

01 17 2012 Work Session

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New Business

1. [12:30 - 12:45 PM School Board Comments](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Wright commented that she reviewed the School Board Policies over the holidays and identified several areas of concern:

- professional development
- medication/nursing manuals
- budget cuts under policy conversations
- parental involvement
- strategic plan policy needed
- procedural manual
- budget reduction policy with procedures to include priorities
- orientation of new school board members and staff
- process for policy revision every two years clearly defined
- that provides easy access to policies and procedures on the Board Policy Table of Contents (website)

She would like the Board and Policy Committee to consider changing the district policy that prevents hiring applicants with certain felony offenses such as burglary, fraud, and forgery. Wes Bridges, Attorney for the School Board, requested direction from the Board. If the consensus is to change current policy, a work session discussion should be scheduled.

Mrs. Cunningham and Mr. O'Reilly suggested the request be processed through the Policy Committee who will bring it to the Board for editing/approving. Mr. Harris and Mr. Mullenax requested that all Board Members serve on the Policy Committee rather than one

member being appointed as the Liaison. Mr. Bridges related that when more than one board member attends, the meetings have to be advertised. Mrs. Wright asked that the same membership consideration be made for the Insurance Committee. Mr. Bridges suggested the Board seek information from the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA, Dr. Wayne Blanton) and other districts. Chair Sellers suggested best practices be found and submitted for the February 28th Work Session as to the Board's involvement in the policy making process. Perhaps contact a policy review company, such as NEOLA of Florida, for cost and timeline information to be presented at the February 28th meeting.

The current requests of Mrs. Wright should be submitted to the Policy Committee. The Superintendent will have staff evaluate Mrs. Wright's employment revision proposal for a February discussion.

Board Agenda Review

2. [12:45 - 1:15 PM Review Agenda of January 17, 2012](#)

Attachment: [01 17 12 School Board Agenda.pdf](#)

Minutes: None

Discussion

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3. [1:15 - 1:35 PM Investment Performance Report](#)

Attachment: [POLK Summary July October2011.pdf](#)

Minutes:

David Jang, PFM Asset Management Senior Managing Consultant, reported that the third quarter of last year was the beginning of the European market fall and recently France was downgraded from their AAA rating to AA+. The downgrade is in the area of long-term debts. The Florida Prime Fund has approximately 23% of its total dollars invested in long-term European bonds. Mark Grey stated that over the past few months, he has been slowly moving dollars from the Florida Prime Fund to short term investments.

The district's investments are doing well; guided by safety/liquidity/yield.

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4. [1:35 - 1:45 PM BREAK](#)

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5. [1:45 - 2:00 PM Budget Update](#)

Attachment: [FTE Projections.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mark Grey, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, provided information on FTE projections as it relates to building the district's budget. Step one in developing the 2012-13 budget is to project the number of expected students.

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6. [2:00 - 2:10 PM 2012-2013 School Calendar](#)

Attachment: [Executive Summary 12-13 Calendar 1-17WS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Proposed 2012-2013 Calendar 1-17-12 Work Session.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Denny Dunn, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and Jose Farinas, Director of Employee Relations, provided background information on the proposed 2012-13 school calendar.

Dr. Nickell noted that the legislature's recent increase in cut scores will bring significant challenges for the elementary and middle schools. Solutions such as extended school days have and will be discussed; however, such action has to be negotiated.

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7. [2:10 - 2:20 PM Head Start Services Summary](#)

Attachment: [December 2011 Board Executive Summary.pdf](#)

Attachment: [11HSA BUDGET REPORT BOARD MEETING as of 11-30-2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Nov 2011 Board Executive Summary.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Matti Friedt, Director of Early Education Programs, provided 2010-11 Head Start performance data and statistics that show that a pre-kindergarten student on a Free and Reduced lunch program is 2.8 times less likely to be retained in Kindergarten. These are students in the 6-hour day programs.

There are currently 1,097 students on the waiting lists. Unfortunately, there are no expansion grants available and the Early Learning Coalition is anticipating reduced funding next year.

Information

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8. [Postsecondary Education Readiness Test Assessments \(RFA Entitlement\)](#)

Attachment: [Postsecondary Education Readiness Test Assessments BIA 2011-12.pdf](#)

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9. [Naming of the Track and Field Complex-Rochelle School of the Arts](#)

Attachment: [Rochelle Track n Field Complex.pdf](#)

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10. [Contract Modifications for School Improvement Plans](#)

Attachment: [WS Summary SIP 1.17.12.pdf](#)

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11. [2010-2011 Annual Audits for Charter Schools](#)

Attachment: [Annual Financial Audit W.S 1.17.12-2 Part II.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Annual Financial Audit W.S 1.17.12 Part I.pdf](#)

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12. [2010-2011 Annual Report for Charter Schools](#)

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13. [Polk Education Foundation Audit](#)

Attachment: [PEF 2010-11 Audit.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2010-11 PEF End of Year Report.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:41 PM. Minutes were approved and attested this 14th day of February, 2012.

Hazel Sellers, Board Chair

Sherrie B. Nickell, Ed. D, Superintendent