

## **SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA WORKSHOP – December 15, 2009**

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 8:40 a.m., in the Cabinet Conference Room, Administration Building, 301 4<sup>th</sup> 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; Mrs. Catherine Fleeger, Deputy Superintendent Chief Academic Officer; and, Mr. James A. Robinson, General Counsel.

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

- **Wellness Policy and Administrative Guidelines on Wellness, Physical Activity and Nutrition – Summary Report 2009**
- **Information and Updates by Dr. Janssen & Staff**
  - **Race to the Top**
    - Permission was voiced for Letter of Intent to be sent to the DOE by the Superintendent to meet the deadline of Friday, December 18, 2009.
    - Special Meeting was scheduled for January 7, 2010 at 10:30 a.m., for formal action by the Board to approve the Memorandum of Understanding.
    - Mr. Robinson will provide the Board Members and Superintendent with opinion of ramifications.
    - Questions and answers resulting from a related conference call will be sent to Mrs. Beaty to send to the Board Members.
  - **Strategic Plan**
    - This will be scheduled for the January workshop for approximately one hour.
    - The new proposal will include the family involvement component.
    - Board Members will come to agreement on the goals that will then be taken to the focus group.
    - Board Members, during their discussion of the goals, will determine the representation of the focus group. Students, those other than student government members, will be invited to participate on the focus group.
    - Mrs. Lerner was appointed by Ms. Clark, as chairperson, to act as the Board's representative to this group. Other Board Members will be assigned to subgroups.

➤ **Countywide Program Expansion**

- Fundamental high school – sufficient number of seats should be able to meet the requests of rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders from existing fundamental programs for the 2010/11 school year.
- Superintendent requested that administration have one year to plan for possible expansion of the fundamental high school program in order to do this correctly.
- Greater need for the program seems to be in south county, according to Mr. Madden.

➤ **Technology Training**

- Electronic Agenda
- Outlook 2007

➤ **Leadership Discussion**

- Workshop dates scheduled – January 19, 2010; February 16 & 17, 2010 – Master Board Training & Retreat; March 16, 2010; April 6, 2010; May 20, 2010; and, June 8, 2010.
- Dinner is scheduled for the Pinellas Education Foundation Board and the School Board Members for February 17, 2010.
- Committee assignments – list was updated and a draft will be sent to the Board Members.
- Board Standards will be brought to a workshop.
- Request was made by Mrs. Brown to identify a way to educate parents on the “dos and don’ts” regarding areas of the Code of Conduct.
- Board needs to appoint a non-black representative to DMAC. The names of the potential appointees should be sent into Mrs. Beaty in the Board Office.
- Request was reiterated by Mrs. Lerner for an updated staffing model. Dr. Janssen and Mr. Madden will be working on this.
- Request was made by Mrs. Lerner to have the Superintendent’s evaluation and the General Counsel’s improvement plan placed on the January 19, 2010 workshop.
- Mrs. O’Shea requested that the Board have a discussion on the processes and procedures used for evaluating charter school programs. Mrs. Lerner requested that the scope of that discussion be broadened to include a way to share “best practices.” Mrs. Fleeger stated that the reports will be shared with the Board.
- A workshop presentation and discussion will be scheduled regarding the management and finance portfolio, revisions of budget timelines, audit committee, etc.
- Plant survey reports, how they are used, will be brought to the Board by the Superintendent.
- The topic of “performance incentive pay” will be scheduled for the February retreat.
- Mr. Robinson requested that the Board give a “head nod” to allow the reworking to be done on the water mains near Oak Grove Middle School over the break. A formal action of the Board will take place a regular meeting.

- Mrs. Cook distributed a **draft** of the proposed school calendar for 2010/2011.
- Board Members agreed to sign up to take meals to Mary Capps who will be undergoing major surgery.

**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 4:17 p.m.**

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**Chairperson**

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**Secretary**

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