for Professional Services Between Owner and Construction Manager**, C. - 4. **Agreement for Professional Services Between Owner and Architect/Engineer for Continuing Contracts**, and C. - 5. **Agreement for Professional Services Between Owner and Construction Manager for Continuing Contracts** were withdrawn from the Agenda at the request of the School Board Attorney; C. - 10. **Approval to Contract with Osceola County School Board as Fiscal Agent for the East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC), October 1, 2002 Through June 30, 2003** was pulled from Consent for the purpose of

discussion and placed under New Business "C"; G. – 6. **Approval of Job Description for Grants and Marketing Specialist at Manatee Technical Institute** was withdrawn from the Agenda; and G. – 7. **Approval of Job Description for a New Position, School Bus Transportation Dispatcher** was pulled for the purpose of discussion and placed under New Business "D."

CONSENT ITEMS

Mr. Miller moved, with a second by Mr. Simmons, to approve the Consent Items as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Purchase(s) Bids Under \$100,000.00

Approval of Contract on Park and Playground Equipment and Surfacing, Based on State of Florida Contract, MCSD No. 03-0042-ML

Approved of the Contract for Park and Playground Equipment and Surfacing, Based on State of Florida Bid, to various suppliers, as required, for the period of October 8, 2002 through March 31, 2003, not to exceed \$75,000.00. The expenditures will be charged to various Budgetary Accounts throughout the District as well as Internal Accounts.

Approval of Purchase of School Bus, MCSD No. 03-0041-ML

Approved of the purchase of School Bus from Florida Transportation Systems, Inc., Florida Registration No. P00688, not to exceed \$73,449.00.

Approval of Request for Proposals for Water Treatment Services, MCSD No. 03-0025-ML

Approved of Water Treatment Services, from American Technical Services of Central Florida, Inc., Florida Registration No. H42255, for the period of October 8, 2002 through October 7, 2003, for the sites listed on the fee schedule and any additional sites as required, not to exceed \$50,000.00. (Copy of Fee Schedule can be found in the Supplemental Minute Book.)

Approval of Purchase(s) Bids Over \$100,000.00

Approval of Revision of Bid MCSD No. 00-0098-SS

Approved of Revision of bid not to exceed \$500,000.00 for the period of July 9, 2002 through July 8, 2003. (Renewal (2) of Invitation for Bid on Microcomputer

Peripherals, Software and Services was approved on July 8, 2002; original Invitation for Bid was approved on June 19, 2000.)

Approval of Invitation for Bid on Food Service Paper and Plasticware Products, MCSD No. 03-0026-KS

Approved of Invitation for Bid on Food Service Paper and Plasticware Products from Peninsular Paper Company, as indicated on the Bid Tabulation, as required, for the period of October 8, 2002 through October 7, 2003, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. The estimated expenditure for these purchases will be paid from various School Food Service Budget Accounts. The four positive respondents are:

Bidders

Interboro Packaging Corporation
Peninsular Paper Company
Sysco Food Services – West Coast Florida
Unisource Worldwide, Inc.

(Copy of Bid Tabulation and Evaluation Report can be found in the Supplemental Minute Book.)

Approval Of Renewal (1) on Request for Proposals for Retrofit/Data Wiring Projects, MCSD No. 02-0025-SS

Approved of Renewal (1) of Approval of Request for Proposals for Retrofit/Data Wiring Projects in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 from various suppliers, as needed, through September 10, 2003. (Original Request for Proposal was approved on September 10, 2001.)

Approval of Invitation for Bid on Pigeon Control Services, MCSD No. 03-0006-ML

Approved of the Invitation for Bid on Pigeon Controls Services, from Pest Management Consulting, Florida Registration No. G99203900227, the one positive respondent, for the period of October 8, 2002 through October 7, 2003, not to exceed \$120,000.00. (Copy of Bid Tabulation can be found in the Supplemental Minute Book.)

Contracts and Grants

1. Approved of settlement agreement with Robert Spagnola. The School Board will remit payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the employee.
2. *Agreement for Professional Services Between Owner and Architect/Engineer – THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN*
3. *Agreement for Professional Services Between Owner and Construction Manager – THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN*
4. *Agreement for Professional Services Between Owner and Architect/Engineer for Continuing Contracts – THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN*
5. *Agreement for Professional Services Between Owner and Construction Manager for Continuing Contracts – THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN*
6. Approved of the Transportation Agreement between the School Board of Manatee County and Manatee County Head Start for School Bus Field Trip Transportation Services for the 2002-2003 school year. Head Start will pay \$14.00 per hour each day of service for the salary of the driver and, if required, for the salary of the school bus monitor. The community youth organization will also pay \$1.00 per mile traveled to cover bus-operating expenses.
7. Approved of the Transportation Agreement between the School Board of Manatee County and Special Olympics Florida, Manatee County for School Bus Field Trip Transportation Services for 2002-2003 school year. The Special Olympics will pay \$14.00 per hour each day of service for the salary of the driver and, if required, for the salary of the school bus monitor. The community youth organization will also pay \$1.00 per mile traveled to cover bus-operating expenses.
8. Approved of an amendment to the contract for ARAMARK Educational Resources, Inc., d/b/a Medallion School Partnerships, before- and after-school enrichment programs for the 2002-2003 school year. The district will receive a lease payment from Medallion of \$100.00 per week, per site for before- and after-school space usage at Miller, Palma Sola, and Palmetto Elementary for up to three months or until enrollments reach 50 students (whichever comes first). Facility lease payments for use of other schools (Braden River, Kinnan, Orange Ridge-Bullock, Rowlett, Sea Breeze, Tara and Witt Elementary Schools) will continue at the current rate of \$200.00 per week, per site.
9. Approved to renew the contract between the School Board of Manatee County and the Sheriff of Manatee County, Florida for School Resource Officers for the 2002-2003 school year. The Manatee County Sheriff shall commit a total of twenty, regularly employed deputy sheriffs to the SRO

program assigned to schools within their jurisdiction. Of these twenty deputy sheriffs, one (1) will be assigned to Manatee Technical Institute, one (1) will be assigned to Horizons, three (3) will be assigned to high schools, six (6) to middle schools, five (5) to the elementary schools, three (3) Sergeants will be designated as supervisors to oversee the SRO Programs and one (1) Lieutenant to act as liaison between the School Board and the Sheriff. This contract is to begin October 1, 2002. This contract, in the amount of \$708,162.60, will be paid from Safe Schools categorical funds. There are no matching requirements.

10. **Approval To Contract With Osceola County School Board As Fiscal Agent For The East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC), October 1, 2002 Through June 30, 2003** – THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND PLACED AS NEW BUSINESS “C”
11. Approved of the contract with Mariner Health of Palmetto, Inc., for on-the-job training (for high school Exceptional Student Education students) for the 2002-2003 school year. Cost of transportation will be appropriately allocated through the Manatee County School Board Transportation Department budget and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funds.
12. Approved of the agreement between the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the School Board of Manatee County for water resource education programs for the 2002-2003 school year and approved to accept and expend the funds provided by Southwest Florida Water Management District. The agreement provides funding not to exceed \$15,900.00 for water resource programs in Manatee County Schools to be used for the following: Teacher mini grants - \$14,900.00; Water Resource Education Programs - \$500.00; Environthon - \$500.00.
13. Approved to submit the application for Title III No Child Left Behind LEP (Limited English Proficiency)/Immigrant grant funds for the 2002-2003 school year. The district will receive grant funds in the amount of \$84,454.00, Project #4053. There are no matching requirements.
14. Approved to accept and expend the Title V, Part A, Innovative Programs grant funds for the 2002-2003 school year. The funding will enable the district to provide 1.5 teachers to the EdOptions/Stars online curriculum to increase the number of students able to be served in the program. One of these teachers will provide on-the-job training serving both online and Horizons Academy students. The district will receive \$262,000.00 in Title V grant funds. There are no matching requirements.

15. Approved to accept and expend Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) Second-Year Grant funds. The district will receive \$2,492,381.00 in MSAP grant funds.
16. Approved to accept and expend funds from the Florida Department of Education for the Title II, Part A Grant, and approved of the four positions and the job descriptions. The grant will provide \$2,067,482.00 to the School District of Manatee County. The salaries and benefits for the positions of Curriculum Resource Teacher, School Leadership Development Coordinator, and Induction Resource Teachers are included in the grant, and no district funds are required.

Construction Services

1. Approved of the Sara Scott Harllee Middle School – Storm Water Drainage Improvements Project – Change Order #1. A deduction of (\$7,271.80) to the previous \$41,471.00 Guaranteed Maximum Price, resulting in a total project cost of \$34,199.20 with an increase of zero (0) days.
2. Approved of the Sara Scott Harllee Middle School – Storm Water Drainage Improvements Project – Substantial Completion.
3. Approved Southeast High School – Educational Plant Supplemental Survey. (Copy of Survey can be found in the Supplemental Minute Book.)

Final Orders

1. Approved of and the execution of the Final Order for Student Expulsion No. 1, July 9, 2002.
2. Approved of and the execution of the Final Order for Student Expulsion No. 1, August 19, 2002.

Finance

1. Approved the increase in Food Service Change Fund amounts for 2002-2003 as indicated below:

<u>Cost Center - Cafeteria</u>	<u>Individual Responsible</u>	<u>Amount of Increase</u>
Palmetto High School	Linda Pardy	\$ 400.00
Southeast High School	Rita Vincent	\$ 100.00
King Middle School	Myrna Veltri	\$ 80.00

Manatee High School	Rusty Moore	\$ 382.00
Braden River Middle	Karen Angel	\$ 75.00
TOTAL		\$1037.00

2. Approved disposition of the identified district tangible personal property in accordance with Florida Statute 274. The amount of \$250,046.52 in tangible personal property will be removed from the inventory records. (Copy of List can be found in the Supplemental Minute Book.)

Personnel

- 1-5. Approved Personnel List and Addendum, copies of which can be found in the Supplemental Minute Book.
6. **Approval of Job Description for Grants and Marketing Specialist at Manatee Technical Institute** – THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN.
7. **Approval of a Job Description for a New Position, School Bus Transportation Dispatcher** – THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND PLACED AS NEW BUSINESS “D”

INFORMATION

A listing of Leaves was provided for the Board’s information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Mary Ruth Coker spoke in support of bringing prayer to the schools. She said that to have prayer in the schools would help stop some of the bullying, and keep children safer in schools.
2. Raphael Allen encouraged the Board to locate an elementary and middle school in central Bradenton. He requested feedback from the district in response to MCCAT’s (Manatee County Community Action Team) prior recommendations for school sites.
3. Joe Houston spoke in support of locating an elementary school in the central corridor, to prevent situations of those children spending inordinate amounts of time on school buses.

4. Ted Jenkins queried whether or not plans have been developed for the schools in the Bradenton Village zone to accommodate the influx of students of families moving into that area.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Simmons

Board Representation – Scheduled to attend the Florida School Boards Association Legislative Committee Meeting this week.

Old Bayshore High School Gym - Requested a decision be made regarding plans for the Old Bayshore High School Gymnasium.

Custodial Services – Noted that as the system grows and the entire support staff has to grow, operational dollars in the system will soon become a major issue. He requested to begin discussing some kind of plan to increase operational dollars to meet those needs.

Mr. Brunner

Old Bayshore High School – Requested a staff presentation at a Business Meeting prior to November 7, regarding use of Old Bayshore High School as a Joint Facility, and then, also, as an Agenda item for the November 7 Joint Session with the Board of County Commissioners.

Response to Public Comments

Prayer in School – Noted there would be a presentation made this evening regarding what the district can and cannot do according to law regarding prayer in school. He said this Board has taken a stand to allow students to exercise their faith freely and without being infringed.

Follow-up with MCCAT Organization – Requested for the Superintendent to also share with the School Board and other concerned members of the neighborhood the information that will be given to the MCCAT organization regarding potential school sites.

Process re Financial Advisor – Requested a presentation regarding the issue of the Financial Advisor prior to any final Board decision.

Superintendent Nolan noted that a Workshop is scheduled for this matter.

Mrs. Harvey

Traffic Study – Requested a study of the traffic flow in the front and to the east of Tillman Elementary School, for placing a blinking light in that area.

Silence Hurts – Reported on her attendance at the Inaugural Event for Silence Hurts held today at Braden River Middle School.

Violence Prevention Event – Provided a favorable report on the Violence Prevention Event that was held on September 24.

Security at Manatee High School – Thanked staff for the information provided in the Superintendent’s Update, and requested a Presentation to the Board on the status of this issue.

“Children of Children” Exhibit - Announced the upcoming “Children of Children” exhibit on December 26 to January 11 as an activity sponsored by the Manatee Children Services Advisory Board’s Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Committee. Requested permission to present the 8minute video regarding this exhibit to the Board, in lieu of her comments, at its next Business Meeting.

Manatee County Transit - Requested that staff meet with Manatee County Transit representatives to establish additional routes or situations where the district’s students are able to utilize transit routes, especially for school choice situations.

Alzheimer’s Memory Walk – Invited Board Members to join her as she participates in the Alzheimer’s Memory Walk scheduled for October 19, at 8:00 a.m., starting at Veteran’s Park.

Mr. Miller

Asphalt Plant – Clarified to the public that the Manatee County Board of County Commission, rather than the School Board, is responsible to address issues of property use/zoning issues. He said he has received several requests from citizens asking the Board to reject the request for zoning the asphalt plant to Lakewood Ranch Boulevard.

Teacher Salaries – Requested that Dr. Richard Jackson (Grantwriter/Legislative Liaison) take the message to Legislators in Tallahassee regarding the salaries of Florida school teachers, whose salaries are way out of line with those of other states, and especially Georgia.

Concern re Hurricane Windows at Oneco Elementary – Requested that: 1) Dr. Nolan have staff evaluate the windows at Oneco Elementary to determine whether or not they meet all safety codes; 2) to work with teachers to determine if the windows present a problem for anyone who would be attempting to egress during an incident; 3) if the windows present a problem, to modify them; and, 4) demonstrate to the teachers that the windows meet all safety codes.

Pigeon Control – Noted that tonight the Board approved \$120,000.00 for pigeon abatement, however last year's expense to address this issue was only \$1,887.29. He requested information from staff to explain why this year's expense is so much greater, and not reflective of the historical expense.

Mr. Kinnan

Student Safety – Made assurance that this Board, in the form of Resolution and in the form of action, has made its stand well known that it has, and will continue to, consider the safety of children to be paramount.

Committee of Naming of Schools – Announced an upcoming meeting of this committee on Thursday, October 10.

Board Representation – Announced the appointment of Mr. Brunner to represent the Board in meetings with Superintendent Nolan and University of Florida representatives regarding the district's acquisition of

the University of Florida Gulf Coast Research and Education Center (“Ag Center”).

Board Representation on Sarasota-Manatee Manufacturers – Announced the meeting of this group on the third Wednesday of every month, and requested Board representation on this organization.

Mrs. Harvey agreed to serve in this capacity.

United Way Campaign – Noted that the annual fund raising campaign has begun. Said historically, the School district has supported United Way in unparalleled fashion, and has faith it will continue to do so.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1. Silence Hurts/Violence Prevention Summit – Made complimentary remarks regarding all participants of this September 24 event.
2. Tri-County School Board Meeting – Announced the Joint Meeting of the Manatee, Sarasota and Charlotte County School Boards planned for November has been postponed until after the beginning of the year.
3. Mote Marine Laboratory Distance Learning Workshop – Announced that on Friday, he had unexpectedly received a contract presented by Mote Marine in preparation for the October 16 Workshop. He suggested the Board consider a delay of the Workshop to allow staff to appropriately review the Agreement.

Board Members agreed to continue with the scheduled Workshop, with the understanding that it would not move forward to implement any Agreement unless appropriately reviewed and recommended by staff.

4. Old Bayshore High School Plans – Assured the Board that he and staff are moving forward to develop plans for Old Bayshore High School.
5. Concern re Hurricane Windows at Oneco Elementary – Said he planned to visit Oneco Elementary School himself to examine the windows, and would follow Mr. Miller’s suggestions.
6. Food Service Issues – Reported that one meeting regarding Food Service Issues had already occurred, and he would keep the Board apprised as the situation progresses.

7. “Keep Manatee Beautiful” Recycling Award – Complimented custodians and maintenance staff at the Matzke Complex for the recent “Keep Manatee Beautiful” Recycling award to the School Board for the fourth consecutive year.
8. “Keep Manatee Beautiful” Landscaping Award – Commended the landscaping work of custodial crews at Bashaw, Manatee, Moody and Palm View Elementary Schools, for which those schools were recently recognized.
9. 2001/2002 Energy Conservation – Announced kudos for the awareness of staff, custodians, and maintenance employees at Anna Maria Elementary, Manatee High, Palmetto High, Wakeland Elementary, Abel Elementary, Johnson Middle, Kinnan Elementary, and Lee Middle Schools, whose practice of energy conservation saved the district \$56,000.00.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKFLOW CHART

Board Members commented regarding revisions and additions to the School Board Workflow Chart.

(A copy of the current Workflow Chart can be found in the Superintendent’s Office.)

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

PRAYER IN THE CLASSROOM – MARK BARNEBEY

Mark Barnebey, School Board Attorney, presented information regarding prayer in the classroom, as requested by Vice-Chairman Harvey at the September 23 Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

HIGH SCHOOL ‘AAA’ – STUDENT STATIONS

The constituents in Manatee County approved a one-half cent sales tax for school construction in May 2002. The construction list proposed by the School Board included High School ‘AAA.’ Lakewood Ranch High School has 1,985 student stations, and it is the most recent full size high school constructed in Manatee County. The facilities list adopted by the School Board and included within the school plant survey includes

1,938 student stations within high schools. Staff has advertised for a 2,000 student station high school with core facilities designed to accommodate 2,500 students.

The Long Range Planning committee and School Board have previously discussed programmatic use rates for the various types of schools. The programmatic use rate for high schools in Manatee County ranges from approximately 83 percent to 90 percent. Effective July 1, 2003 the maximum size of a high school will be a student population of 900. The 2,000 student stations proposed would allow two 900-student population schools based on a programmatic rate of 90 percent. Constructing the core facility for 2,500 students will allow future student station expansion.

There is no charge to determine the size of a high school.

The Superintendent recommends approval of High School 'AAA' 2,000 Student Stations, and a core facility to accommodate 2,500 students.

Board Members discussed this issue at length.

Mr. Brunner moved, with a second by Mrs. Harvey, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to build a core facility of 2,500 student stations, and a student station capacity of 2,000. Voting for: Mr. Brunner, and Mrs. Harvey. Voting against: Mr. Miller, Mr. Kinnan, and Mr. Simmons. Motion defeated: 3-2.

Mr. Kinnan moved, with a second by Mr. Brunner, to build High School 'AAA' for 2,000 Student Stations, and a core facility of 2,250.

Mr. Brunner requested a friendly amendment to approve up to 272,000 square feet for the design.

Chairman Kinnan accepted the amendment.

Board Members discussed the motion at length.

Chairman Kinnan called the question.

Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ACQUIRE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA GULF COAST RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER AT BRADENTON

Pursuant to Florida Statute 253.111(4) (2002) related to state lands, the Florida Legislature provided opportunity for the State Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, i.e., the Governor and Cabinet, to convey lands to School Boards and other state entities.

The Superintendent of Schools is recommending that the School Board adopt a resolution to the Board of Trustees indicating the district's intent to acquire the land located at State Road 70 and Caruso Road, the University of Florida Gulf Coast Research & Educational Center at Bradenton.

The Superintendent and staff have met with representatives of the University of Florida to begin discussions regarding the acquisition of this 180 acre site for the purpose of construction of a high school and other schools. Based on these discussions, staff has been advised that it would be appropriate to forward an indication of the Board's intent to acquire this acreage to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Governor & Cabinet). This notice of intent can come in the form of a letter or a resolution approved by the Board. The representatives at the University of Florida are preparing a similar letter to be forwarded by the president of the University of Florida or the Vice President of Agricultural and Natural Resources to accompany this resolution when it is forwarded to the Cabinet.

The Board of County Commissioners has already given firm indication of their approval for the district to move forward with this acquisition. Although staff's prior understanding was that the Board of County Commissioners would be involved in the acquisition, the University of Florida representatives have advised that involvement is required only in the event that the University wishes to proceed with a sale to private developers. Florida Statute Section 253.111(4) enables the state to convey the land directly to the district school board.

The passing of the resolution has no immediate direct fiscal impact, but merely enables staff to begin direct negotiations with the Board of Trustees to secure the land at the appraised value.

Although the land appraisal has not been certified, staff's discussions with the University of Florida have indicated that the acquisition of the land would be within our current appropriation for site acquisition.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the proposed resolution of intent to acquire the University of Florida Gulf Coast Research & Education Center at Bradenton.

Dr. Brenda Bayly, Director of Planning, Accountability & Evaluation, presented information regarding this item and answered questions of the Board.

Mr. Brunner moved, with a second by Mrs. Harvey, to approve of the proposed resolution of intent to acquire the University of Florida Gulf Coast Research & Education Center of Bradenton (as presented below). Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL BOARD OF MANATEE COUNTY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS §253.111(4) Florida Statutes (2002), provides that the state may convey land to which they hold title to the state or any department, board, agency or instrumentality of the state, including district school boards; and

WHEREAS there is an existing need in Manatee County to provide appropriate sites for the construction of new schools as a result of the recent student growth within the district; and

WHEREAS the School Board voted in its special meeting held on September 16, 2002, to direct staff to move forward to explore the acquisition of the University of Florida Gulf Coast Research and Education Center at Bradenton, Florida; and

WHEREAS the Superintendent and staff have met with representatives of the University of Florida through initial communication with Michael V. Martin, UF Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources, to discuss such acquisition and have determined that the representatives of the University of Florida are supportive of this acquisition; and

WHEREAS the Manatee County School Board has historically effected interlocal agreements governing the joint use of facilities at school sites with the Manatee County Commission and Manatee County Department of Parks & Recreation, and wishes to pursue further agreements for certain joint use of parcels within this land; and

WHEREAS the Manatee County School Board anticipates that an agreement will be effected to define other provisions as may be deemed appropriate between the Manatee County School Board and the State Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that pursuant to §253.111(4), Florida Statutes (2002), the School Board of Manatee County, Florida does hereby notify the Cabinet in its role as the State Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund through this Resolution that the Manatee County School Board wishes to acquire this land at a price that is equal to its certified appraised market value established by generally accepted professional standards.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman and the Superintendent of Schools are empowered to make scrivener’s revisions which may be necessary or required to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, in regular session, the members of the School Board have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the School Board of Manatee County, Florida to be hereunto affixed, in the County of Manatee, Florida on this 7th day of October 2002.

Attest: SCHOOL BOARD OF MANATEE COUNTY

Dr. Dan Nolan Harry G. Kinnan
Superintendent of Schools Chairman

Barbara A. Harvey, Vice Chairman

APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH OSCEOLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AS FISCAL AGENT FOR THE EAST COAST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (ECTAC), OCTOBER 1, 2002 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003

The Manatee County Title I program has been operating without the expert guidance of a technical assistance agency since the closing of the Area IV office in Sarasota and the dismantling of a subsequent consortium shortly thereafter, approximately three years ago. Although the Department of Education provides some guidance they have been unable to provide districts, which operate Title I programs, ongoing and easily accessible guidance.

The new law, “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB), is very large and comprehensive and expert assistance is needed to interpret the regulations as they unfold. The East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC) provides outstanding service to a number of neighboring districts by researching and answering Title I questions, providing on-site visits, forwarding networking opportunities, and articulating the law. Manatee County is in need of this type of technical assistance, and the Title I grant allows for the

provision of professional and technical assistance. It is to the district's advantage to contract with a professional agency such as ECTAC for guidance and direction as the Title I programs are implemented and as the entire district must deal with issues associated with NCLB. This contract period will be from October 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, pending Board approval.

The cost for the contract for the 2002-2003 school year will be \$11,250.00 and will be paid by Title I grant funds, Project #4353.

The Superintendent recommends approval to contract with Osceola County School Board as Fiscal Agent for the East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC), October 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003.

Mark Barnebey explained that paragraph #2 was incomplete inasmuch as how payment would be made. He noted that invoices would be submitted on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Brunner moved, with a second by Mrs. Harvey, to approve to contract with Osceola County School Board as Fiscal Agent for the East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC), October 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A NEW POSITION, SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION DISPATCHER

Almost all Florida school districts currently have a dispatcher position to insure safety and consistent response during school bus incidents. Manatee County has not had this position in the past, but student growth has created a pressing need.

To ensure student safety, this position is being established to allow the Transportation Department to identify a central individual who will be able to handle all school bus emergencies and delays. Currently, parents call to inquire about their children and the calls are often routed to several different employees. This position is created to establish one spokesperson for all questions and concerns related to transportation situations and one central clearing house for consistent direction to all bus drivers.

This position is being placed on the hourly non-bargaining salary schedule at pay grade 29. Estimated fiscal impact including benefits is \$36,820.00. Funding was approved by the Board as part of the 2002 budget process for this position.

The Superintendent recommends approval of a job description for a new position, School Bus Transportation Dispatcher.

Board Members discussed the job title of this position.

Mrs. Harvey moved, with a second by Mr. Brunner, to table this item until October 21. Motion carried 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION TO BE HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Barnebey made an announcement regarding his request for an Executive Session, providing pertinent information as required by, and outlined in, Florida Statutes 768.28 (15).

RECESS AND RECONVENE

Chairman Kinnan called for a recess at 9:45 p.m.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Kinnan adjourned the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman