

06 22 2011 Work Session Agenda

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New Business

1. [9:30 - 9:45 AM Board Comments](#)

Minutes: Board Chair Kay Fields requested nominees to serve as the School Board's representative on the Florida School Boards Association's Board of Directors. Current representatives are Hazel Sellers and Tim Harris (Alternate). Consensus is to continue with current representative and alternate.

Board Agenda Review

Discussion

Item 2

2. [9:45 - 10:30 AM 2011-2012 Code of Student Conduct](#)

Attachment: [2011-2012CoC with strikethrough DRAFT 6-2-11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Code Changes for 2011-2012.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS Code of Student Conduct 2011-2012.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Bruce Tonjes, Associate Superintendent of School-Based Operations, and Jerome Corbett, Senior Director of Specialized Services, provided information on the proposed changes and updates to the current Code of Student Conduct.

Code changes -

- Academic Discipline (definition- students have the option to not interfere with the classroom instruction. Teachers have requested permission to issue discipline when students intentionally disrupt class.) Mrs. Sellers requested it be more defined...'failure to complete homework' so that it would not be confused if a student refused to do classroom assignment in a passive way. This would be insubordination and teacher should be supported in discipline action.
- Technology - Posting Potentially Offensive Materials - if a high school student posts to a website (Facebook, tweeting, etc.) strongly insulting or threatening a teacher (staff); this is not considered disciplinary action, but right of free speech-if it takes place off campus.
- Dating Violence and Abuse - statutorily mandated.
- Drug Policy (Mark Wilcox Ctr) DOE Safe and Drug Free Department has not been funded for the 2011-2012. During the 2010 school year, our high schools voluntarily set aside funding for the drug free program at the secondary level.

Nancy Woolcock reported that the Center will not be closed as other staff are assigned there: nurses, etc. She is currently developing drug information (Substance Abuse Assessment) to be available to students and parents when a student is found with, using, or selling drugs and she hopes to partner with an outside agency. Approximately 37% of the students expelled were drug related. Substance Abuse Assessment. Mr. Mullenax noted that was 64 students out of 94,000.

Mrs. Fields commented she could not support the current plan.

- Attendance/Tardies - 3 recorded unexcused tardies will constitute 1 recorded unexcused absence.
- Best Program - the Boswell Elementary site has space available with low attendance; the plan is to locate the two Best Programs at Boswell by adding 4 classrooms to house K-2, 3, 4, 5 students.

Mr. Mullenax reported that we are one of the only districts in Florida that offer this K-2 program.

- Progressive discipline
- Air-Soft guns/fireworks - remain as serious breaches of conduct under the Dangerous Objects category. If they are used on campus, appropriate discipline will follow.
- Saggy Pants - Addressed under the Dress Code. Sanctions remain the same; consequences are denying access to extra curricular activities.

Item 3

3. [10:30 - 10:40 AM Break](#)

Item 4

4. [10:40 - 11:25 AM Polk County School Board Policy Manual Changes](#)

Attachment: [Work Session Summary 061411.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ProposedPolicyChangesWS061411.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Information

Item 5

5. [2011-2012 Organizational Charts](#)

Attachment: [2011-12 Org Charts for 6 22 11 WS.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM. Minutes were approved and attested this 26th day of July, 2011.

Kay Fields, Board Chair

Sherrie B. Nickell, Ed. D, Superintendent