



# The District School Board of Collier County

Everglades City, Immokalee, Marco Island, & Naples, Florida

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MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON OPERATIONS  
DECEMBER 8, 2009 - 4:00-6:00 P.M. - BOARD ROOM  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
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December 8, 2009 - Meeting of the Subcommittee On Operations

Meeting Guidelines: All electronic devices such as pagers, cell phones, and any other wireless communication devices must be turned off during CCPS Education and Operations Committee meetings. Members of the public are welcome to address the committee during the Public Comments portion of the agenda and must fill out a registration card prior to speaking. Speakers will be limited to three minutes unless additional time is granted by the committee chair. No speaker shall indulge in personal attacks or displays of incivility.

Purpose: Pursuant to School Board Policy 9140, the purpose of the School Board Subcommittees (SBSC) is to facilitate community understanding of District functions and to gather community input. The SBSC's will give the administration the opportunity to bring forward issues and initiatives for community dialog.

## CALL TO ORDER

1. [Call to Order](#)

Minutes:

The meeting of the Subcommittee on Operations was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Administrative Center by School Board Member and Subcommittee Chair, Mrs. Pat Carroll.

## PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

2. [Pledge to the Flag](#)

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Chair Carroll invited everyone to stand for the Pledge to the Flag.

## ROLL CALL

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3. [Roll Call](#)

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The roll was called by the School Board Secretary. The following participants were in attendance:

- School Board Member and Subcommittee Chair, Mrs. Pat Carroll;
- Chief Operational Officer and Subcommittee Liaison, Mrs. Michele LaBute;
- Subcommittee Member, Ms. Kathleen Crawford;
- Subcommittee Member, Mr. Robert Flesher;
- Subcommittee Member, Mr. Edward Kant;
- Subcommittee Member, Dr. James Riviere; and
- Subcommittee Member, Mr. James Warnken.

School Board Attorney/District General Counsel, Mr. Jon Fishbane, was in attendance to answer questions.

STATEMENT OF MEETING GUIDELINES

4. [Statement of Meeting Guidelines](#)

Minutes: Chair Carroll reviewed the Statement of Meeting Guidelines.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Operations

5. [Implications of Full Implementation of the Class Size Reduction Amendment \(Action Requested\)](#)

- Attachment: [CSR Bd Rep 11 17 09.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [CSR FS 1003 03.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [CSR FS 1011 65.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [CSR FS 1013 75.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [CSR State Report 09-10.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Policy 5120.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Policy 5120 01.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Policy 5120 02.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [CSR Avail Clrm Ch OZ.pdf](#)  
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Attachment: [CSR Alternative Measures.pdf](#)

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Chief Operational Officer and Subcommittee Liaison, Mrs. Michele LaBute, continued the review of this issue that began at the November 24, 2009, Subcommittee meeting.

Per a request made at the November meeting, Ms. LaBute provided copies of Florida statutes and Board policies.

School Board Attorney/District General Counsel, Mr. Jon Fishbane, reviewed the penalties for noncompliance with the Constitution. Mr. Fishbane emphatically stated that as the District's attorney he could not recommend that the School Board violate the Florida Constitution. He was concerned with ethical conflicts and the possibility of additional fines, and therefore, strongly urged compliance with the law.

A Subcommittee member requested administrative insight and recommendations to assist in decision making. Therefore, Superintendent, Dr. Dennis L. Thompson, shared information on the feedback he received from parents, and addressed the costs associated with utilizing the unused classroom space in various schools versus supplying portables to overcrowded schools. Dr. Thompson then answered questions from Subcommittee members.

There was extensive Subcommittee discussion.

A motion was made by Mr. Flesher that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the District rezone in the Naples area and rezone in the Immokalee area to the extent possible. The motion failed for lack of second.

A motion was made by Ms. Crawford, with a second by Dr. Riviere, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that the District rezone in the Immokalee area where possible and use portables where necessary. Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Riviere that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that Out-of-Zone and School Choice be continued. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Mr. Kant that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board that Out-of-Zone and School Choice Programs be continued with the stipulation that each year the program be reviewed in accordance with policy. Dr. Riviere seconded the motion for the sake of discussion. Following discussion, Mr. Kant rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Ms. Crawford, with a second by Mr. Kant, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board to have an annual review on the Out-of-Zone and School Choice Programs, based on space available and only allow

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automatic approvals if there is sufficient space. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Kant, with a second by Dr. Riviere, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board the use of portables to the extent necessary to adjust the class size in the elementary schools in the coastal (Naples) area. The motion carried 3-2 with Ms. Crawford and Mr. Flesher casting the dissenting votes.

A motion was made by Mr. Warnken, with a second by Ms. Crawford, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Board the use of portables at the high school level, followed by a vote. The motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Flesher casting the dissenting vote.

NOTE: The votes represent community members only. Chair Carroll felt it was her responsibility to vote only in case of a tie or when her vote made a difference.

Mrs. LaBute addressed a question regarding "floating" teachers.

A Subcommittee Member requested information on how long a student spends on a bus each day and the average miles the bus travels.

A copy of the supporting material[s] is on file in the School Board Office.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. [Public Comments](#)

Minutes: There were no public comments.

#### ADJOURNMENT

7. [Adjournment](#)

Minutes:

Prior to adjournment, Chair Carroll recommended cancelling the Operations Subcommittee Meeting scheduled for December 15, 2009. Subcommittee Members agreed.

Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

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8. [Meeting Information](#)

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