

09 27 2011 Work Session

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New Business

1. [12:30 - 12:40 PM School Board Comments](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Sellers reported that at a recent meeting of the Florida School Boards Association Board of Directors it was noted that several districts had created budget committees to help build trust and transparency within their communities and many districts reported communication issues. Orange and Pinellas Counties hired professional communication specialists to generate additional revenue through advertising with outside businesses and the community. The revenues generated fund the new position.

Charlotte County, an 'A' district, provided training for all their staff and students in the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. They believe this training holds students accountable and responsible for their own successes. Mr. O'Reilly suggested that this be discussed in more detail at the October retreat.

Mrs. Wright voiced comments and concerns on the last budget planning process. In reviewing the document, she found several errors: the Executive Summary reflects an amended budget with \$25 million more than the actual budget; the 2011-12 salary line item reflects \$28 million more. She recommended that at least three (3) sessions be held devoted to budget information and planning in the coming year. The budget document should be available at least two weeks before adoption. Mrs. Wright also referenced a discrepancy in the actual number of district-level positions eliminated. Mrs. Fields stated that her concerns will be addressed at a later date.

Facilities staff created a file on redistricting as required by the Supervisor of Elections. As soon as the Supervisor of Elections has verified the information, it will be presented to the School Board.

Board Agenda Review

2. [12:40 - 1:00 PM Review Agenda of the September 27, 2011 School Board Meeting](#)

Attachment: [09 27 11 School Board Agenda as Revised.pdf](#)

Minutes:

- C-45 New Bus Purchase for 2011-12

Dick Mullenax asked if any natural gas buses were among the fleet purchase. Mr. Murphy confirmed the purchase includes two 84-passenger buses as a pilot project. If they prove to be cost effective, more will be purchased in the coming years.

- C-11 Transfero of Federal Title I Assets to Lake Wales Charter School District

Mrs. Fields flagged the item from consent to regular agenda for a formal vote.

Carolyn Bridges reported that Title I assets (portables, equipment, etc.) will be identified and transferred over to the charter system based on Lake Wales' new LEA status. The charter schools will be responsible for the repairs, replacement, and upkeep on those assets from this day forward. Property inventory purchased through IDEA, Perkins and other federal funds will be transfered over at a later date..

The Polk County School District will maintain the responsibility of private Schools.

- C17: Catapult Learning

Mr. Lewis stated that the program will provide a structured tutoring program for our most challenged students focusing in the area of literacy in grades 2 and 3, intensive reading, and remediation. It will allow us to build internal capacity with our teachers to help with Differentiated Instruction that will transcend and transfer to the classroom.. Teachers will not be required to develop lesson plans. It will ensure quality control and is a win/win for students and employees to improve student achievement.

Catapult will provide students who complete the program and meet the minimum requirements the opportunity for additional tutoring during the summer at no additional charge.

Mrs. Wright stated there was no researched-based data nor any references to support their successes. She would need documentation before supporting a contract for \$1.8 million for such a small number of students (3400) and a program that has not been proven.

Mr. Lewis reported that the cost per student for SES is considerably higher than the cost of this tutoring program of 60 hours. He and Dr. Leftwich personally called similar school districts across the nation that have unique and challenging populations that mirror our own. Every one of the districts contacted felt that the program was worthwhile and planned to expand the tutoring opportunities.

Mrs. Sellers asked what happens if the contract isn't approved. Mr. Lewis reported the funds go back to schools' budgets and outside groups provide the tutoring as they have been in the past.

Mr. Harris asked if the District has any control on programs used by SES providers? Mr. Lewis reported that we haven't had that opportunity in the past.

3. [1:00 - 1:30 PM ATTORNEY - Client Session](#)

Minutes:

School Board Attorney, Wes Bridges, informed the School Board of the need to recess for the scheduled Attorney/Client Session to be followed by an Executive Session in the Finance Conference Room. Recess called at 1:20 PM.

4. [1:30 - 2:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION](#)

Minutes:

The School Board held an Executive Session in the Finance Conference Room immediately following the Attorney/Client Session.

Attorney/Client Session 1:20 - 2:18 PM; Executive Session 2:18 - 4:20 PM.

The Work Session reconvened and adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Discussion

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5. [2:00 - 2:15 PM Committee Recommendations on the Florida Virtual Academy and Renaissance Charter applications](#)

Attachment: [Committee Recommendation Charter Applications 9.27.11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [WS-Applicant Response to CRC 9 19 11-Second Submission.pdf](#)

Attachment: [WS-Applicant Response to CRC 9 19 11-LATE Submission.pdf](#)

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6. [2:15 - 2:30 PM 2011 Grade Three Summer Reading Camp Report](#)

Attachment: [Curriculum Interventions - Math Reading Science1 9-9-11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Guiding Questions for Tiers.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Intervention Programs--Reading.pdf](#)
Attachment: [SRC Board Report 092711.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Tiered Interventions.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Graphic.pdf](#)
Attachment: [District Level Reading Interventions.pdf](#)

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7. [2:30 - 2:45 PM Class Size Update](#)

Attachment: [SY 2012 Class Size Summary.pdf](#)

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8. [2:45 - 2:50 PM Student Athletic Transfers](#)

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9. [2:50 - 3:00 PM Budget Update](#)

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10. [3:00 - 3:10 PM Committee Recommendation to the Superintendent on the seven Step Up Academy applications](#)

Attachment: [Committee Recommendation Step Up Academies 9.27.11.pdf](#)

Information

Item 11

11. [Request for Modification for Our Children's Academy](#)

Attachment: [WS OCA Modification Second 9.27.11.pdf](#)

Adjournment

Meeting ajourned at 4:25 PM.

Kay Fields, Board Chair

Sherrie B. Nickell, Ed. D, Superintendent