

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA WORKSHOP – March 2, 2010

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 10:41 a.m., in the Cabinet Conference Room, 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; Mrs. Catherine Fleeger, Deputy Superintendent, Chief Academic Officer; and, Mr. James A. Robinson, General Counsel.

During the review of the agenda, Mrs. Lerner requested that the topic of Chronically Disruptive Students be added; Board Members agreed. Dr. Janssen requested that the item titled, DROP Rehire, be removed and scheduled for a later date.

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

- **Budget Update**
- **Bold New Schools** – A review of the exercise completed at the Board's February 17, 2010 retreat took place. During this item, the Board Members participated in an exercise to further prioritize their desired direction for schools.
- **Chronically Disruptive Students** – The Directors of Operations joined the discussion. Board Members presented their requests for information they would like to have discussed at the Board's next workshop, March 16, 2010: more accurate discipline-related data, data on ESE students and their school/program assignment, the district's ability to immediately remove disruptive students from classes, legal ramifications when dealing with disruptive ESE students, consideration of placing portables on campus to use as the alternative setting for disruptive students, additional training for school administrators and staff to deal with disruptive students, etc. Board Members who have questions they wish to have considered by staff for this discussion should send them electronically to Dr. Janssen and/or Donna Winchester.
- **Leadership Discussion**
 - Request from the Pinellas Community Foundation to have a Board representative appointed to their board – Board Members agreed to have Mrs. Wikle serve in this position.
 - Parent Contracts – Mrs. Brown requested that the Board Members consider scheduling this for a future workshop discussion. Board

Members agreed to have this placed on an agenda. Mrs. Brown will complete a workshop topic request form and submit it to the Board to help focus the conversation.

- Mrs. Lerner stated that the Board was told they would receive a link to student discipline data, without student names, and that this has not been done. Dr. Janssen stated that this information is being given to the plaintiffs and to the Board very soon.
- Mrs. Wikle stated that she had previously requested that a discussion be scheduled on drug awareness and questioned when the topic will be coming from Administration to a workshop. Dr. Janssen stated that Administration's initial plan will be scheduled for a future workshop which will provide the Board an opportunity to discuss and offer their direction.
- Mrs. Cook stated that the Board's Operating Manual has now been updated by the subcommittee and will be distributed to the Board Members. The date for the PAA reception with new boards will remain highlighted since the date changes from year to year.

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 3:02 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

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