

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA WORKSHOP – June 8, 2010

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, June 8, 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:

- **Budget Alternatives** – Board Members requested the following information to be brought back at the next workshop: a one-page talking points to assist them and others in explaining the concerns of the budget and possible areas of reduction; information pertaining to plant operators, the difference in salary when moving Night Foreman positions to Plant Operator positions and the change in responsibilities; additional information on the potential reduction of travel reimbursements; contract implications with Humana and the feasibility of moving the district to self-insured; how early buy-outs might be used in the district; the potential of allowing cities and the county to lease/use our empty facilities; further information on furloughing administrators only; how services to students will be impacted by the proposed reduction in additional duty days; cost vs. revenue for Central Printing and Channel 614; how many teachers will be moved from the Administration Building back to the classroom; updated plans for the IB & Magnet coaches; a person-to-person detail by department, data from 2007/08 to now, including whether any positions were reclassified – if so, from what to what; update on Safe & Drug Free department, especially the Face It program; and, how the district will meet the needs of children should the Literacy Success Program be eliminated. The School Board Members agreed to use the quality/affinity process at the next workshop to indicate support of the various budget reduction proposals to be presented at the June 15, 2010 workshop. Board Members also requested that the changes in Title I distribution of funds be brought back to the Board as a meeting agenda item.
- **Life Skills Center Charter – Update** – This item will be brought as an action item at the Special Meeting scheduled for June 15, 2010.
- **Regional Reassignments & Drop Rehires** – The topic of Drop Rehires was rescheduled for June 15, 2010 workshop. Mr. Robinson is to provide the Board with the implications of the recent legislation regarding DROP on instructional and noninstructional staff.

- **Surplus Property** – Staff received a ‘head nod’ to move forward with negotiations on the Holt Avenue property; a quit claim deed will be brought to the Board regarding the Safety Harbor Secondary property; and, discussions will continue regarding the leasing of the Rio Vista property to the City of St. Petersburg, leasing language to direct that the property reverts back to the district should it be needed for a school. The vacation of property at Oakhurst was discussed and emphasis was placed on the need to work with the neighbors currently encroaching onto the right-of-way. The fee of the right-of-way should remain as part of the district’s parcel.
- **Transportation Update & Opening/Closing (Bell) Times** – Board Members are to send their suggestions or questions regarding transportation to Donna Winchester. The Superintendent’s recommendation for bell times will be brought to the Board at the Special Meeting scheduled for June 15, 2010. Board Members requested an update on the bus assigned to the Oldsmar students and the cost incurred by the district vs. those incurred by the City of Oldsmar; and, transportation provided to Thurgood Marshall and Osceola fundamental school students; transportation for high school students choosing to attend programs at a school other than their zoned school. Mr. Madden will work with Joan Minnis to provide optimum opportunity for students to attend their zoned schools.
- **Leadership Discussion**
 - Agenda items for the June 15, 2010 workshop – Budget Update, Risk Management – Employee Benefits for 2011, Strategic Plan, DROP Rehires and Leadership
 - FSBA Board of Directors Representative and Alternate – The names of Robin Wikle and Carol Cook will be brought in an agenda item at the June 29, 2010 meeting as appointments for the representative and alternate, respectively.
 - Climate Survey – further information will be provided to the Board regarding the logistics of employees completing the survey and having it reported under the correct facility, as well as the assurance that employees can trust the anonymity of the survey.
 - Attendance policy – Board Members agreed to schedule a workshop for July 6, 2010 and this item, along with an update on centers being implemented at the high schools, will be scheduled for that workshop.

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 4:28 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary