

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA WORKSHOP – January 19, 2010

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., in the Cabinet Conference Room, Administration Building, 301 4th Street S.W., Largo, Florida.

Present: Ms. Janet R. Clark, Chairperson; Mrs. Carol J. Cook, Vice Chairperson; Mrs. Mary L. Tyus Brown, Ms. Nina Hayden, Mrs. Linda S. Lerner, Mrs. Peggy L. O'Shea and Mrs. Robin L. Wikle, Members; Dr. Julie Janssen, Superintendent; Mr. James F. Madden, Deputy Superintendent; Mrs. Catherine Fleeger, Deputy Superintendent Chief Academic Officer; and, Mr. James A. Robinson, General Counsel.

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

- **Graduation Enhancement**
- **Strategic Plan**
- **Superintendent's Evaluation**
- **Job Posting – Journalism Training Specialist**
- **Bradley Mediation – Update**
- **General Counsel's Improvement Plan**
- **Board's Operating Manual**
- **Leadership Discussion**
 - Funding for Dr. Janssen's trip to Oxford – Board Members agreed that the decision will be left to Dr. Janssen as to whether the cost of the trip will be taken from her cost center or whether she will personally fund this trip. Mrs. Lerner also requested additional information on this trip, what will be accomplished and who will be participating in the meeting.
 - Succession Plan – Mrs. Lerner requested that this be scheduled for a future workshop and that the Board be provided with an update on a process for succession and a review of best practices. Ms. Clark suggested that a partnership be considered with SPC to assist support staff in receiving college credits in order to move up in the district.
 - Meetings with Legislators – Mrs. Brown stated that Steve Swartzel is working on scheduling a meeting between the School Board and the Pinellas delegation. Mrs. Lerner encouraged smaller meetings, two to three Board Members with individual legislators. Ms. Clark will make contact with Mr. Swartzel.
 - Board Members serving on district committees – It was reiterated that such opportunities will be brought before the whole Board where a decision for appointment will be made. It was also emphasized by Mrs. Cook and Mr. Robinson that Board Members should not serve on

task forces which could have litigation connected to it, i.e., the transportation review; however, Board Members may observe at such meetings.

- Friday Update – Dr. Janssen stated that Donna Winchester has taken over the responsibility of accumulating the information for Friday Update and the distribution of the same.
- Workshops conducted away from this campus – Board Members discussed the pros and cons. It was decided that workshops would not be scheduled away from the Administration Building; however, the Superintendent will work with Mrs. Beaty to schedule site visits by the entire Board during the day on a dates that evening Board meetings are scheduled.
- Safe & Drug Free Program – Mrs. Wikle, sharing a personal story, expressed the need for programs that will educate students regarding the damaging affects of the misuse of prescriptive drugs. Dr. Janssen stated that a committee will discuss this issue and invited Mrs. Wikle to serve as the Board’s representative on this committee. A report will be brought back to the School Board.
- Race to The Top – Dr. Janssen stated that the state’s application has been submitted and that the link to the application will be sent to the Board Members.
- Auditor - Mrs. Brown requested that options available to the Board to hire an auditor be discussed by the Board. This issue will be scheduled for either the upcoming retreat or a future workshop, depending on scheduling constraints. Ms. Clark and Dr. Janssen will work together to form the retreat agenda and make that determination.
- *Marita’s Bargain* – Mrs. Wikle distributed copies of chapter 9 of this book and encouraged Board Members to read it.

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 5:07 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

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