

09 06 2011 Work Session

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New Business

1. [1:30 - 1:40 PM School Board Comments](#)

Minutes: After reviewing a draft copy of the School Board Members' Code of Conduct, Mrs. Wright requested that the Six Skills of Listening be included. She will provide a copy of the skills to Pat McManus, Senior Staff Assistant to the School Board.

Board Agenda Review

2. [1:40 - 2:00 PM Review agenda of September 6, 2011 School Board Meeting](#)

Attachment: [09.06.11 SB Agenda.pdf](#)

Minutes:

R-62 2011 - 2012 Final Budget and Millage Rates

Mrs. Wright stated she did not see where the final budget supports the Strategic Plan. Dr. Nickell clarified that prior plans did address areas (ie. transportation, facilities) that were supported by the budget. The 2011-2014 Strategic Plan focuses on student achievement.

Mr. Grey asked if an executive summary would help the Board with future Budget books. Several Board Members supported the offer of a summary and asked that it be provided electronically.

Discussion

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3. [2:00 - 2:20 PM Department of Academic Rigor Update](#)

Minutes:

David Lewis, Associate Superintendent, and Rebecca Braaten, Director of Academic Rigor, provided an overview of the advanced placement programs available to students.

In 2009, the district received a \$2.7 million dollar grant to increase AP participation and performance of economically disadvantaged students. Over a 5-year period, student participation in AP courses has increased from 3,000 to 8,000. Student participation and pass rates should mirror the demographic profile of the school.

SpringBoard Curriculum: (Pre-AP program for grades 6-12 In English Language Arts and Mathematics)

APIP Grant Schools: Crystal Lake Middle, Denison Middle, Lake Gibson Middle, Mulberry Middle, Sleepy Hill Middle, Southwest Middle, Westwood Middle, Auburndale High, Mulberry High, Lakeland High, Lake Gibson High, Lake Region High, Winter Haven High, and Fort Meade Middle Senior.

S.T.E.A.M. Academies:

1. Reduce the attrition of high achieving students leaving middle schools below grade level: 1 & 2.
2. Increase the number of economically disadvantaged students taking advanced courses
3. Build an AP pipeline that focuses on a college bound culture
4. Increase student participation in co-curricular activities

Polk County is one of the few districts in the country where the number of students enrolled in AP courses grew as well as those passing the AP courses.

Dual Enrollment:

Eliminate program barriers, increase DE participation rates, sustain DE pass rates

Barriers: Low enrollment numbers (approximately 650 students district-wide per term); lack of student transportation to Polk State and South Florida Community Colleges; number of eligible dual enrollment teachers on our high

school campuses.

Current Initiatives: District Dual Enrollment contract; District AP and DE Articulation Guide; offer graduate math and science coursework through USF Polytechnic (funded through RTTT); expand DE offerings on high school campuses based on current teacher credentials.

PRISM: Teacher Recognition Program (Scheduled for September 22, 2011 at the Orlando Science Center)

18 Regional Teacher Finalists: 4 elementary science, 6 secondary science, 4 elementary math and 4 secondary math.

22 Regional Student Finalists have been honored since 2008: Qualified as 7th graders; recognized for academic and co-curricular achievements related to math, science, and technology; receive a \$250 Savings Bond.

An additional 8 PRISM Student Finalists will be recognized at the Superintendent's Evening of Special Recognitions on November 10, 2011.

Mrs. Sellers suggested this information be presented at a Polk Vision Education Committee meeting.

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4. [2:20 - 2:30 BREAK](#)

Item 5

5. ~~2:30 - 2:50 PM 2011 Grade Three Summer Reading Camp Report~~

Item 6

6. [2:50 - 3:10 PM 2012 PCSB Legislative Platform](#)

Attachment: [2011 PCSB Legislative Platform.pdf](#)

Information

Learning Support - Grants With Positions

7. [Continuation Grant: IDEA, Part B; IDEA, Part B, Preschool](#)

Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT IDEA, Part B, Preschool 2011-2012.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS 2011-2012.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.pdf](#)

Attachment: [IDEA Executive summary.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Learning Support ESE SY12 8.24 Proposed .pdf](#)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 PM. Minutes were approved and attested this 27th day of September, 2012.

Kay Fields, Board Chair

Sherrie B. Nickell, Ed. D, Superintendent