

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP – June 4, 2012

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Cabinet Conference Room, Administration Building, 301 4th Street S.W., Largo, Florida.

Present: Mrs. Robin L. Wikle, Chairperson; Mrs. Carol J. Cook, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Janet R. Clark, Mr. Glenton Gilzean, Mrs. Terry Krassner, Mrs. Linda S. Lerner, Mrs. Peggy L. O’Shea, Members; Dr. John A. Stewart, Superintendent, Mr. James F. Madden, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. James A. Robinson, School Board Attorney; and, Mr. David Koperski, Assistant School Board Attorney.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Review of Applications – Position of School Board Attorney** - Dr. Ron Ciranna reviewed the process used by the committee comprised of Mr. Robinson, Ms. Laurie Dart and himself, to present the resumes for consideration by the Board. Dr. Ciranna stated that the committee identified two strong candidates and then added three to that list who just met the minimum qualifications. Discussion followed by the Board. Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Krassner, Mrs. Lerner and Mrs. O’Shea indicated that they would be comfortable in offering the position to Mr. David Koperski. Ms. Clark, Mrs. Wikle and Mr. Gilzean indicated that they would like to interview the two top candidates, as identified by the screening committee. Going forward, the next step will be to have an agenda item prepared for the June 12, 2012 Board meeting to offer the position to Mr. Koperski and authorize the Superintendent to begin negotiations with him for the position of Board Attorney. Dr. Ciranna and his staff will send letters to all applicants to indicate the direction of the Board as it relates to their application.
- **Leadership Discussion:** *The items discussed under this topic began immediately following the Board’s discussion regarding the School Board Attorney position and then resumed following their discussion on Insurance Revamp.*
 - **Superintendent’s Update** – Dr. Stewart stated that he had no report.
 - **Mrs. Wikle** – Shared that she had promised Ms. Kim Black, PCTA, she would bring to this workshop the National Resolution Against High-Stakes Testing. Ms. Clark stated that this Resolution needs to receive formal adoption by the Board. Dr. Stewart will add this as an agenda item to the June 12, 2012 meeting under Special Order.
 - **Mrs. Cook** – Presented a brief update on the upcoming recognition of former and present Board Members to take place on June 12, 2012.

At this time, 10:40 a.m., the Board, the Superintendent and identified staff went into an Executive Session. This ended at 11:51 and the Board resumed their scheduled workshop discussion.

- **Budget Update and Insurance Revamp** – Mr. Kevin Smith presented an update on the budget. Mr. Ted Pafundi presented an update of the proposals to be considered in the effort to

revamp our present insurance program for employees in order to reduce the district’s cost for this coverage. Discussion followed by Board Members, Mr. Smith, Mr. Pafundi, Dr. Ciranna Mr. Koperski and Mr. Swartzel. A special meeting may be called by the Board should it be needed for ratification of agreements with the employee groups. Mr. Koperski will research to see if the insurance portion of the employee agreements has ever been handled through a Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Pafundi shared written material with the Board regarding a “Gap Insurance” Plan which reimburses the cost of certain out-of-pocket expenses. Mr. Pafundi indicated that Aon will ask Humana to price the same plans for Pinellas as are provided to Hillsborough County Schools. Dr. Stewart stressed the importance of the decision being made by the July 24, 2012 meeting

➤ **Leadership Discussion:** *Continued*

- **Mrs. Wikle** – Updated the Board on the plans to recognize Mr. Robinson during lunch on June 26, 2012.
- **Mrs. Wikle** – Stated that the dates of June 12th and 13th reserved for attorney interviews may now be cleared. The item to offer the position to Mr. Koperski will be brought to the June 12, 2012 Board meeting.
- **Mrs. Wikle** – Shared that she has received an e-mail from a parent who is requesting that the Board implement a policy disallowing texting in car circles at school. Mrs. Wikle will forward that e-mail to Mrs. Beaty for her distribution to the School Board Members and Dr. Stewart.

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 12:58 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

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