

**SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**WORKSHOP – August 4, 2011**

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Thursday, August 4, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., in the Cabinet Conference Room, Administration Building, 301 4<sup>th</sup> Street S.W., Largo, Florida.

Present: Mrs. Carol J. Cook, Chairperson; Ms. Janet R. Clark, Mrs. Terry Krassner, Mrs. Linda S. Lerner, Mrs. Peggy L. O’Shea, Mr. Lew Williams, Members; Dr. Julie Janssen, Superintendent; Mr. James F. Madden, Deputy Superintendent; and, Mr. James A. Robinson, General Counsel. Mrs. Robin L. Wikle, Vice Chairperson, was not present.

Mrs. Cook, during the review of the agenda, added the topic: General Counsel’s Evaluation and Timeline to the Leadership Discussion portion of this agenda. Mrs. Cook announced that Dr. Janssen would also like to conduct an Executive Session at the completion of the workshop.

- **Lastinger Center for Learning Partnership with the District** – Dr. Janssen; Dr. Sylvia Boynton, USF; and, Ms. Lisa Grant, Director Professional Development, presented an update on the Lastinger Center for Learning partnership program and the benefits that program provides to teachers. Dr. Behrokh Ahmadi discussed the process to be used by the district in evaluating the benefits of the partnership program. Mr. Robinson addressed the resolution sent to the Board by Concerned Organizations for Quality Education for Black Students (COQEBS) in support of continuation of the Lastinger program, stating that the district’s compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Bradley case is not tied to a continuation of the Lastinger program. Mrs. Lerner requested that Mr. Robinson send the Board an e-mail clarifying his stand; and, that Dr. Janssen send to the Board a list of those educators who are working on a second masters degree through this program. Mr. Williams requested that the questions that Mrs. Wikle submitted in writing and the answers be read aloud. Mrs. Lerner requested that the Board receive copies of the minutes from the Professional Development Advisory Committee, specifically those dealing with Lastinger.
- **Leadership Discussion**
  - Chief Turnaround Officer and Principal on Assignment Positions - Dr. Janssen explained her plans for the two positions, Chief Turnaround Officer and Principal on Assignment; and, stated that neither of these positions are funded through operating dollars. Mr. Williams stated that he is not talking about the specific person, but only that he believes that there should be an individual dedicated to that of the Chief Turnaround Officer; and, suggested that the Principal on Assignment position be eliminated.

- General Counsel’s Evaluation Process and Timeline – The instrument will be e-mailed to the Board on August 17, 2011 and is due back to Research & Accountability by September 6, 2011. A Board workshop will be scheduled to follow the compilation of the results.

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 2:38 p.m.

An Executive Session on Bargaining was conducted following the adjournment of the workshop.

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Chairperson

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