

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA WORKSHOP – November 17, 2009

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., in the Conference Hall, Administration Building, 301 4th Street S.W., Largo, Florida.

Present: Ms. Janet R. Clark, Chairperson; Mrs. Carol J. Cook, Vice Chairperson; Mrs. Mary L. Tyus Brown, Ms. Nina Hayden, Mrs. Linda S. Lerner, Mrs. Peggy L. O'Shea and Mrs. Robin L. Wikle, Members; Dr. Julie Janssen, Superintendent; Mr. James F. Madden, Deputy Superintendent; and, Mr. James A. Robinson, General Counsel.

The following topics were presented and discussed during this workshop session:

- **Proposed Changes to Policies**
- **2010 Legislative Program Draft**
- **Student Assignment Options**
 - Variables to consider
 - Issues and solutions
 - High school options
 - Fundamental school options – high school
- **Race to the Top**
- **Organization Chart**
- **Leadership Discussion**
 - Mrs. Lerner's question as to the status of the Superintendent's evaluation and General Counsel's improvement plan – information on the status of both will be provided to the Board Members and then workshop discussions will be scheduled.
 - Ms. Hayden's question as to any changes needed for presentations from audience during School Board meetings – a workshop discussion will be scheduled to determine a direction.
 - Ms. Hayden's question regarding the district's plans to address student discipline issues throughout the district – Ms. Hayden will meet with the Superintendent.
 - Use of the form to request topics be scheduled for future workshops – Ms. Clark will reinstate the use of these forms – the form will be e-mailed to Board Members for their use.
 - Committee assignments for Board Members – Board Members are to review the current list and discussion will be scheduled for the December 15 workshop.
 - Grant quest by Health Department – a determination will be made as to whom on the Board will serve on this effort, should the grant be received.

- Calendar Committee – Mrs. Wikle filled in for Mrs. Cook; however, Mrs. Cook will resume the responsibility.
- Scheduling of a joint meeting between the School Board and the Pinellas Legislative Delegation – Mrs. Brown and Ms. Clark will work on this initiative.
- Suggestion by Mrs. Wikle to give each employee a “bonus” before the winters holidays, i.e., \$50 per employee – Dr. Janssen and staff will study this and provide the Board with her recommendation.
- Question from Mrs. Cook regarding the percentage of dollars that go directly into the classroom – data will be brought back to the Board and discussed within the context of the Yellow Brick Road.
- Committee working on the Operating Manual will meet to finish the draft and bring it to a future workshop.

No official actions were taken by the Board at this workshop. An audio recording of this workshop is filed in the Board Office archives. This workshop adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

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