

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA WORKSHOP – April 30, 2013

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 8:30 a.m., in the Cabinet Conference Room, Administration Building, 301 4th Street S.W., Largo, Florida.

Present: Mrs. Carol J. Cook, Chairperson; Mrs. Peggy L. O’Shea, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Janet R. Clark, Ms. Rene Flowers, Mrs. Terry Krassner, Mrs. Linda S. Lerner, Mrs. Robin L. Wikle, Members; Dr. Michael Grego, Superintendent; Mr. Michael Bessette, Associate Superintendent for Operational Services; and, Mr. David Koperski, School Board Attorney.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Audit Report Update** – Mr. Kevin Smith and Mr. Bruce Nannally, CPA with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, presented the Board Members with an overview of the Audit Report, including financial statements, their notes to the financial statements, compliance reports, etc.
- **Budget Update** – Dr. Grego, Mr. Kevin Smith, Area Superintendents, Mr. Bessette and Ms. Diana Lenox provided the Board with an update on the **Legislative Budget, Schools Staffing Models, Programs: Costs vs. Revenue, District Expenditures and Operations**. An email will be composed to be sent to the Board and employees to accurately explain the impact that the recent legislation will have on our district’s budget and the distribution of those dollars within our various funds. An analysis will be provided to the Board to detail how many of our students are enrolled in Florida Virtual and how many are enrolled in our district’s virtual course offerings. The district’s policy on DDM (Decentralized Decision Making) will be discussed by the Board at a future workshop. The processes used for assigning assistant principal units to schools with or without magnet programs and providing funding to schools based on their individual needs should be placed in writing in order to provide consistency in these processes for future years. Information regarding the STARS program and how it is being used will be clearly communicated to all. Board Members provided the Superintendent with agreement to move forward with combining the student populations from the three ESE centers into two centers, freeing up Hamilton Disston to accommodate dropout preventions programs: Further details will be brought back to the Board regarding this change. Board Members provided Mrs. Cook and Dr. Grego with direction to determine the best way to communicate to both the Board and employees in a timely and accurate fashion any upcoming changes that will be proposed by Dr. Grego for staff.
- **Differentiated Accountability (D/A)** – Dr. Grego, Area Superintendents, Dr. Ron Ciranna, Dr. Charlene Einsel and Mr. Bill Lawrence provided the Board with the Florida Department of Education response to the district’s plan to address schools under the D/A status. Further information will be brought back to the Board regarding the plan to address the individual needs of each school; and, transfer requests will continue to be monitored.

- **Addressing Poverty** - Ms. Gwendolyn Warren (Bureau Director, Health and Human Services) and Mr. Carl Harness, accompanied by Mary Buccigrossi (HHS Program Analyst), all from the Pinellas County Government, provided the Board and Dr. Grego with a PowerPoint presentation titled, “The Economic Impact of Poverty.” In their presentation, they focused on the following topics: Impact of Poverty, Pinellas County Population Profile, Pinellas County At-Risk Communities, and Disparities Within At-Risk Communities which included data on the following: a) Insufficient Transportation, b) Limited Food Access, c) Insufficient Access to Healthcare, d) Poorer Health, e) Lower Education Attainment, f) Youth and Adult Arrest and Re-Arrest Rates 2010, g) Unemployment Rate Trends, h) Florida Fair Market Rent 2012, i) Availability of Affordable Housing in Pinellas County, and j) Annual Economic Impact of At-Risk Communities in Pinellas County.
- **Leadership Discussion:**
 - **Superintendent’s Update** –
 - 1) Provided the Board with a quick update on the clinics that are located in some of our high schools and the effort to establish additional sites. Dr. Grego also shared that Mr. Pafundi and his team are pursuing locations at which to place on-site clinics for employees’ use.
 - **Mrs. Cook** – Stated that the discussions requested by Ms. Flowers regarding her involvement in outside committees will be delayed due to the fact that Ms. Flowers had to leave this workshop early.
 - **Mrs. Cook** – Requested that Board Members review the list of FSBA Master Board training components and forward to Mrs. Beaty their top three or four suggestions for the on-site training sessions.
 - **Mrs. O’Shea** – Stated that DMAC is still interested in scheduling a joint meeting with the School Board and Dr. Grego and has suggested the evening of September 26th. This date will be placed as a tentative on the calendar.
 - **Mrs. Wikle** – Stated that she serves on the FHSAA Board of Directors and that there are some changes being considered by the Legislature that cause concern. Mr. Koperski will review the proposed legislation and send to the Board a summary of the changes being proposed within this bill.

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 1:02 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

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