

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA WORKSHOP – March 16, 2010

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, March 16, 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.

During the review of the agenda, Mrs. Lerner requested that the topic of Chronically Disruptive Students be added; Board Members agreed. Dr. Janssen requested that the item titled, DROP Rehire, be removed and scheduled for a later date.

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

- **Chronically Disruptive/Misbehaving Students – Administration's Plan –**
 - A new assistant principal has been moved to John Hopkins Middle School, Mr. Barry Brown.
 - Twenty students were identified, factors that could cause their actions were discussed and potential locations were considered as to where students should be moved to encourage them to learn.
 - Superintendent attended a SAC meeting at Hopkins and had a good discussion with those in attendance.
 - Staff has extended their before- and after-school monitoring from 15 to 30 minutes.
 - R-Club has been invited to work with the staff to do what they could do to evolve change.
 - All principals have been asked to identify any students at their school that could possibly cause a similar disruption as that experienced at Hopkins.
 - Staff is addressing the problems experienced in collecting and reporting data pertaining to student discipline issues, i.e., suspensions, arrests both on and off campus, etc.. Board Members will receive a disc of information at the end of each semester on student academic achievement, the same as what will be given to the plaintiffs in the Bradley case. John Just, Assistant Superintendent for MIS discussed briefly the data issue.

- **ESE – Looking forward/ ESE Centers and Rtl**
- **Graduation Enhancement – Report from Committee**
- **Transportation Task Force Report**
- **Superintendent’s Contract**
- **Auditor – Board Appointed Position** – Board subcommittee was formed of Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Lerner and Mrs. Wikle. Mrs. Cook is to serve on the district’s committee to study the same. It was suggested that Mary Beth Corace assist the Board in the discussion to form the scope of this position. Dr. Janssen will work with Mrs. Beaty to schedule this topic for either a May or June workshop.
- **Leadership Discussion**
 - Dr. Janssen informed the Board that Pinellas has been invited to be featured in *American Executive* magazine in an issue on education. Dr. Janssen stated that twenty education institutes were selected and Pinellas is one of the five k-12 districts selected for our forward thinking in technology, energy conservation, green initiatives, etc. A package will be sent with questions answered by the Superintendent.
 - Dr. Janssen reported that Bay News 9 will be doing an interview at John Hopkins Middle School on Thursday, March 18, in their orchestra room.
 - Ms. Clark stated that the Board had received a letter from teachers at John Hopkins Middle School requesting that someone meet with them. Dr. Janssen stated that she will meet with the teachers.
 - Mrs. Lerner had requested that the Board discuss a method of sharing some of what is discussed at their workshops with the public. Donna Winchester and Andrea Zahn will work on this and return to the Board with some suggestions as to how this could be accomplished.
 - Mrs. Lerner submitted a request to have the topic of SRO’s scheduled for a workshop discussion to receive information as to the role and duties of the SRO. This will be scheduled once the MOU has been reached in the Bradley case.
 - Mrs. Brown submitted a request to have the topic of parent contract/involvement scheduled for a workshop discussion. Mrs. Lerner stated that, as a member of the Family Services Team, she has read a book titled, “Beyond the Bake Sale.” This book will be supplied to the Board Members for their reading, prior to the discussion.
 - Mrs. Lerner submitted a request to have the topic of Decentralized Decision Making scheduled for an upcoming workshop. This will be scheduled for a May workshop and a sampling of principals involved in DDM will participate in the presentation/discussion.
 - The following topics will be scheduled for the next workshop: 1) Real estate/vacated properties owned by the district and 2) Safe & Drug Free Schools Department – impact on the department with reduction in funds and how best to communicate up-to-date information regarding illegal & prescription drugs with parents. Mrs. Lerner requested that the possibility of expanding FACE IT be discussed during the discussion on Safe & Drug Free Schools.

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 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

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