

SCHOOL BOARD OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA WORKSHOP – July 16, 2013

The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, conducted a workshop on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 2:10 p.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; Dr. William Corbett, Deputy Superintendent; and, Mr. David Koperski, School Board Attorney.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Strategic Plan** – Dr. Grego and Dr. Mary Beth Corace presented the Strategic Plan, Goals 1-5 with a brief description of the actions under each goal. Dr. Grego stated that his intent is to have the final version of the Strategic Plan brought to the Board during their August workshop and to the second Board meeting in September for approval of the goals. Dr. Grego will also bring to the August workshop a revised timeline for the Strategic Plan; and, will provide the Board with periodic updates on the goals.
- **Budget Update** – Mr. Kevin Smith presented information on the following: Revenue Analysis Fiscal Year 2006/07 through 2011/12; Operating Fund 63/37 Analysis; and, the FY 2013-2014 Budget Development Points containing statewide points, district level issues, statewide revenue comparisons, statewide per-student funding comparisons and fiscal impacts on Pinellas schools. Mr. Smith shared that within the next 7-10 days he should have better knowledge of our revenue levels; and, that he will bring back Yellow Brick Road to the Board at their next workshop. Mrs. Lerner requested that the Board receive electronically the comparisons provided to them at today’s workshop. Ms. Flowers stated that she had submitted a question as to whether the dollars could be identified to install CADD within our Schools Police Department. Dr. Grego stated that he will be looking at that and will bring information back to the Board.
- **Job Descriptions** – Dr. William Corbett and Mrs. Pam Moore presented an overview of the revised organization charts for Teaching and Learning, led by Mrs. Pam Moore, and for Student and Community Services, led by Ms. Lori Matway. Dr. Ron Ciranna presented job descriptions for the following positions: Managing Officer, Adult Education; General Manager, Operations; Manager, FACE IT Program; Grants Developer; Coordinator, Other – Adult Testing; Network Administration Apprentice; Director, Library, Technology, Instructional Materials, and Digital Learning; Administrator, Department of Juvenile Justice/Dropout Prevention; Administrator, Pinellas Virtual School; 6-8 Mathematics Specialist; 6-8 Science Specialist; Early Childhood Education Specialist; Elementary Reading and Language Arts Specialist; 9-12 Mathematics Specialist; 9-12 Science Specialist; K-5 Science Specialist; K-5 Mathematics Specialist; K-12 Social Studies Specialist; 6-8 Language Arts Specialist; 9-12 Language Arts Specialist; ESOL Specialist; Program Coordinator, Academic Computing; Program Coordinator, Instructional Materials; Program Coordinator, Library Media; Director, Charter Schools and Home Education; Charter Schools and Home

Education Specialist; 21st Century iClass Community Learning Advisor; and 21st Century iClass Community Learning Liaison. Dr. Grego will bring back to the Board at their July 30, 2013 meeting a recommendation for the name of the Teaching and Learning Division.

➤ **Leadership Discussion:**

● **Superintendent's Update –**

- 1) Provided the Board Members with a copy of the Commissioner of Education's July 16, 2013 letter to Members of the State Board of Education regarding "Recommendation for School Letter Grades."
 - 2) Provided the Board Members with a copy of the COQEBS Action Plan. Dr. Grego stated that the district is working very productively with COQEBS; and, that he will provide the Board with an update at their next workshop. Mrs. Cook stated that it is important that DMAC receive updates from the district, rather than receiving their information from the community. Mrs. O'Shea stated that this was a great plan offered by COQEBS, but that it needs to go to DMAC since DMAC is a part of the Court Order. In response to Dr. Grego's question as to what groups need to be approached, Mrs. Krassner suggested that the Urban League be added to the communication. Dr. Grego stated that the plan will be brought back to the Board with updated information.
 - 3) Provided the Board Members with a flier on the New Teacher Institute 2013 scheduled for July 22nd at Pinellas Park High School. Dr. Grego invited the Board Members to stop in on any part of that day.
 - 4) Provided the Board Members with the proposed schedule of visits to targeted schools by Area Superintendents and Teaching & Learning Staff beginning September 2013 through May 2014.
 - 5) Stated that the Board will be receiving information from him regarding the Back to School event to be held at Dixie Hollins High School on August 5th.
 - 6) Stated that based on the appointments scheduled to be made, all principal positions should be filled soon.
 - 7) Informed the Board that the USDA Under Secretary will be visiting in our district tomorrow (July 17th) to learn more about our district's programs and initiatives under the direction of our Food Services Department. Dr. Grego shared that the Under Secretary will be starting at Sandy Lane Elementary and having lunch at Rawlings Elementary. Dr. Grego invited the Board Members to join those taking the Under Secretary around to the various sites.
 - 8) Stated that some Board Members have asked for an update on the Wellness Centers. Dr. Grego shared that he met with Mr. Pafundi; that we are back to the drawing board in terms of establishing relationships with different clinics throughout the county; and, that he will be bringing to the Board proposals for clinics that employees will be able to access. Dr. Grego shared that Humana had to credential the doctors at the clinics presently housed in our three schools; and, that we are now waiting for the Pinellas County Health Department to complete their portion of the required paperwork.
 - 9) Provided the Board with the School Improvement Schedule 2013-14 organized by Dr. Mary Beth Corace. Dr. Grego will present this to the Board for approval at the September 24th meeting.
 - 10) Dr. Grego invited Ms. Lori Matway to the table to present a brief overview of the efforts to strengthen the partnership that the district has with the City of St. Petersburg. Ms. Matway shared that Mr. Boehm and the Pinellas Education Foundation have joined the effort; and, that it is her hope that this model partnership will be mirrored by other surrounding municipalities. Dr. Grego will bring the associated agreement to the Board at their July meeting.
- **Mrs. Wikle –** Stated that she had emailed a completed Workshop Topic Request Form to request that the Board agree to schedule for a workshop discussion, Academies of Pinellas. Board Members agreed to have this discussion scheduled either at the September or the October workshop.

- **Mrs. Lerner** – Stated that she had submitted a completed Workshop Topic Request Form to request that the Board agree to schedule for a workshop discussion, Chronically Absent Students – 21 or More Days. Mrs. Lerner stated that Dr. Ahmadi had told her that it would take two hours to compile the report: Dr. Grego stated that he will check on that. Ms. Flowers questioned whether Mrs. Lerner was agreeable to adding to her request suspension data broken down by race and sex: Mrs. Lerner agreed. The Board Members agreed to schedule this discussion for a future workshop.
- **Mrs. Lerner** - Stated that she is scheduled to attend the July DMAC meeting but that the retirement celebration for Ms. Dee Burns is that same evening. Mrs. O’Shea agreed to exchange her DMAC meeting responsibility with Mrs. Lerner.
- **Ms. Flowers** – Requested an update on the Lew Williams learning opportunity. This will be provided during the August 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 4:55 p.m. A Special Board Meeting was conducted immediately following the closure of this workshop.

Chairperson

Secretary

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