

**SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**WORKSHOP – October 18, 2011**

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., in the Cabinet Conference Room, Administration Building, 301 4<sup>th</sup> Street S.W., Largo, Florida.

Present: Mrs. Carol J. Cook, Chairperson; Mrs. Robin L. Wikle, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Janet R. Clark, Mrs. Terry Krassner, Mrs. Linda S. Lerner, Mrs. Peggy L. O’Shea, Mr. Lew Williams, Members; Dr. John A. Stewart, Interim Superintendent, Mr. James F. Madden, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. David Koperski, Associate Counsel; and, Mr. James A. Robinson, General Counsel.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Budget Update**
- **Alternative Funding Sources for Capital Outlay Projects, i.e., Bonding**
- **BoardDocs – Electronic Agenda Program Demonstration**
- **Student Assignment**
- **Subcommittee Update – Performance Auditor**
- **Calendar Committee**
- **Redistricting**
- **Subcommittee Update – Legislative**
- **October 27<sup>th</sup> Delegation Meeting**
- **Channel 14 – Programs for Board Members’ Involvement**
- **Leadership Discussion**
  - Dr. Stewart provided the Board Members with an update regarding the following:
    - Requested that the Board schedule a workshop for October 25, 2011, prior to the Regular Board Meeting.
    - Presented an update on the Lastinger partnership and proposed changes. Dr. Stewart shared that bills to this organization will not be paid until the invoices requested by the district are received.
    - Presented a brief update on Race To The Top and shared that the MOU is attached to that grant. Dr. Stewart shared that the goals originally set may not have been realistic and, therefore, unreachable as they read; and, that he has asked Ms. Winchester to provide a crosswalk to demonstrate how all areas must work together.
    - Updated the Board on the middle school reform initiative and announced that he has requested assistance from ASCD in an effort to identify issues associated with the need for middle school reform. Dr. Stewart stated that ASCD will help the district to identify the problems and to guide the committee to lead this reform.
    - Reported that he will be meeting this Friday with Dr. Bill Heller and Dr. Bill Law to identify ways they can collaborate to design ways of work with the two schools and our inservice initiatives.
    - Thanked the Board for allowing him to look at a reorganization of the management team.

- Encouraged all to remember the Dan Weldon family.
- Update – Superintendent’s Search Committee - Mrs. Lerner stated that Dr. Stewart has indicated that he will stay with us for up to eighteen months; and, that the committee would recommend that the process be completed in a timeframe that would have the new superintendent in place by January 2013. Mrs. Lerner stated that the committee will begin their discussion again in January 2012; and, that the Board should begin their discussion again on this matter by late February or beginning of March.
- FSBA Master Board Training – Board Members agreed to individually look at the topics available for this training and have a decision made at the next workshop.
- Workshop topics remaining – Progressive Discipline – scheduled for November 15; Climate Survey results and use of data – scheduled for November 15; Overage Students – will be included in the middle school reform discussions; SRO roles, discipline measures, etc. – to be scheduled; Student Assignment – update on November 15; Professional Development – to be scheduled in January; Legislative plans – scheduled for October 25; General Counsel’s evaluation results and improvement plan – scheduled for November 15.
- Mrs. Krassner expressed her concern with the change in the disbursement of Title I dollars. Dr. Stewart shared that meetings are taking place regarding the need to spend those dollars in earlier grades than what is presently being done.
- Mrs. Lerner expressed the need to schedule a discussion on chronically disruptive students and alternatives to out-of-school suspensions. This will be incorporated into the middle school reform discussions.
- Mrs. Wikle requested an update on the revisions to the public participation policy. Mrs. Cook, Ms. Clark and Mr. Robinson responded.
- Mrs. Wikle requested that the Board, in their January workshop, be provided an update on what is being done with our turnaround schools, their mission and vision, etc. Mrs. Wikle will complete a Workshop Topic Request Form to expand on this request.

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 3:58 p.m. An Executive Session pertaining to bargaining followed and was conducted in the Superintendent’s Conference Room, Third Floor.

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Chairperson

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