

## **SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA WORKSHOP – November 1, 2011**

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, November 1, 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, Members; Dr. John A. Stewart, Interim Superintendent, Mr. James F. Madden, Deputy Superintendent; and, Mr. James A. Robinson, General Counsel. Mr. Lew Williams was absent from this workshop.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Student Assignment – Update** – The proposed changes in the policy will be presented for first reading at the November 8, 2011 Regular Meeting. Further presentations and discussion will take place at the November 15, 2011 workshop. Mr. Madden and Ms. Winchester will form talking points for the Board, as well as for the public, the website and data management personnel in schools.
- **Workshop Scheduling** –
  - Workshops were scheduled for the following additional dates: February 14, 2012; March 13, 2012; April 17, 2012; May 15, 2012; and, June 26, 2012. Mrs. Wikle requested, and Board Members agreed, that a review of the Public Participation at Board Meetings, Policy 0169.1, be reviewed following six months of use. This review will be scheduled for June 2012. Suggestions for the criteria to be used in this evaluation should be sent to Mrs. Beaty who will compile the list and forward to the Board for further discussion. Baseline data will be accumulated and supplied to the Board for use in their discussion. A mini survey form will be designed and offered to all speakers at meetings for completion and subsequent consideration by the Board pertaining to the new policy.
- **Leadership Discussion:**
  - Master Board Training will be discussed and scheduled at the next workshop.
  - An update will be presented at the November 15<sup>th</sup> workshop regarding Differentiated Accountability by Mr. Fred Heid, State Bureau Chief, School Improvement, and Dr. Pamela Craig, State Regional Executive Director for Office of Differentiated Accountability.
  - The following topics were identified for the Board's FSBA Master Board training sessions: Essentials of Leadership, A+ - Part I, and Fight the Good Fight. This information will be transmitted to FSBA by Mrs. Beaty.
  - The Legislative Breakfast has been scheduled for December 13, 2011.
  - Board Subcommittee – Self Evaluation Instrument – A meeting of this subcommittee will be scheduled.
  - Further discussion will be scheduled regarding the Board's efforts in Tallahassee.

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- Mrs. Wikle requested, and agreement given, to have an opportunity on the November 14, 2011 workshop to share information she gained at the recent FSBA Certified Board Member training.
- Mrs. Lerner requested, and agreement given, to have further discussion scheduled regarding the new teacher evaluation system. This will be scheduled for the January workshop.
- Dr. Stewart informed the Board that he will be bringing his recommendation for two principal positions at the November meeting. Dr. Stewart also shared that it is becoming more difficult to find the right leadership that will make Pinellas County Schools an elite system; and, that he will be talking to the Board regarding his concerns. Mrs. Lerner stressed the need to ensure we have the highest quality of professional development in our district that will assist those who desire to move to higher positions within the district. Further discussion will take place.

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 11:35 a.m.

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Chairperson

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