

11 17 2009 Work Session

New Business

1. [8:30 AM - 8:40 AM Board Member Comments](#)

Board Agenda Review

2. [8:40 AM - 9:15 AM Review November 17, 2009 School Board Agenda](#)

Attachment: [11 17 09 School Board Agenda.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Dr. McKinzie outlined the procedures to be used for the Reorganization of the Board during the School Board meeting.

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Mark Grey spoke briefly on the state's new way to approach budget cuts: proration. Essentially, the state will review the numbers to see what we are entitled to receive, then those fundings that the State cannot adjust (ie millage rates) will be compressed for equalization based on state average; everything that is discretionary will be prorated. Money will be moved from one area to fund another; ie class size funds may increase but will have less funds to instructional materials or transportation. At the end of the day, you will receive less money than when you started. It is anticipated that the proration will be \$45 - \$46 dollars less per student this year. We anticipate approximately \$4 - \$4.5 million less in our 2009-2010 FEFP. When the 09-10 budget was created, we provided for a FTE shortfall that should be sufficient to absorb most of the budget proration.

3. [9:15 AM - 9:30 AM BREAK](#)

Discussion

Item 4

4. [9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Review Changes to School Board Policies](#)

Attachment: [Proposed Policy Changes.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Policy 1.003: Powers and Duties - Mark Grey explained that the requested 5% would bring us into compliance with DOE's recommendation.

Policy 1.009: Board Policy - notice requirement changes from 21 to 28 days.

Policy 2.001 - Employment Status - minor language changes - has no legal effect.

Policy 3.010 - Stay at Work - to assist in bringing closure to persons returning from Worker's Compensation leave.

Policy 4.017 - Magnet Schools - admissions procedure language changes to align with new non racial requirements. (Legal will remove word 'postmark' from policy.) Reducing enrollment periods from three to two.

Policy 4.018 - Schools of Choice or Programs of Choice - reduce enrollment periods from three to two; (remove 'postmark' from policy).

Policy 4.020 Charter Schools - changes to statutory numbering.

Policy 5.002 External Contracts - reflects changes made by State.

Policy 5.003 Cash Investments - limits the amount of investments, number of investments, and type of investments; enables Superintendent authority to make transfers from financial institution to financial institution or within a financial institution for the purpose of investing or divesting School District funds. Also provides authority to Superintendent and his/her designee to conduct investment transactions in accounts at financial institutions as provided under 'authorized investment institutions and dealers' and Qualified Public Depositories.

Mr. Mullenax requested that all the policies with corrections be presented to the board once again before a vote is required.

Policy 5.004 - Tangible Property (plus EE forms) - holds employees accountable for the equipment (ie computers) assigned to them.

Policy 6.002 - Professional Services - brings us into compliance with Florida Statute 287.055, Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act.

Policy 6.017 - State and Local Proximity Point System - establishing a quantitative system for awarding points during evaluation process.

Policy 9.001 - Technology Acceptable Use - updated frequently as new technology becomes available.

Item 5

5. [10:00 AM - 10:20 AM Impact of Class Size Reduction for the 2010-2011 School Year](#)

Attachment: [CFPSBC Position Paper Draft.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Class Size Concerns as we Move to Class By Class.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Moving to Class by Class for Board.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Judy Butler and Mark Grey stated that districts cannot afford to overstaff their schools. Concerns are:

- what do you do when the 19th student enrolls, course availability, school capacity. At the elementary level, when the 19th student enrolls requires hiring another teacher, redistributing the grade level to establish a classroll, and having classroom availability. One solution would be to under enroll class by class.
- when does the requirement take affect? First day of school or October FTE?
- our initial report indicates that we will need approximately 350 teachers for next year to meet class by class size requirement. Where will we put them? Do we build new classrooms or purchase portables.

It is in the state constitution that we begin class by class size next year. There isn't time or support to change the constitution before implementation. We are required to meet class size by 'core' class. What is at the Legislative's disposal is redefining a 'core' class. No one knows what the penalties will be if you don't meet class size.

Mrs. Lofton stated that class size is the single most important issue facing school districts. The media needs to let the people of the state know the exact facts of this issue and the costs involved.

Item 6

6. [10:20 AM - 10:45 AM Overaged Students](#)

Attachment: [Overaged Middle School Students.pdf](#)

Minutes: Due to time limit, this item will be moved to the December 8, 2009

Work Session.

Item 8

7. [10:45 AM - 11:00 AM Discipline Data](#)

Attachment: [Strat Planformat for Discipline 0809.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Expulsion Cases to The Board.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Due to time limit, this item will be moved to the December 8, 2009 Work Session.

Information

Business Services - General

8. [Women and Minority Business Enterprise Update](#)

Attachment: [RTS Save the Date 2010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [WMBE Summary 7-1-09 - 9-30-09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [WMBE Report.pdf](#)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Kay Fields, Board Chair

Gail F. McKinzie, Ph. D., Superintendent