

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, January, 29, 2013 5:00 PM

School Administration Building

301 Fourth Street SW
Largo, FL 33770

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Public Comment

Prior to the presentations, Mrs. Cook shared that the public has the opportunity to present comments of a general nature to the Board during this time.

The following individuals presented their comments to the Board:

1. Thomas Kinem

Mr. Kinem shared that he had experienced some difficulty in scheduling a meeting with Dr. Grego and requested that he have that opportunity. Dr. Grego instructed Mr. Kinem to call his office and that a meeting will be scheduled. Mr. Kinem stated that he hopes this meeting goes well for the Board and Superintendent.

2. Sarah Smith

Ms. Smith stated that she is representing PALMS (Pinellas Association of Library Media Specialists) and requested that the Board reopen the middle school libraries to full-time status. Ms. Smith stated that the part-time status that was implemented by Dr. Janssen was supposed to have been a temporary model; that libraries are a great source for students, especially those from low-income families; and, that the present model does not allow for books to be fully circulated to students.

3. Donald Avery

Donald, a Pinellas County student, addressed the Board to say that he has been between schools for two weeks; that some statements in his file are not correct; that he was taken away from school in handcuffs because he had missed too much school; and, that he had been assaulted by a teacher. Donald's mother addressed the Board next.

4. Winona Kitto

Ms. Kitto, mother of the previous speaker, addressed the Board to request that the inaccurate documents in her son's file be removed; and, stated that those documents were not written with the intent to help her son. Ms. Kitto stated that her son has been out of school for two weeks; that she received a call late today saying that her son had been assigned to Gibbs High School; and, that she hopes someone will call her regarding these matters.

Dr. Grego requested that Dr. Corbett immediately meet with Donald and his mother regarding their concerns.

5. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho addressed the Board to comment on the newspaper article pertaining to the three percent that has been taken from teachers' salaries; and, to say that this amount has now gone back into the budget and become an income tax. Mr. Klutho referenced other various

articles regarding energy conservation; and, stated ignoring science in the design of buildings causes taxpayers' money to go up in smoke.

6. Arch Bishop Clarence Davis

Arch Bishop Davis, on behalf of Imagine St. Petersburg Charter, thanked Dr. Grego for removing the item from today's agenda pertaining to this charter school. Arch Bishop Davis stated that this delay will allow his group to continue dialogue with those School Board Members they have not had the opportunity to do so as of yet.

7. Kim Black

Ms. Black addressed the Board to thank them for meeting with teachers and support personnel last evening. Ms. Black also introduced to the Board and Dr. Grego the new PCTA/PESPA Executive Director, Mr. Bruce Proud.

There were no additional presentations from the audience; and, this session ended at 5:17 p.m.

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM on January 29, 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	Present	
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	Present	
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

At this time, Mrs. Cook shared with the public the following changes that have taken place in the agenda subsequent to its publication seven days ago:

Unfinished #1 - This item was updated to reflect the correct alternative and to note that there were no changes since the first reading.

Consent #2, Personnel Recommendations - The category, Probationary Dismissal, was added to page 65 and the name of Frank J. Coorey was added under this category.

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

III. Invocation

1. *Pastor Jim Rapp, Church of the Isles, 200 24th Ave, Indian Rocks Beach, FL*

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Rapp.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

A. *National Anthem*

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a video was shown of Clearwater High Symphonic Winds performing the National Anthem.

B. *Video: Equal Parts Nutritious and Delicious: PCS Food Service Professionals Aim to Please*

A video was shown highlighting the district's effort to provide more nutritious and delicious meals to our students.

V. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

A. *Melanie Marquez Parra, Public Information Officer*

Ms. Marquez Parra introduced the following individuals: Kimberly Black, PCTA; Cindy Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA; Lisa Gartner, The Tampa Bay Times; and, Anastasia Dawson, The Tampa Tribune.

At this time, Ms. Marquez Para introduced the Student Rights & Responsibilities Committee representatives from East Lake High School.

VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities

A. *East Lake High School*

Mikaeli Hassell, Karly Rinehart and Troy Stominger, Students Rights and Responsibilities representatives from East Lake High School, addressed the Board to share information regarding programs and achievements taking place at their school. These students shared that information regarding their school may be found on their webpage, <http://www.eagleeye5.com>.

VII. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The following individuals addressed the Board to offer their comments on selected agenda items:

1. Mark Klutho

Special Order Agenda - Item #5

Presentation of Progress Energy Rebate of \$55,780.93

Mr. Klutho stated that this rebate is a drop in the bucket.

Consent Agenda - Item #10 - Agreement With Williamson Dacar Associates, Inc. - Oldsmar Elementary School; Item #11 - Agreement With Cutler Associates - Oldsmar Elementary School; Item #12 - Agreement With Griffin Design Associates, P.A. - San Jose Elementary School; and, Item #13 - Agreement With Allstate Construction, Inc. - Seminole High School

Mr. Klutho stated that these all have to do with HVAC because the district has "stupid buildings" and they keep doing the same thing over and over again.

Nonconsent Item #2 - Denial of Relief to Imagine Pinellas County, LLC, in Response to the Informal Hearing Held on January 22, 2013

Mr. Klutho stated that this is another charter school; and, that all of them are the same as our public schools in that they do not use high-performing buildings.

VIII. Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Grego requested the following change to the agenda:

Remove from this agenda and reschedule for the School Board Meeting of February 12, 2013 - Nonconsent Item #2 - Request Denial of Relief to Imagine Pinellas County, LLC, in Response to the Informal Hearing Held on January 22, 2013

Dr. Grego stated that it was important to note that the moving of this item to the meeting in February will not delay the process for non-renewal of this charter.

PULL: Consent Item #6

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Krassner, Board Member
SECONDER:	Robin Wikle, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Wikle, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

IX. Special Order Agenda

1. Recognition of American School Counselor Association, Semi-Finalist for National Counselor of the Year, Pinellas County School Counselors of the Year, and Recognition of National School Counseling Week, February 4-8, 2013. Presented by Andrew Weatherill, K-12 Guidance Services Specialist and Ladawn Bell, President, Pinellas Professional School Counselor Association

Mrs. O'Shea read aloud the Proclamation designating the week of February 4-8, 2013 as National School Counseling Week.

It was moved by Mrs. O'Shea, seconded by Mrs. Krassner and carried with a 7-0 vote to adopt the Proclamation designating the week of February 4-8, 2013 as National School Counseling Week.

Mr. Bill Lawrence introduced Ms. LaDawn Bell, President of Pinellas Professional School Counselor Association, who introduced the following for recognition by the School Board:

Dr. Cody Clark - Semi-finalist for American School Counselor Association, School Counselor 2012

Ms. Katherine Santiago - Pinellas County High School Counselor 2012

Ms. Lynn Jennings - Pinellas County Elementary School Counselor 2012

Dr. Clark, Ms. Santiago and Ms. Jennings were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members.

2. Presentation by High School Anytown Students Thanking the School Board for Their Support, Presented by Linda Whitley, Content Specialist, K-12 Social Studies, And Stacie Blake, Executive Director of Community Tampa Bay

Ms. Linda Whitley introduced Ms. Stacie Blake, Executive Director of Community Tampa Bay.

Ms. Blake shared with the Board some examples of success resulting from students' involvement in Camp Anytown. Ms. Blake introduced two students to the Board who shared their stories of involvement with the Camp Anytown project.

The School Board Members greeted the students and Ms. Blake and thanked them for coming to this meeting.

3. Presentation by the Pinellas Education Foundation, Presented by Mr. Terry Boehm, President

Mr. Terry Boehm, Education Foundation, introduced Pinellas County teachers who are recipients of grants in the following areas:

2012-13 Teach For Excellence Enhancement Program

2012-13 Achieva Credit Union Grant

2012-13 Worknet Career Grant

2012-13 Progress Energy Grant

Those present were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members and Mr. Steve Shepard, Senior Vice President and General Counsel for Transamerica.

4. Recognition of the Healthy Schools Program Award Recipients Presented By Peggy Johns, Pre K-12 Health Education

Ms. Peggy Johns, PreK-12 Health Specialist, introduced Ms. Amanda Green, Regional Director for Healthy Schools Program, who introduced representatives from the following schools that were the recipients of the The Healthy Schools Program National Recognition Award:

Bay Point Middle School

Belcher Elementary School

North Shore Elementary School

Skycrest Elementary School

Those presented were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members.

5. Presentation of Progress Energy Rebate of \$55,780.93 by Michael Bessette, Associate Superintendent, Operational Services

Mr. Michael Bessette shared the news that the district is being presented with a rebate check from Progress Energy in the amount of \$55,780.93, bringing the total amount in rebates paid to the district by Progress Energy to \$316,106.11.

X. Unfinished Business

1. Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 8600.02 – REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (This is the Second Reading)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janet Clark, Board Member
SECONDER:	Terry Krassner, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Wikle, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

XI. Consent

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

1. Approval of Minutes: to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2013
Approved, as submitted.
2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations - A
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #147.)
3. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects:
Approved, as follows:
 - A. Amendment (additional funds) to IDEA Part B Grant \$1,400,742.81
 - B. Amendment (additional funds) to IDEA Part B Preschool Grant \$50,815.44
 - C. Amendment (additional funds) to Carl D. Perkins Postsecondary Grant \$17,533.00
 - D. Amendment (additional funds) to Title II Part A Teacher and Principal Training and Recruitment Fund Grant \$498,891.88
4. Request Approval of the High School Course Code Directory and the Uniform Course Descriptions for 2013-2014
Approved, as submitted.
5. Request Approval of the Middle School Course Code Directory and the Uniform Course Descriptions For 2013-2014
Approved, as submitted.

6. Request Approval of Renewal Agreement Between Gulf Coast Community Care and the School Board of Pinellas County
This item was pulled for discussion by Ms. Flowers. Please refer to XII. Consent Agenda - Items Pulled #1.
7. Request Approval of the Renewal Agreement Between Publix Super Markets and the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida for Community Based Vocational Experience
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in the Supplemental Minute Book #147.)
8. Request Approval of Agreement Between St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees and the School Board of Pinellas County
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in the Supplemental Minute Book #147.)
9. Request Approval of the Lease-Purchase Agreement with the City of Safety Harbor, Florida, for the Property Located at 0 Elm Street, Safety Harbor, Florida, Known as the Former Safety Harbor Secondary School Site
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in the Supplemental Minute Book #147.)
10. Request Approval of Agreement with Williamson Dacar Associates, Inc. for Architectural/Engineering and Contract Administration Services in Connection with the Replacement of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) in Buildings 1-14, Reroof or Recap for Buildings 1-14, Lighting Upgrades, Design for Setup of Temporary Portable Classrooms, and Additional Services in the Amount of \$384,475 at Oldsmar Elementary, Project No. 9060
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in the Supplemental Minute Book #147.)
11. Request Approval of Agreement with Cutler Associates for Construction Management Services in Connection With Renovations to Selected Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), Electrical Distribution, Lighting, And Roofing Systems in the Amount of \$1,500,000 at PTEC Clearwater Campus, Project No. 9025
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in the Supplemental Minute Book #147.)
12. Request Approval of Agreement with Griffin Design Associates, P.A. for Architectural/Engineering and Contract Administration Services in Connection with the Replacement of Windows and Storefronts in Buildings 1-3, Replacement of Casework in Buildings 2, 3 and 6, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Upgrades in Building 1, and Conversion of Old Boiler Room to ESE Supplemental Instruction in Building 1 in the Amount of \$148,000.00 at San Jose Elementary School, Project No. 9058
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in the Supplemental Minute Book #147.)
13. Request Approval of Agreement with Allstate Construction, Inc for Construction Management Services in Connection with Renovations to Selected Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), Sanitary Sewer, Fire Alarm, Lighting, and Roofing Systems in the Amount of \$1,350,000 at Seminole High School, Project No. 9206
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in the Supplemental Minute Book #147.)
14. Request Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement with Renker Eich Parks Architects, Inc. for Additional Architectural Services to Remodel the Administration Office to Address the Safety and Security Needs of the Campus in the Amount of \$18,935 at Seminole High School, Project No. 9206
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in the Supplemental Minute Book #147.)

15. Request Approval of the Renewal of the Pinellas County Combined Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Law Enforcement Agencies and the Pinellas County School Board
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in the Supplemental Minute Book #147.)
16. Request Approval of Bids to Vendors at Prices in Bid Documents in Accordance with Bid Policies and Statutes
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in the Supplemental Minute Book #147.)

XII. Consent Agenda - Items Pulled

1. Consent Item #6 - Request Approval of Renewal Agreement Between Gulf Coast Community Care and the School Board of Pinellas County

Ms. Flowers, having pulled this item, provided the following statement in order to recuse herself from the vote on this item:

Currently, I am employed with Gulf Coast; however, I am not directly linked with the Violence Prevention Program which is funded via the Juvenile Welfare Board. There is no exchange of any monetary value as well. I am making this acclamation in the abundance of caution as my relationship with this agency may appear to be a conflict of interest.

Mrs. Lerner stated that Ms. Flowers, in previous discussions, has suggested that the Board and Superintendent have discussions with the various providers of mental health services. Mrs. Lerner stated that approving this contract takes care of legalities; and, is a good place to start in the direction requested by Ms. Flowers.

(Copy to be found in the Supplemental Minute Book #147.)

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Robin Wikle, Board Member
SECONDER:	Terry Krassner, Board Member
AYES:	Wikle, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea
ABSTAIN:	Rene Flowers

XIII. Nonconsent

1. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 0151 – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING (This is the First Reading.)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janet Clark, Board Member
SECONDER:	Terry Krassner, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Wikle, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

2. Request Denial of Relief to Imagine Pinellas County, LLC, in Response to the Informal Hearing Held on January 22, 2013

This item was removed from the agenda by the Superintendent during the adoption of the agenda.

XIV. New Business

A. *Items Introduced by Superintendent*

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

- 1) Shared that last Friday Governor Scott paid a visit to Pinellas County and made a stop at Dixie Hollins High to celebrate the launch of the Algebra Nation. Dr. Grego explained that the Algebra Nation is an online education system created through a partnership between the University of Florida and members of the math department at Dixie Hollins High, working hand-in-hand with other after-school enrichment programs at that school. Dr. Grego shared that Dixie Hollins High School plans to incorporate Algebra Nation into its after-school remediation and enrichment learning programs.
- 2) Thanked the City of Dunedin for sponsoring their Mayor's Top Apple Awards program. Dr. Grego shared that he will be meeting with the Council of Mayors for our county to share information and ask for their partnership in the district's goal of student success. Dr. Grego shared that he also enjoyed a wonderful breakfast meeting in Dunedin at the Dunedin Council of Organizations.
- 3) Thanked the Board and staff for participating in the recent MLK breakfast and parade.
- 4) Shared that the district was well represented at the St. Petersburg College panel discussion on Common Core State Standards. Dr. Grego stated that the discussion was a great one and that the partnership with SPC is very appreciated.
- 5) Stated that last Saturday was an eventful day in our county with just under 300 seventh-grade students taking the SAT. Dr. Grego shared that he was able to meet with the parents after they dropped their children off; and, that the parents wanted to express their appreciation to the Board for raising the expectations for their students. This testing was offered at three school sites: Safety Harbor, Oak Grove and John Hopkins middle schools.
- 6) Shared that, following his visit to the testing sites, he visited the Robotic Competition held at Seminole High School where he saw many engaged students. Dr. Grego expressed his appreciation to Raytheon who had a number of their employees volunteering to assist these students; and, stated that our district can't do what it does for students without such partnerships and great teachers.
- 7) Recognized the Education Foundation for providing the luncheon for the Legislative Delegation.
- 8) Thanked Kim Black and PCTA for hosting their reception for the Legislative Delegation.
- 9) Shared that he has been chosen as one of three superintendents in our state to travel to Tallahassee on February 7th to talk about the philosophy of creating different exit points for high school students. Dr. Grego shared that he will be discussing these points and end-of-course exams with members of the House and Senate. Dr. Grego stated that he will keep the Board updated on these discussions.
- 10) Shared that he has met with the various subcommittees of the Savings for Classrooms and wanted to let the Board know those meetings are going exceedingly well. Dr. Grego

thanked Mr. Terry Boehm and his committee chairs for working collaboratively with the district.

11) Shared that Mr. Bessette and his team have performed over 84 safety checks since the holiday; and, that all elementary schools have received at least one review. Dr. Grego thanked Mr. Bessette for his focus on safety.

12) During Mrs. Cook's report, shared that the musical event at Ruth Eckerd Hall last evening was a wonderful demonstration of the musical talents of our middle and high school students. Dr. Grego commended Ms. Jeanne Reynolds, saying she is a "super star." Mrs. O'Shea reminded all that strings had been removed from our program due to funding; however, thanks to the referendum dollars, the program was reinstated and is thriving.

B. *Items Introduced by School Board Attorney*

Mr. Koperski stated he had no report.

C. *Items Introduced by the Board*

Ms. Flowers - 1) Thanked the Board Members and Dr. Grego for attending the MLK breakfast. 2) Stated that she, too, is very excited about hearing of the many great things that are going on in our schools.

Mrs. Wikle - 1) Stated that she had placed at each of the Board Members' seat a copy of the publication, "tbtwo." Mrs. Wikle encouraged the Board Members to read the article in this publication co-authored by students from high schools in both Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. Mrs. Wikle shared that Allen Collazo, Dixie Hollins High School student and one of the student editors for "tbtwo", also serves on our Students Rights & Responsibilities Committee; and, that he wanted to be sure that each School Board Member received a copy of the article. 2) Gave a shout-out to the Pinellas Education Foundation and the high schools that are having the Centers of Excellence tours.

Mrs. Krassner - 1) Stated that it has been truly her pleasure to meet with the Legislative Delegation at the various events held lately. Mrs. Krassner stated that it feels good that we are together when it comes to needs in education.

Mrs. Lerner - 1) Stated that it was great to hear Dr. Grego's report and the details he includes in those reports. Mrs. Lerner stated that we are very fortunate to live in a community like ours. 2) Shared that she, too, feels more optimistic after meeting with our Legislators. 3) Stated that an article pertaining to Florida's new teacher evaluation system had just come through the AP and read several quotes by Florida Senate President Don Gaetz that were contained in the article. Mrs. Lerner stated that she believes that Dr. Grego and Ms. Lisa Grant have tried to make something work from a very flawed product. Mrs. Lerner read the following statement by Senate President Gaetz, "Florida's new teacher evaluation system isn't working, and lawmakers should stop making major changes in the state's schools until that plan and other key initiatives are fixed and implemented"; and, "the test-based evaluation system and a related performance pay plan are too complicated and fail to draw clear distinctions between the best and worst teachers." Mrs. Lerner stated that she is looking forward to Dr. Grego providing the Board with an update on this issue at the next workshop.

Mrs. O'Shea - 1) Stated that she wants teachers to be aware that the recalculated scores are coming to them. 2) Shared that she attended all three sessions with our Legislators yesterday and that they were much better than they have been in the past.

Mrs. Cook - 1) Stated that she too sees a return of a good working relationship between the district and the Legislative Delegation. Mrs. Cook shared that many of the delegation have said that they want to be educated on the issues related to education. Dr. Grego stated that desire this of the Delegation did come to light during the conversations; and, thanked Mr. Steve Swartzel for his involvement in the process of sharing the issues. 2) Welcomed Mr. Bruce Proud, PCTA/PESPA Executive Director, to his new position. 3) Shared that Mr. Bob LaSala, County Administrator, has requested that we schedule a joint meeting between the Board of County Commissioners, the School Board and JWB. Board Members agreed. Mrs. Cook requested that Dr. Grego work with Mrs. Beaty to schedule this meeting. 4) Shared that she attended the DMAC meeting last evening and that the members of that committee have requested a joint meeting with the School Board. Mrs. Cook stated that the date that was suggested is April 25, 2013; and, that further information will be coming from DMAC regarding this proposed meeting. 5) Stated that she represented the School Board at the presentation of awards for the Reflection Program. Mrs. Cook stated that the national PTA has a contest every year in the areas of visual and performing arts, lighting and photography; that there were a total of 919 students who participated with 302 of those from this county level; and, that 65 of those students will be advancing onto the state level of this competition. Mrs. Cook shared that the theme this year was Magic of a Moment; and, that it was an absolutely phenomenal event. Mrs. Cook thanked the schools and students who participated.

D. Review of Board Requests

Mr. Bessette offered the following summary of the request presented during this meeting:

1) Dr. Grego and Mrs. Beaty will work to schedule the joint meeting between the Board of County Commissioners, the School Board and JWB.

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses

- Superintendent report
- Efficient meeting
- Head's up before meeting of changes
- Mrs. Lerner's report

Opportunities

None were offered

XV. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary

Public Comment

There were no speakers.