

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
WORKSHOP – March 17, 2015

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 12:15 p.m., in the Cabinet Conference Room, Administration Building, 301 4th Street SW, Largo, Florida.

Present: Mrs. Linda S. Lerner, Chairperson; Mrs. Peggy L. O'Shea, Vice-Chairperson; Ms. Janet R. Clark, Mrs. Carol J. Cook; Ms. Rene Flowers, Mrs. Terry Krassner, Dr. Ken Peluso, Members; Dr. Michael Grego, Superintendent; Dr. William Corbett, Deputy Superintendent; and Mr. David Koperski, School Board Attorney.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Budget Update:** Mr. Kevin Smith, Associate Superintendent, Finance and Business Services presented an update on the budget. The document reviewed was Public School Funding: The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Chairman's Recommendation (dated March 16, 2015) from the Florida House of Representatives. Mr. Smith stated that since the last forecast in December 2014, there is a 3.11% increase in per student funding which equals \$214.74. He also advised that this is a forecast and not the final budget recommendation by the legislature. Dr. Grego shared that we need to be extremely vocal and encourage reinstatement of the funding from 2007-2008. He also said that all superintendents are united on the funding issue. Ms. Marquez Parra shared the Legislative Resources update that was made to the district website in the interest of engaging the public voice their views on legislative issues.
- **Code of Student Conduct:** Mr. Ward Kennedy, Area 3 Superintendent, reviewed the suggested policy changes to the Code of Student Conduct. The recommendations are from a committee with a comprehensive cross section of representation that met to review the policy, format and design. For the 2015-16 school year there will be a major revision to the Code of Student Conduct to allow for ease of use. Mr. Kennedy will present at the April 21, 2015 board workshop with the plan/design layout. The goal is to have the new Code of Student Conduct in place for the upcoming school year.
- **Property Usage Update:** Mr. Clint Herbic, Associate Superintendent, Operational Services shared that the district is currently collaborating with local communities with respect to some property usage changes. At Tyrone Middle they are working with the City of St. Petersburg to adjust the property line that abuts a commercial site. The City will erect a fence along the property line which will make it safer for students. East Lake Library, adjacent to Cypress Woods Elementary, has proposed the idea to expand the library's parking lot. The library's architect will propose a plan for this project. It is property not utilized by the school. A service gate would be added between the properties. Additionally, there is preliminary conversation happening with the City of Tarpon Springs to construct a swimming pool at Tarpon Springs High School. Pinellas County Schools owns the land, but the City has the funding to build the pool. The maintenance costs would be shared. Details still need to be worked out.
- **Health Plan Update:** Mr. Ted Pafundi, Director, Risk Management and Insurance shared the Humana Executive Summary Plan Compass January 1, 2014-September 30, 2014. John Montgomery, MD, MPH, V.P. and Market Officer for Humana reviewed the data in the document. As part of the summary, there are recommendations to the Board. Ann Gebhard, AON representative, continued the discussion with the Board regarding the option of self-funding. If the Board chooses to move forward with self-funding, there must be a preliminary filing with the state no later than September.

- **Volunteer Policy:** Ms. Laurie Dart and Dr. Valerie Brimm addressed the Board regarding the District's Volunteer Policy 9180. A committee met on January 22, 2015 to discuss possible revisions to the policy. A sample of the recommended changes was shared with the board. It was also determined that, along with these policy changes, there needs to be increased communication regarding the appeal process for persons denied the opportunity to volunteer. The process will be described in the initial paperwork received by potential volunteers in the application paperwork. If a person is denied, the appeal process will be included with the letter that is sent to them. The Board was pleased with the recommendations.
- **Job Descriptions:** Dr. Ron Ciranna shared the job description for Teacher on Special Assignment (International Baccalaureate). There will be three positions. All will be school based.
- **Leadership Discussion:**
 - **Superintendent's Update:**
 - Dr. Grego asked Dr. Mary Beth Corace to share the draft School Board retreat agenda scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Dr. Corace will be facilitating the retreat.
 - Dr. Grego shared that he has been asked to participate in the College Board Superintendent Advisory Committee on June 22-23, 2015. This date conflicts with the June 23, 2015 Board meeting. He suggested that the June 16, workshop be cancelled and the June 23, Board meeting be moved to Thursday, June 25. On June 25, following the meeting, a workshop will be scheduled.
 - **Dr. Peluso-** He asked about the process the board uses to bring forward a proclamation and whether or not we issue our own or adopt what comes from other agencies. Through discussion it was determined that typically the board does not bring forward their own proclamation.
 - **Carol Cook-** She advised everyone that legislative topics will be on the FSBA website. She also informed the Board that the executive-director of Florida School Boards Association has received seven applications for the position currently being filled by Bill Graham, as interim, due to Wayne Blanton's retirement. The plan is to hire someone by June 2015.

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 3:15 p.m.

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