

MINUTES
Monthly Work Session

MEETING: August 15, 2017

PRESENT: Board Members: Caroline Zucker, Chair; Bridget Ziegler, Vice Chair; Shirley Brown, Jane Goodwin; Eric Robinson; Superintendent Todd Bowden

CALLED TO ORDER: 8:02 a.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Suncoast School of Innovative Studies (SSIS) School Improvement Plan – Natalie Roca SSIS Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent school grade for SSIS was a “D” which requires them to present the Board for consideration a school improvement plan (SIP) to address what actions the school will take to improve student achievement • Board Members and the Superintendent discussed the plan with school staff and offered suggestions/feedback • The SSIS SIP will be placed on the September 19, 2017 School Board meeting agenda for approval
Policy Review = Todd Bowden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need to go through our policy manual from beginning to end to be sure we are in compliance with state statute • We currently have an outside service that provide legal updates, but there is no formalized system within the district that applies the updates when they are received • Art Hardy has agreed to do a complete legal review of the policy manual; The next step will be a staff review to bring all policies in compliance and update procedures/practices, and when necessary they will be brought to Board Members for review/approval • The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents will take responsibility/ownership of policies relating to their respective areas; Board

	<p>Members could also be part if this if they have a particular area of expertise or interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Members were supportive of this process
<p>Getting Ready for Learning: PD Summary and Plan for the Year, Intro to Dashboard (District Disaggregated State Data), i-Ready Progress Monitoring Tool- Laura Kingsely</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus on summer training/professional development was supporting the three goals of (1) maintaining our “A” grade, extending excellence to all students, and ensuring all of our students are graduating college and career ready • Dr. Kingsley discussed the “Coherence Framework” from the 2017 Harvard Institute for Superintendents and District Leaders that assists our thinking about how our school system is affected by the interdependence of elements; She and Dr. Bowden recently attended this institute. • Kirk Hutchinson, principal of Atwater Elementary, was part of the team that attended the Developing Superior Teams Leadership Institute by FADSS this summer; He shared the positive aspects of that experience/conference • Dr. Bowden shared how he felt this training impacted how to think about solving a problem in a different way • Steve Cantees and Karen Rose explained that Visible Learning for teachers is a synthesis of over 800 meta analysis relating to achievement. Visible Learning in action is when teachers see learning through the eyes of the student and students see themselves as their own teachers. How Visible Learning will be implemented was discussed. • Dawn Clayton stated that closing the gap starts with building relationships between parents/caregivers, students and teachers. Relationships can be built by defining family engagement, home visits, ensuring every family member knows how to support a learning goal. • Natalie Roca introduced and thanked all the members of the team that contributed to development of the newly designed dashboard. Denise Cantalupo presented slides and reviewed the dashboard with Board Members. This was a collective effort by our team, which gives us flexibility to customize it. The link to the dashboard will eventually be on the district webpage where the public can see it easily. Since this will be available to the public, it will not go down to

	<p>individual students; it will only go down to the school level. Dr. Cantalupo explained how the data can be compared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly Ellington, Michelle Kloese and Dina Neyman from Curriculum Associates gave a presentation on iReady which is an adaptive diagnostic assessment and progress monitoring tool which is teacher-lead instruction and student-driven online instruction. It provides personalized digital support for every student, pinpointing each student's needs down to the sub-skill level. Instruction is delivered via automated differentiated instruction for every student which provides instantaneous, easily accessible reporting of student progress. The implementation process was discussed; Year 1 goal was to build and awareness of the instructional tool as a foundation for success, Year 2 goal was to work with greater intentionality in addressing student needs, Year 3 goal is to know the impact our actions had on student learning and respond to the results effectively. • A video was shown demonstrating how teachers and students use iReady • Board Members discussed the pros and cons of the program and questioned the cost of the program. Dr. Bowden agreed to provide the exact figures at the upcoming Board meeting.
<p>Recessed – 11:31 a.m. Reconvened – 12:34 p.m.</p>	
<p>2018 Legislative Platform</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCSB legislative lobbyist Vern Pickup Crawford provided for discussion a draft copy of suggested issues based on the conversation at the June 20, 2017 work session • Each topic was reviewed/discussed/revise • The Superintendent suggested adding three additional topics relating to VPK funding at Title 1 schools, waiver of tuition for parents of Title 1 students who take workforce development programs offered at their child's school, and modifying funding for workforce development programs; Board Members were in support of these suggestions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on this conversation, Mr. Crawford will draft another platform and send it to Board Members for their review before it is formally adopted at the September 5, 2017 Board Meeting • Five issues to take to the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards for consideration were discussed; general agreement was to include postsecondary tuition waiver for parents of children attending Title 1 elementary schools, VPK programs at Title 1 schools, re-employment of teachers and bus drivers after one month of retirement, state assessment, base student allocation
Achievement Gap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An article from Education Week was shared/discussed among Board Members • According to the article, the findings indicated that policymakers should pay much closer attention to the practices of individual schools rather than concentrating exclusively on policies and interventions typically enacted at the district level
Changes in Graduation Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A memo from FADSS was shared/discussed among Board Members • Proposed changes to concordant and comparative scores for various assessments/benchmarks were discussed • At this point this item has been pulled from the State Board agenda and is back to fact-finding
ESSA (Every Student Success Act) Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the Board's legislative liaison, Jane Goodwin updated the Board after attending a ESSA conference in St. Augustine in July • Notes from that meeting will be distributed to Board Members
Student Use/Administration of Medical Marijuana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues surrounding the recently enacted SB 8-A regarding student use of medical marijuana were discussed • The purpose of the conversation was to determine if the Board would like to adopt a policy regarding this • After discussion it was decided that there are too many contradictions in the bill and no action in setting a policy should be taken at this time • In an effort to provide our administrators and health room staff some direction/clarity regarding students, the Superintendent will write a memo to staff that basically says we will work cooperatively with parents, which means we will

	<p>not take possession, but if parents wish to come to school and administer it to their child, we will make a private room available, but under no circumstances would an employee of the district take possession of the product.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue of School Board employees and the use prescription drugs will be discussed at a later time.
OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to time constraints, the possibility of moving the monthly work session to the first Tuesday of the month instead of the third Tuesday was discussed.
Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Monthly Work Session adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

We certify that the foregoing minutes are a true account of the Monthly Work Session held on August 15, 2017, and approved at the regular Board meeting on September 5, 2017.

Secretary
Todd Bowden

Chair
Caroline Zucker