

# HILLSBOROUGH ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

## Minutes

September 15, 2003

**In Attendance:** Ken Allen, Ed Ballas, Lou Cerreta, Mary Cunningham, Connie Hayden-McPeak, Jean Leone, Lois Mautte, Mari McBryar, John Miliziano, Mike Phillips, Andi Ringer, Peter Russo, David Smith, Tee Solomon, and Charlotte Valenti

The Executive Committee met at 4:30 PM and discussed the annual School Board Forum. Charlotte Valenti, HASA President, called the regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 4:50 PM.

### A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### I. Secretary – Peter Russo:

The August minutes were reviewed and Dr. Ken Allen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jean Leone seconded the motion and it passed.

#### II. Treasurer – Nelson Luis

In the absence of the treasurer, Dr. Miliziano presented the August treasurer's report. Dr. Ken Allen suggested that perhaps HASA should consider seeking advice on investment options other than CDs, due to current low rates. Dr. Miliziano informed the Board that SmithBarney would be offering a workshop in November. It was agreed to firm up a list of possible attendees at the October meeting. Dr. Allen then made a motion to accept the August treasurer's report for audit. Peter Russo seconded the motion and it carried.

#### III. Membership Report – Ken Allen

Dr. Allen reviewed the membership report, citing 35 new members. He noted that some members misunderstood the enrollment form this year and attempted to join twice. He suggested taking a second look at the membership form next year to clarify that it is for use by NEW members. Connie Hayden-McPeak mentioned a concern regarding coordinators who get promoted to supervisors or directors. This is an area where we lose members and we need to encourage those promoted to continue their memberships in their new component groups.

#### IV. President's Report – Charlotte Valenti

Charlotte Valenti reported on the results of the August Superintendent's Roundtable. One issue discussed was a possible increase of institutional memberships allowed per school to FASA and national organizations. This is not allowed because one institutional membership brings materials and information into the school, and a second membership providing duplicates of those same materials would not be a wise use of internal accounts dollars.

The *Principals Away From School* form was discussed, and Dr. Lennard agreed that if the form proves to be duplicative and having outlived its usefulness, he would support the form being discontinued.

The Superintendent shared his thoughts about the implications of the *No Child Left Behind Act*. There seems to be no variation or degrees in reaching compliance – schools are either in or out of compliance, no middle ground. AYP restrictions are too difficult, and even some A schools are not passing the restrictions.

Those attending the Roundtable informed Dr. Lennard that the HASA Legislative and Benefits Committee members are conducting a salary study of the state's large school districts and five neighboring Coalition districts. It will be shared when completed.

Dr. Lennard also mentioned that HASA might consider and discuss spending some dollars to put a lobbyist on retainer. It would serve to keep HASA's name alive in Tallahassee. It was suggested that the Tampa Bay Area Coalition consider posting a retainer, as that lobbyist would serve a larger area than one just supported by HASA, and might pull more weight. Questions were asked and it was suggested that Connie Milito be approached for advice. It was also mentioned that Ashley Smith would be running for Johnny Byrd's seat, and Sandy Murman's seat will be up for election.

Charlotte Valenti asked for discussion of possible topics for the next scheduled Superintendent's Roundtable. Issues mentioned for that upcoming meeting included (1) Large school districts salary study, (2) the mileage reimbursement issue, (3) A Retreat From Standards document, (4) Accountability: Florida's Dual System document, (5) The Constitutional Amendment petition and tax reform, (6) the possibility of further budget cuts now that CTA negotiations are complete, and (7) BEST Career Ladder for administrators.

Ms. Valenti commended Dr. Miliziano on the accomplishments that have been realized since he took the helm at HASA. She also thanked Mari McBryar for her monthly work on the newsletter.

#### **V. Executive Director's Report – John Miliziano**

Dr. Miliziano talked to the Board about their new three-ring binders and asked them to keep the binders updated and bring them to every meeting. He also reminded the Board of Alternate vacancies that need to be filled. Dr. Allen stated that the Senior High vacancy would be filled after the next Senior High Principal's Council. Dr. Miliziano also informed the group that Pinellas County has joined the Coalition and now it is six counties strong.

The October newsletter was discussed and Dr. Miliziano asked members to contribute articles of interest by the first week of October. He also reminded members of HASA's other communication venue, the web page. He asked members to point out discrepancies and provide any important event dates not currently listed on the calendar. Connie Hayden-McPeak commented on the positive aspects of having different avenues of communication, to appeal to different people.

#### **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS:**

Mary Cunningham reported on the success of the Fall Social. Although the weather was inclement, attendance was good and costs stayed well within budget. Some complaints that were heard were that drinks were too expensive and the valet parking was not well advertised. Mary also reported that the School Board Forum date was established as February 24, 2004.

#### **C. NEW BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE:**

Dr. Miliziano spoke for Janelle Buck regarding a digital camera. A motion was made to spend approximately \$300 on a digital camera. After discussion of equipment costs and needs, the motion was amended to \$500. David Smith agreed to work with Janelle on the purchase, citing some camera equipment coming up on bid with the District. Connie Hayden McPeak seconded the motion of \$500 for the purchase and it carried.

Andi Ringer asked if negotiations with CTA were complete. Dr. Ken Allen informed the Board that negotiations were complete and a recommendation would probably be on the School Board agenda the first week of October.

With no further HASA business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

***Peter Russo***

Peter Russo, Secretary

*\*These minutes are not official until approved at the October, 2003 meeting.*