

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA WORKSHOP – January 10, 2012

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 1:00 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, Superintendent, Mr. James F. Madden, Deputy Superintendent; and, Mr. James A. Robinson, General Counsel. School Board District #7 seat remains vacant, pending the appointment by the Governor.

The following topics were discussed:

- **FADSS Team Study Update** – Dr. Stewart presented the Board with a brief update on this initiative.
- **RFP – Performance Auditor Review of Responses Received** - Mrs. Cook expressed her concern that after reviewing the RFPs for the Performance Auditor, she believes there is some duplication between the FADSS study and what would be expected of the Performance Auditor. Discussion followed by Board Members and Dr. Stewart. Ms. Linda Balcombe, Director of Purchasing, shared that both responses to the RFP have been reviewed further and both are found to contain deficiencies and must be rejected. Dr. Stewart suggested the next steps for the Board, as follows: First, receive the report from FADSS; review it closely to see if any area was not reviewed that should have been; and, then rewrite the RFP to address those areas. Dr. Stewart assured the Board that he will commit the dollars needed from his budget to pay for the Performance Auditor, should that service be deemed necessary.
- **Leadership:**
 - **Legislative Breakfast** – Board Members expressed their satisfaction with how the breakfast was conducted and requested that thank you notes be sent from the Board to the Legislators, the speakers and those who successfully orchestrated that morning.
 - **Subcommittee of the Board - Self Evaluation** – This subcommittee will schedule another meeting.
 - **Retreat** – Mrs. Wikle questioned whether the Board wanted to schedule a retreat. Discussion took place. The decision was reached to wait to schedule the retreat until the seventh position on the Board has been filled by the Governor’s appointment; and, that the retreat will contain a refresh on quality processes and work on the Strategic Plan.
 - **Next Workshop, January 17, 2012** – FSBA Master Board Training will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and, a workshop will be conducted from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - **Superintendent’s Employment Agreement** – This topic will be placed on the February 14, 2012 workshop agenda.

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 1:50 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

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