

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA WORKSHOP – May 5, 2009

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida conducted a workshop on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., in the Cabinet Conference Room, Administration Building, 301 4th Street S.W., Largo, Florida.

Present: Mrs. Peggy L. O'Shea, Chairperson; Ms. Janet R. Clark, Vice Chairperson; Mrs. Mary L. Tyus Brown, Mrs. Carol J. Cook, Ms. Nina Hayden and Mrs. Robin L. Wikle, Members; Dr. Julie Janssen, Superintendent; Dr. Harry Brown, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum & Operations; Mrs. Catherine Fleeger, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; and, Mr. James A. Robinson, School Board Attorney. Absent: Mrs. Linda S. Lerner

The following topics were presented and discussed during this workshop session:

- Budget Issues/Update
- Auditor General's Report & School District's Responses
- Superintendent's Reorganization Plan
 - Decentralized Decision-Making
- Neola – Policy Revisions
 - An additional workshop was added for Neola on June 2, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Leadership Discussion
 - Presentation of budget information at Board meetings – Dr. Janssen and staff will determine a means of delivering this information to the public.
 - DMAC & Board Joint Meetings – Remain with one scheduled meeting per year, scheduled prior to the legislative session; request an update from Jim Madden as to the method to be used to bring DMAC recommendations to the School Board; and, request that the Communications Department work with Student Assignment to get the related section of the website updated.
 - Electronic Agenda – Schedule a training with IQM2 on May 26, 2009, prior to the Board meeting. (this date was later canceled)
 - FSBA and NSBA Dues for the 2009/10 year – An agenda item will be prepared to allow payment of FSBA dues only due to budget issues
 - Computer problems – Each Board Member will individually contact John Just to work through their problems/issues.

- Computer training – A session with John Just will be scheduled for May 19, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. for one hour prior to the start of the Board’s workshop with Neola.
- Student Assignment – Mrs. Cook stated she has received several phone calls of concern from parents whose children have been told they will not be able to attend their zoned school but, are being assigned to a school out of their zone and provided with needed transportation. Dr. Janssen stated she will work with Jim Madden to resolve this.
- Board Office Budget – Mrs. O’Shea stated that the figures need to be corrected before this can be finalized.

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 4:55 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

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