

## 12 05 2011 Special Work Session

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### New Business

1. [School Board Comments](#)

### Board Agenda Review

### Discussion

#### School-Based Operations - Administration

2. [9:00 AM Magnet and Choice Student Assignment Plan](#)

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#### Minutes:

Carolyn Bridges, Senior Director of Magnet, Choice and Charter, presented a proposal to realign Magnet /Choice Student Assignment based on the Seattle, Washington Supreme Court ruling, which struck down all individual integration plans. The proposal is a race neutral plan. We are a majority/minority district and no longer enroll through Black and non-Black lists but with all races.

Currently there are approximately 10,000 students enrolled in our Magnet and Choice schools with another 10,000 - 15,000 on the waiting list. Approximately 11,000 are enrolled in the district's charter schools.

Until the current waiting lists are cleared, some schools would have both a

Wait List and annual applicant pool: example: Bethune has 73 students on the waiting list (since K). As an opening occurs at the appropriate grade level, Wait list parents are contacted. Applicant pool students apply each year. Kindergarten is strictly applicant pool process.

Plan would create four (4) zones:

- Lakeland
- Winter Haven / Auburndale
- Haines City / Davenport
- Bartow / Mulberry / Frostproof / Ft. Meade/ Lake Wales

Original Magnet Schools:

Lakeland:

- Lincoln Avenue Academy, Lawton Chiles Middle, Rochelle School of the Arts;

Winter Haven:

- Brigham Academy, Jewett Academy;

Bartow:

- Bartow Academy, Union Academy;

Haines City:

- Bethune Academy

Current Additional Options:

Lakeland: Blake Academy, Crystal Academy of Science and Engineering;

Winter Haven: Jewett School of the Arts;

Bartow: Summerlin Academy;

Haines City: Daniel Jenkins Academy, Davenport School of the Arts

Other Choice Programs governed under separate policy: Harrison Fine Arts; IB Programs at Bartow and Haines City High

- Prioritizing Grids through Free/Reduced Lunch; Race; Students with Disabilities; and English Language Learners
- Ranges vary to mirror demographics of community of magnet/choice schools. Data will be updated with census reporting. (10 years)
- Parents would continue to apply during open enrollment; continue to

submit a separate application for each child in January until accepted into a magnet/choice school, all applications are placed in one of the three applicant pools based on the county grid; applicant pools are established at each grade level.

- As a seat becomes available in a magnet school: review demographic category values for that particular magnet school; determine which applicant pool is needed based on the student population of the magnet school.

Students on existing waiting lists will be accepted prior to students in the applicant pool; a computer-generated lottery will be conducted to select students from the appropriate applicant pool.

#### Sibling Policy:

Current policy is if you have a student enrolled at a magnet with an incoming Kindergartner and submit an application, the Kindergarten student is accepted.

Possible options to sibling policy:

1. Create a sibling priority for Kindergartners up to 50% of the seats. If students are not selected for a sibling seat, they will become part of the general application pool
2. Create a sibling priority allowing all KG siblings to fill available seats
3. Do not have a sibling priority. Equal opportunity for all incoming Kindergartners.

Option 1: Divide each of the applicant pools into two smaller pools: KG sibling / Non KG sibling. When filling KG seats at a magnet school: 50% of the available KG sibling seats using random selection from the appropriate applicant pool and remaining seats with non-KG. All remaining pool applicants would reapply during next open enrollment period.

Option 2: 100% of sibling priority. Divide each of the KG applicant pools into two smaller groups: Sibling/non sibling. When filling the KG seats: fill up 100% of the available KG sibling seats using random selection from the appropriate pool. Once the KG sibling pool is depleted, the remaining available seats would be filled with non-sibling from the applicant pool.

Option 3: No sibling priority - all applications are placed in pool.

\*\*\*Parents have option to decline seat if one sibling is accepted and another is not.

Kay/Frank/Hazel support Option 1

Carolyn will provide a one page talking points; In January, her department will set up community meetings in each of the 4 areas to review grids, current magnet students, and mail to applicants and applicant pool families. A powerpoint will be posted on the website.

Information

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM. Minutes were approved and attested this 17th day of January, 2012.

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Hazel Sellers, Board Chair

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Sherrie B. Nickell, Ed. D, Superintendent