

## **Regular School Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, January, 15, 2013 10:00 AM**

**School Administration Building**

301 Fourth Street SW  
Largo, FL 33770

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### **Public Comments**

Prior to the presentations, Mrs. Cook stated that the public, at this time, may share comments of a general education nature with the Board.

The following individuals presented their comments to the Board:

**1. Lenore Faulkner**

Ms. Faulkner addressed the Board to say she is half German; to say that she meets with the wounded warriors every Saturday; and, to say that she has been the advocate for a world class technology school at Pinellas Park Middle School. Ms. Faulkner also shared information regarding her battle with cancer and read a quote from Mother Teresa. Ms. Faulkner stated that she had provided Mr. Koperski with some documents that were to be given to Dr. Grego only. Mr. Koperski explained that these documents are now public documents.

**2. Karen Pesce**

Ms. Mary Mahoney, Director of Marketing & Community Relations at All Children's Hospital, and Ms. Karen Pesce, MORE HEALTH, Inc., addressed the Board to share an update on the programs that have been delivered to our students regarding health and safety through the district's partnership with All Children's Hospital and More Health, Inc. Ms. Mahoney and Ms. Pesce presented the Board Members with folders of information to further enlighten them on the More Health initiative.

**3. Mark Klutho**

Mr. Klutho addressed the Board to share that his wife said teachers can't keep up with all that is being required of them and that the Smartboard in her classroom isn't working. Mr. Klutho stated that it is absurd what teachers are being bombarded with; and, that the trip taken by some leaders to Germany is nonsense. Mr. Klutho also shared some items contained in the newspaper.

**There were no additional presentations from the audience; and, this session ended at 10:11 a.m.**

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### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM on January 15, 2013 at the School Administration Building, 301 Fourth Street SW, Largo, FL.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Deborah Beaty	Pinellas County Schools	Adm. Assistant and Clerk to the Board	Present	
Michael A. Grego	Pinellas County Schools	Superintendent	Absent	
Michael Bessette	Pinellas County Schools	Associate Superintendent/Operational Services	Present	
Kevin Smith	Pinellas County Schools	Associate Superintendent/Finance Business Services	Present	
David Koperski	Pinellas County Schools	Board Attorney	Present	
Rene Flowers	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Present	
Robin Wikle	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Absent	
Carol Cook	Pinellas County Schools	Chairperson	Present	
Janet Clark	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Present	
Terry Krassner	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Present	
Linda Lerner	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Present	
Peggy O' Shea	Pinellas County Schools	Vice Chairperson	Present	

### II. Amendments to the Agenda

Mrs. Cook informed the public that School Board Member Robin Wikle and Superintendent Michael Grego were not present during this meeting but are in Germany with a group of leaders learning about the German Vocational Apprenticeship Program. Mr. Michael Bessette will serve as the Superintendent Designee during these proceedings.

At this time, Mrs. Cook shared with the public that the agenda has been amended by having the supporting documents for the following items added to the electronic agenda:

Consent Item #3, Approval of the Teacher, Non-Classroom Instructional, and Administrator Evaluation System Revisions - The revised evaluation documents that were reviewed by the School Board at the recent workshop were added.

Consent Item #13, Approval of the Facility Use Agreement Between Rogers Blue Jays Baseball Partnership and Pinellas County School Board - The signed contract has been added.

Mrs. Cook stated that she has found good cause to amend the agenda accordingly.

### **III. Invocation**

#### **1. *Father Jim Carter, St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 10888 126th Ave. N., Largo 33778***

The Invocation was delivered by Father Carter.

### **IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

#### **A. *National Anthem***

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a video was shown of the Elementary Music Teachers performing the National Anthem.

#### **B. *A Pal on Patrol: PCS Police Officer Makes Friends at Eisenhower Elementary School***

A video was shown highlighting the initiative by our Schools Police Officers to work with the students in our elementary school grades in an effort to encourage them to feel more comfortable and secure with police officers. This effort follows the incident that took place recently at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut. Schools Police Officer Kevin McGevna's visit to Eisenhower Elementary School and its students was highlighted in this video.

### **V. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps**

#### **A. *Melanie Marquez, Public Information Officer***

Ms. Marquez introduced the following individuals: Sonya Roundtree and Rick Brant, SEIU/Florida Public Services Union; Cindy Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA; Curtis Krueger and Lisa Gartner, The Tampa Bay Times; and, Anastasia Dawson, The Tampa Tribune.

Ms. Marquez stated that there will be no presentation from the Student Rights & Responsibilities Committee representatives due to high school exam schedules.

## **VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities**

### **A. Seminole Vocational Education Center**

Due to the high school exam schedule, a presentation was not made at this meeting.

## **VII. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

Mrs. Cook stated that the public will have an opportunity at this time to present comments to the Board regarding agenda items; and, that they will also have the opportunity to speak to both items under Unfinished Business.

The following individual addressed the Board to offer his comments on selected agenda items:

### **1. Mark Klutho**

*Consent Item #7 - Approval of Budget Amendment No. 2 to the District's 2012/2013 Budget*

Mr. Klutho stated that any item from the Board that contains the word, budget, is an absurdity.

*Consent Item #16 - Approval of Agreement With Hoffman Architects, P.A. for Architectural/Engineering and Contract Administration Services in Connection With the Replacement of Windows, Storefronts, Doors, Hardware, Casework, Lighting Upgrades, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Upgrades, Interior Renovations of Administration Building Main Entry, Relocation of Guidance Suite and Design for Setup of Temporary Portable Classrooms in the Amount of \$254,589.00 at Skyview Elementary, Project No. 9027*

Mr. Klutho stated that this item deals with lighting and HVAC and that the district never gets this right.

*Nonconsent Item #1 - Request Approval of a Five-Year Charter Renewal for NewStart High School and to Change the School Name from NewStart High School to Enterprise High School*

Mr. Klutho stated that giving public dollars to charter schools is not the right thing to do; but, that those dollars public tax dollars should be kept at the public schools.

## **VIII. Adoption of Agenda**

Mr. Bessette, on Dr. Grego's behalf, requested the following change be made to the agenda: Consent Item #5, Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Mr. Kyle Gibson, Teacher, Employed at Pinellas Secondary School - Mr. Gibson has requested an Administrative Hearing; therefore, the Superintendent's recommendation will reflect Alternative #2, Suspend Mr. Gibson without pay effective January 16, 2013, until the conclusion of the hearing process and direct the Staff Attorney to submit the request to the Division of Administrative Hearings.

PULL: Consent Item #3

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Terry Krassner, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Rene Flowers, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Flowers, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Robin Wikle

## IX. Special Order Agenda

## X. Unfinished Business

1. Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 5330 – USE OF MEDICATIONS (This is the Second Reading.)

Mrs. Cook stated that this is the second reading and that there have been no changes incorporated into the policy since the first reading.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Terry Krassner, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Rene Flowers, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Flowers, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Robin Wikle

2. Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 2470 - Education of English Language Learners (ELLs), Policy 5410.01 - Required Core Curriculum/Promotion/Retention/ Acceleration – Elementary, Policy 5410.02 - Regular Program Core Curriculum/Promotion/Retention/ Acceleration - Middle School, Policy 5420.02 - Reporting Student Progress - Middle School, Policy 5420.03 - Reporting Student Progress and Class Ranking - High School, Policy 5430 - Class Rank, Policy 5455 - Florida's Bright Futures Scholarship Program, Policy 5460 - Graduation Requirements, Policy 5463 - Credits from Other Schools, and Policy 5465 - General Education Development (GED) Tests (This is the Second Reading.)

Mrs. Cook stated that this is the second reading.

Ms. Flowers stated that she has concern with the timeframe for informing parents of possible retention of their children. Ms. Flowers stressed the need for sufficient time to be allocated to ensure that all effort has taken place between teachers, students and parents in an attempt to avoid retention when possible.

Mrs. Lerner stated that when she became a board member, she took an oath to uphold the law or face removal from office by the Governor; but, shared that there are parts of this policy that are not good for students. Mrs. Lerner referenced the requirement for struggling students to take end-of-year exams in courses better suited for college-directed students and the reduction in the number of elective courses available to students. Mrs. Lerner expressed her concern that these requirements will cause an increase in students dropping out of our schools. Mrs. Lerner shared her example of the requirement for all eighth-grade students to take Civics and pass the end-of-year exam in order to move onto ninth grade.

Ms. Clark shared that she reinforces the concerns expressed by Mrs. Lerner. Ms. Clark requested that the following changes be made:

Pages 20 and 34 - Change Curriculum & Instruction to Teaching & Learning

Ms. Krassner stated that she, too, reinforces Mrs. Lerner's concern and encouraged parent groups and others to help the Board in their effort to change state law relating to this concern.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Peggy O' Shea, Vice Chairperson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Terry Krassner, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Flowers, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Robin Wikle

## XI. Consent

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Janet Clark, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Peggy O' Shea, Vice Chairperson
<b>AYES:</b>	Flowers, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Robin Wikle

1. Approval of Minutes: to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2012; And, the Workshop of December 11, 2012  
Approved, as submitted.
2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations  
Approved, as submitted.  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #147.)
3. Request Approval of the Teacher, Non-Classroom Instructional, and Administrator Evaluation System Revisions  
Approved, as submitted.
4. Request Approval to Reappoint Aon Hewitt as Employee Benefits Broker & Consultant January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2016, with an Option to Renew for Four Additional Years  
Approved, as submitted.  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #147.)
5. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Mr. Kyle Gibson, Teacher, Employed at Pinellas Secondary School  
An Administrative Hearing was requested by Mr. Gibson. Therefore, the Board, in their adoption of the agenda, approved Alternative #2 as follows: Suspend Mr. Kyle Gibson without pay effective January 16, 2013, until the conclusion of the hearing process; and, direct the Staff Attorney to submit the request to the Division of Administrative Hearings.

6. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects:  
Approved, as follows:
  - A. Amendment (additional funds) to Carl D. Perkins-Career & Technical Education, Secondary Grant \$30,720.00
  - B. Amendment (time extension) to Contract with Hill and Knowlton Public Relations Firm \$0 (no additional funds, original contract amount \$144,000.00)  
(Copy/Copies to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #147.)
7. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 2 (October 2012) to the District's 2012/2013 Budget  
Approved, as submitted.
8. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending October 31, 2012 for Fiscal Year 2012/2013  
Approved, as submitted.
9. Request Approval of the Agreement Between Pinellas County Heritage Village and the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida for Community Based Vocational Experience  
Approved, as submitted.
10. Request Approval of 2011/2012 School Safety and Security Self-Assessment  
Approved, as submitted.
11. Request Approval of the Renewal of the Agreement with SCI Funeral Services of Florida, Inc. to Permit Continued SCI Access Across a Portion of the School District's V-6 Site  
Approved, as submitted.
12. Request Approval of the Renewal of the Agreement with Ruth Eckerd Hall, Inc.  
Approved, as submitted.
13. Request Approval of the Facility Use Agreement Between Rogers Blue Jays Baseball Partnership and Pinellas County School Board  
Approved, as submitted.
14. Request Approval to Enter into a Commercial Contract with Lou DeFabrizio for the Sale of the Euclid Center  
Approved, as submitted.
15. Request Approval of Agreement with George F. Young, Inc. for Civil Engineering and Contract Administration Services in Connection with Traffic, Parking, and Drainage Improvements in the Amount of \$71,881 at Clearwater High School, Project No. 9395  
Approved, as submitted.
16. Request Approval of Agreement with Hoffman Architects, P.A. for Architectural/ Engineering and Contract Administration Services in Connection with the Replacement of Windows, Storefronts, Doors, Hardware, Casework, Lighting Upgrades, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Upgrades, Interior Renovations of Administration Building Main Entry, Relocation of Guidance Suite and Design for Setup of Temporary Portable Classrooms in the Amount of \$254,589.00 at Skyview Elementary, Project No. 9027  
Approved, as submitted.

17. Request Approval of Vehicle Use Agreement to a Non-Profit Organization for a Period of One Year

Approved, as submitted, with the Town of Belleair.

18. Request Approval of Selling Surplus and Obsolete Equipment on the PublicSurplus.Com and Interschola.Com Internet Auction Sites

Approved, as submitted.

19. Request Approval of Bids to Vendors at Prices in Bid Documents in Accordance with Bid Policies and Statutes

Approved, as submitted.

## **XII. Consent Agenda - Items Pulled**

### **1. Consent Item #3 - Request Approval of the Teacher, Non-Classroom Instructional, and Administrator Evaluation System Revisions**

Mrs. Lerner, having pulled this item, stated that she believes it should have been listed as a nonconsent item. Mrs. Lerner stated that she knows Dr. Grego, the teachers union and others have worked on improving the evaluation system and will continue to do so; however, the Legislators and Department of Education said we had to have one before we were really ready. Mrs. Lerner stated that she will vote in favor of this item only because this evaluation system is a little improved from what we had. Mrs. Lerner expressed concern that teachers are still being rated on subjects that they are not teaching; and, that FCAT scores will represent 50% of a teacher's evaluation even if they only have as few as two students in their class taking that test.

Discussion followed by Ms. Lisa Grant and Board Members.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Peggy O' Shea, Vice Chairperson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Terry Krassner, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Flowers, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Robin Wikle

## **XIII. Nonconsent**

1. Request Approval of a Five-Year Charter Renewal for NewStart High School and to Change the School Name from NewStart High School to Enterprise High School

Ms. Dot Clark, Partnership Schools, presented a brief overview of the request. Ms. Clark stated that this is a dropout prevention school; that this school has demonstrated success; and, that she encourages the Board's support.

Ms. Janet Clark questioned the fact that this is the second name change. Ms. Dot Clark responded.



<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Peggy O' Shea, Vice Chairperson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Janet Clark, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Flowers, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Robin Wikle

#### **XIV. New Business**

##### **A. Items Introduced by Superintendent**

Mr. Bessette stated that he had nothing to report on the behalf of the Superintendent.

##### **B. Items Introduced by School Board Attorney**

Mr. Koperski stated he had no report.

##### **C. Items Introduced by the Board**

Ms. Flowers - 1) Shared that she would like the Board to have a workshop discussion on how we, as a district, can work with various mental health services to provide referrals for our students in crisis early on and get those students into the services that are needed. Ms. Flowers stated that while police are present in our schools, the bigger issue is identifying a child in crisis and determine how to work with them and their parent. Ms. Flowers suggested that this discussion could explain what systems we have in place and how those systems could be beefed up. Ms. Flowers will complete a Workshop Topic Request Form and bring that and her request to the Leadership Discussion portion of the Board's January 22nd workshop to determine if there is agreement by the Board to schedule this presentation and discussion.

Ms. Krassner - 1) Stated that student safety is always our number one concern and that the district is always looking for ways to improve. Mr. Bessette shared that the district leadership began to strongly look at student safety approximately six years ago; and, that millions of dollars have been committed to that. Mr. Bessette stated that all schools have received an extra look.

Ms. Clark - 1) Welcomed back all following the winter holidays. 2) Thanked Ms. Flowers for bringing up her concern for safety and look forward to the discussion at the upcoming workshop.

Mrs. Lerner - 1) Stated that she appreciates everyone bringing up safety issues. Mrs. Lerner stated that she believes that the Board needs to be able to ask pointed questions and look at opportunities for improvement. Mrs. Lerner requested that it be added to the January 22nd workshop. Mrs. Lerner also suggested that Ms. Donna Sicilian be included in a future discussion related to services we provide to students-in-need. Mrs. Cook stated that the time of the January 22nd workshop could be extended to 4:00 p.m. and that an update regarding safety could be added under the Superintendent's Update section of the Leadership Discussion on that agenda. 2) Referencing the video earlier in the meeting highlighting

Officer McGevna's visit to Eisenhower Elementary, stated that she would hope that such a presentation could be done at all of our elementary schools 3) Stated that she is looking forward to hearing from Dr. Grego and Mrs. Wikle at a future workshop regarding the knowledge they gained by their trip to Germany. Mrs. Lerner shared that we should be looking at ways to expand and improve apprenticeship programs for our students.

Mrs. O'Shea - 1) Stated that she is glad that the Board will be receiving information at the January 22nd workshop regarding Secondary Programs of Study. Mrs. O'Shea stated that, as the discussion progresses, she would like it to include St. Petersburg College and how we may be able to align our programs with their offerings. Mrs. O'Shea suggested that we bring SPC into the discussion. 2) Stated that the Board has not had a formal meeting since the incident in Connecticut at the Sandy Hook Elementary and wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone what teachers do every day. Mrs. O'Shea stated that this is a good reminder to all of us as to how teachers put the safety of their students in front of their own.

Mrs. Cook - 1) Wished all high school students well as they go through their exams. 2) Welcomed back all following the winter holiday. 3) Received confirmation from the Board that there is agreement to extending the workshop of January 22nd to 4:00 p.m. to include a discussion regarding the potential workshop topic requested by Ms. Flowers and to allow Dr. Grego sufficient time to discuss the issue of safety in our schools. Mrs. Lerner requested that the topic, Safety & Security, be actually added under the Superintendent's Update. Mrs. Cook stated that this wording will be added.

#### **D. Review of Board Requests**

Mr. Kevin Smith offered the following summary of the single request presented during this meeting:

- 1) When the new evaluation scores are run for the teachers, this information will be provided to the Board.

#### **E. School Board Meeting Evaluation**

The evaluation of the meeting followed the adjournment of the meeting and the results are as follows:

*Plus*

- Efficient meeting

*Opportunities*

There were none offered.

**XV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary

**Public Comments**

There were no speakers following the adjournment of the meeting.