

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA WORKSHOP – November 28, 2011

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, November 28, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., in the Cabinet Conference Room, Administration Building, 301 4th Street S.W., Largo, Florida.

Present: Mrs. Robin L. Wikle, Chairperson; Mrs. Carol J. Cook, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Janet R. Clark, Mrs. Terry Krassner, Mrs. Linda S. Lerner, Mrs. Peggy L. O’Shea, Members; Dr. John A. Stewart, Interim Superintendent, Mr. James F. Madden, Deputy Superintendent; and, Mr. James A. Robinson, General Counsel. Mr. Lew Williams was not present and Mrs. O’Shea participated in the workshop via telephone.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Student Assignment** – An update was provided by Mr. James Madden, Ms. Dee Burns and Mr. Marshall Touchton. The amendments to the policy will be brought to the Board Members at their December 6, 2011 meeting for a final reading. Clarification will be included in the presentation of the policy as it relates to special attendance opportunities, ranked selections, etc.
- **Communications Reorganization** - Dr. Stewart and Dr. Ron Ciranna presented the proposal for the reorganization of the Communications Department. Board Members gave a “head nod” to allow the new positions to be posed with a notation included that the positions are pending Board approval; interviews will be take place, once the Board has formally approved the positions; and, a way of communication will be clarified with the new structure.
- **Leadership:**
 - **Superintendent’s Title** - Mrs. Krassner requested that Board Members agree to remove “interim” from Dr. Stewart’s title. Board Members agreed to do so.
 - **Subcommittee Update – Legislative** - The subcommittee provided an update on the breakfast with Legislators scheduled for December 13th. Mrs. Capps will be asked to call the offices of the Legislators who have not responded to prompt them for an answer and to inform them that should they be unable to attend the breakfast, their aides are invited and encouraged to attend.
 - **Master Board Location** – The Board Members agreed to have Mrs. Beaty arrange the three Master Board training sessions to take place in 203 ABC, with a workshop of the Board to follow each training session. The workshops will take place in the Cabinet Conference Room.
 - **Board Self Evaluation Instrument & Process** – Ms. Clark with work with Mrs. Beaty to compile existing instruments. Board Members should forward to Mrs. Beaty any suggestions or tolls they may have regarding this subject.
 - **Meeting with the City of St. Petersburg** – This meeting will take place just prior to the beginning of the December 13th workshop.
 - **Education Foundation Holiday Reception** – This event will take place at Ditek on December 9, 2011, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

- **Homeless Network Interlocal Agreement** – Ms. Clark question whether the district had received this item. Mr. Robinson stated that he had not seen it yet. Ms. Clark will make contact with the Network to make sure this agreement is brought to the Board.
- **Committee Assignments for Board Members** – The assignments will take place following winter break.

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 4:27 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

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