

**SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**WORKSHOP – October 28, 2010**

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, October 28, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., in the Conference Hall, 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; and, Mr. James A. Robinson, General Counsel.

The following topic was presented and discussed during this workshop session:

- **Student Assignment & Opportunities** – Dr. Janssen, Mr. Madden, Mr. Bill Lawrence and Mr. Marshall Touchton presented information on the Superintendent's proposed changes for student assignment and achievement, as follows:
  - K-8 uniforms – A clearly defined dress code will be written and forwarded to principals with the expectation that it be followed.
  - Parent contract – The Superintendent will be sending to principals sample letters that could be used in conveying a stronger message to parents regarding the need for their involvement in their child's education. Someone at the district level will review the letters drafted by the individual schools before they are distributed to parents.
  - Rezoning possibilities – Consideration will be given regarding possible middle school application areas and high school application areas.
  - Palm Harbor University High School - Proposed long-term zoning models will be considered and magnet seats and proximity issue will be reviewed.
  - Fundamental, full-time gifted and countrywide magnets - Consideration will be given to possible location and size of special programs.
  - Elementary rezoning considerations – Consideration will be given to proximity preference for all countywide programs, ranked application for countywide programs, utilization of available seats, etc., while maintaining compliance with class size.
  - Kings Highway Elementary – Proposal was presented for a re-opening of this school as a fundamental program.
  - Lakeview to Gulfport move – Additional information will be brought back to the Board, i.e., the impact on students with this move, how many students attending Gulfport would most likely remain and enter the fundamental program, what effect will there be on the ESE students at Gulfport, etc.
  - PreK-2 and 3-5 – Research will be accumulated during the 2011-12 school year, i.e., - details to be considered are opening/closing times, facility needs and how to divide the grades, etc.
  - AICE - Possible location(s) will be considered for the implementation of a Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) program – Tarpon Springs, Dixie Hollins and Clearwater would be considered.

- IB program/additional seats – Countryside and Largo are being considered for possible location(s) for additional IB seats.
- CAT – The potential costs to implement a CAT program at Countryside High, or another mid- to north-county school, will be brought back to the Board.
- Academically challenging program at Countryside High – Input will be sought from Countryside High families regarding the type of academically challenging program they would like to have added at their school.
- Palm Harbor IB – Information will be provided to the Board regarding what steps will be taken to maintain the numbers at the Palm Harbor IB program and maintain the integrity of that program.
- Wellness program - An additional wellness program will be implemented – location to be suggested.
- Additional fundamental seats - Possible addition of fundamental seats could be achieved by using a school-within-a-school model at Boca Ciega and/or Dunedin high schools.
- Timeline for further discussion by the Board: November 9, 2010 – School Board meeting for a first reading; November 16, 2010 – School Board workshop; and, December 7, School Board meeting for second reading.

➤ **Leadership**

- Mrs. Brown announced that this was her last workshop before leaving the Board.
- Ms. Hayden stated that this is not only her last workshop, but her resignation is effective November 2<sup>nd</sup> and, therefore, this is the last time she will meet with the Board. Ms. Hayden stated that this has been a pleasure and that she will continue to advocate for education issues. Upon an invitation from the Board, Ms. Hayden will attend the Board meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> as a private citizen.
- Materials for the November 16<sup>th</sup> workshop will be forwarded to the two newly elected Board Members prior to that date.

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 11:45 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary

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