

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, February, 26, 2013 5:00 PM

School Administration Building

301 Fourth Street SW
Largo, FL 33770

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Public Comments

Prior to the presentations, Mrs. Cook shared with the public that they may speak to the Board at this time on topics of a general nature.

The following individuals presented their comments to the Board:

1. Lenore Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner stated that she has been attending board meetings for eight years, speaking at them for the last seven years; that this is the first time she has seen professionalism before the meeting; and, that Dr. Grego must have a magnetic personality to have so many people here. Ms. Faulkner stated that she is the activist for a world class career and technology school at Pinellas Park Middle School; and, shared some information related to her career as a teacher in Pinellas County Schools.

2. Caren Thayer (ESE Associate at Largo Middle)

Ms. Thayer addressed the Board to share that she has been diagnosed with ADHD and that her request to have her prescribed medicine covered under her Humana health plan has been denied. Dr. Grego requested that Mr. Ted Pafunda, Director of Risk Management, discuss this matter with Ms. Thayer.

3. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho addressed the Board to share an article which appeared in USA Today regarding the need for parents to be involved in their children's education. Mr. Klutho stated that teachers are being evaluated on students that do not receive assistance from their parents. Mr. Klutho also shared that money continues to go up in smoke due to incorrect lighting and the poor designs of our buildings.

4. Faith Drake

Ms. Drake addressed the Board to express her concern with the actions of students and teachers; and, to express her concern that the GED is too easy for students to withdraw from school prior to early. Dr. Grego requested that Dr. Bill Corbett speak with Ms. Drake to discuss her concerns.

There were no additional presentations from the audience; and, this session ended at 5:16 p.m.

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<https://www.pcsb.org>**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM on February 26, 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

Dr. Grego shared that the employee in Consent Item #5, Ms. Joelle Bishop, has requested an administrative hearing; thus, the recommendation will be changed to approve Alternative #2, to read as follows:

Suspend Ms. Bishop without pay effective February 27, 2013, until the conclusion of the hearing process and direct the Staff Attorney to submit the request to the Division of Administrative Hearings.

III. Invocation

1. *Rabbi Torop, Temple Beth El, 400 Pasadena Ave., South, St. Petersburg, FL 33707*

The Invocation was delivered by Rappi Torop.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

A. *National Anthem*

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a video was shown of Ella Peters, student at Seminole High School, performing the National Anthem.

B. *Video: Taking Care of Our Own: District's Adult Education Team Supports PCS Employees' Goal of Earning a GED*

A video was shown highlighting the district's new efforts to assist their employees in achieving their GED.

V. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

A. *Melanie Marquez Parra- Public Information Officer*

Ms. Parra introduced the following individuals: Kimberly Black, PCTA; Bruce Proud, PCTA/PESPA; Maria Cantonis, Arts for a Complete Education Coalition; Cara Fitzpatrick, The Tampa Bay Times; Anastasia Dawson, Tampa Tribune; and, Paul Mueller, Bay News 9.

At this time, Ms. Parra introduced the Student Rights & Responsibilities Committee representatives from Tarpon Springs High School.

VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities

A. *Tarpon Springs High School*

Maria Haralambis, Mihalia Tsangaris and Ballard Burroughs, Students Rights and Responsibilities representatives from Tarpon Springs High School, addressed the Board to share information regarding programs and achievements taking place at their school. These students also shared special insight into some of the teachers at Tarpon Springs High School.

VII. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

1. Mark Klutho

VIII. Special Order - Item #5, Recognition of Young Hero Awards - Mr. Klutho stated that the word, hero, is being used too much and that less time would be used to recognize those who are not heroes.

Consent Item #8 - Mr. Klutho stated that the Board is spending this money on a school that is not even ten years old.

Consent Item #10 - Mr. Klutho stated that this is another HVAC repair and that the Board is just "feeding the beast" by pumping the carbon into the atmosphere.

VIII. Adoption of Agenda

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

IX. Special Order Agenda

1. Presentation of the Proclamation of "Newspaper in Education" Week, March 4-8, 2013, Presented by William Lawrence, Associate Superintendent, Teaching & Learning Services
Mr. Bill Lawrence presented the Proclamation designating the week of March 4-8, 2013 as "Newspaper in Education Week."

Mrs. O'Shea read the Proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Mrs. Wikle, seconded by Mrs. Krassner and carried with a 7-0 vote to adopt the Proclamation.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148)

2. Presentation of the Proclamation from Governor Rick Scott of Career and Technical Education Month, February, 2013, Presented by David Barnes, Executive Director, Career, Technical and Adult Education

Mr. David Barnes presented the Proclamation from Governor Scott designating the month of February 2013 as Career and Technical Education Month.

Mrs. O'Shea read the Proclamation aloud.

Dr. Grego expressed his appreciation to the career and technical education teachers for their hard work.

It was moved by Mrs. Krassner, seconded by Mrs. Wikle and carried with a 7-0 vote to adopt the Proclamation.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148)

3. Presentation of the Proclamation of Black History Month, February, 2013, Presented by Linda Whitley, Specialist, K-12 Social Studies

Ms. Linda Whitley presented the Proclamation designating the month of February 2013 as Black History Month.

Mrs. O'Shea read the Proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Ms. Flowers, seconded by Mrs. Wikle and carried with a 7-0 vote to adopt the Proclamation.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148)

4. Presentation of 2012/2013 County Winners for Outstanding School Volunteers, Presented by Valerie Brimm, Ed.D., Director, Strategic Partnerships

Dr. Grego introduced Dr. Valerie Brimm who presented the following 2012-2013 Outstanding School Volunteers:

Youth

Hannah Gomez - Sunset Hills Elementary School - Area I
Viktourea Hamill - Ridgecrest Elementary School - Area II
Kyle Fagan - Brooker Creek Elementary School - Area III
Sarah Ferrell - Cross Bayou Elementary School - Area IV

Adult

Steven Paul Beaty - Dunedin High School - Area I
Kelly Violante - Ridgecrest Elementary School - Area II
Kelly Scott - Osceola Middle School- Area III
Jonathan Seth Silverman - Clearwater High School - Area IV

Senior

Agnes Thomas - Dunedin Elementary - Area I
James Larmore - Lake St. George Elementary School - Area II
Muriel Antonakes - Eisenhower Elementary School - Area II
Michael Waddell - Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Elementary- Area III
Lyndanette Jackson - Cross Bayou Elementary School - Area IV
Michael Chambers - Palm Harbor Community School - Workforce Development

The volunteers were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members.

5. Recognition of Young Hero Awards, Presented by Valerie Brimm, Ed.D., Director, Strategic Partnerships

Dr. Valerie Brimm, joined by Ms. Melissa McIntyre Lostraglio, representing DITEK, introduced the following Young Heros for the first semester of the 2012/13 school year:

Michelle Yongue

Alian Collazo

Hannah Arthur

Dr. Brimm shared that these students have demonstrated excellence through their contributions to the community and by their deeds and strength of character. Dr. Brimm stated that through the generosity of Robert McIntyre, chairman and CEO of DITEK, the Young Heroes Award recipients will each receive a \$500 gift card.

The students were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members.

6. Presentation of Teacher Recipients of World Languages State Awards Presented by Jan Kucerik, Specialist, PreK-12 World Languages

Ms. Jan Kucerik presented the following outstanding Pinellas teachers of world languages who were recognized by the Florida Foreign Language Association, Inc. at their annual fall Conference:

Pamela Benton, teacher of French and Spanish for Hospital Homebound
Ofelia Motta Montoya, Spanish teacher at Perkins Elementary

Ms. Kucerik also introduced the following inductees into the Florida Foreign Language Association, Hall of Fame:

Lillian Lewis, Spanish teacher, Perkins Elementary
Sandra Rosado, Spanish teacher, Perkins Elementary
Alan Blessing, Latin and German teacher at Northeast High School

The teachers were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. Consent

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

1. Approval of Minutes: to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2013
Approved, as submitted.
2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148)
3. Request Approval of Field Trip Bid Selection
Approved, as follows:
Tarpon Springs High School Leadership and Music Conservatory Marching Band
November 25-29, 2013
New York, New York - 2013 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade & "Broadway Close-Up" Workshop
Music America Events, Inc. - Approximately 180 students - estimated travel cost of \$1,500.00 per student
4. Request Approval of Vehicle Donation from Ms. Sharon Gardner to PTEC Clearwater
Approved, as submitted.
1995 Honda by Ms. Sharon Gardner to pTEC Clearwater - valued at \$500.00
5. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Ms. Joelle Bishop, Teacher, Employed at Largo High School

Ms. Joelle Bishop, has requested an administrative hearing; thus, the recommendation approved by the Board reads, as follows:

Suspend Ms. Bishop without pay effective February 27, 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. Renewal of Title I School Improvement Grant (SIG), 1003(a) \$ 543,089.00

B. Contract with Performance Matters, LLC \$ 402,100.00

(Copy/copies to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148)

7. Request Approval to Change the Name of Seminole Vocational Education Center (Facility 87) to Career Academies of Seminole

Approved, as submitted.

8. Request Approval of Agreement with Long & Associates, Architects/Engineers Inc. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection with Repairs to Moisture Intrusion through Exterior Walls and Windows, Repairs to Concrete Sills, and Repairs to Interior Wall Finishes in the Amount of \$262,461 at Azalea Middle School, Project No 9325

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148)

9. Request Approval of Agreement with Biltmore Construction Co., Inc. for Construction Management Services in Connection with Sanitary Sewer Repairs and Replacement for Entire Campus in the Amount of \$989,175 Which Includes an Initial Construction Allocation at Clearwater High School, Project No. 9113

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148)

10. Request Approval of Agreement with Creative Contractors Inc. for Construction Management Services in Connection with Replacement of Windows and Storefronts in Buildings 1-3, Replacement of Casework in Buildings 2, 3, and 6, Electrical and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems Upgrades, and Conversion of Old Boiler Room to Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Supplemental Instruction in Building 1 in the Amount of \$1,192,456 Which Includes an Initial Construction Allocation at San Jose Elementary School, Project No. 9058

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148)

11. Request Approval of Agreement with Biltmore Construction Co. Inc., for Construction Management Services in Connection with Sanitary Sewer Repairs and Replacement for Entire Campus in the Amount of \$519,830 Which Includes an Initial Construction Allocation at Tyrone Middle School, Project No. 9097

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148)

12. Request Approval of Agreement with Plisko Architecture, P.A., AIA for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection with the Freezer/Dry Storage Replacement Project in the Amount of \$44,000 at Walter Pownall Service Center, Project No. 9502

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148)

13. Request Approval of Vehicle Use Agreements to Non-Profit Organizations for a Period of One Year

Approved, as submitted, with the following organizations:

JB Sanderlin Family Center

Palm Harbor Montessori Academy

R'Club Child Care, Inc.

Solid Rock Community School

YMCA of the Suncoast

(Copy/copies to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148)

14. 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 Supplemental Minute Book #148)

XII. Nonconsent

XIII. New Business

A. *Items Introduced by Superintendent*

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

1) Shared that we celebrated educators last night at the Evening of Excellence and thanked the Pinellas Education Foundation for providing that opportunity. Dr. Grego stated that this event will also be highlighted on our website. Dr. Grego congratulated Joanne Wright, a reading teacher at Safety Harbor Middle School, who was named the 2013 Outstanding Educator of the Year for Pinellas County Schools, as well as the following five semifinalists: Jennifer Anderson, East Lake High School; Becky Bride, Palm Harbor University High School; Krista Kelleher, Sawgrass Lake Elementary School; Jennifer Klimis, Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary School; and, Jean Wark, Perkins Elementary School. Dr. Grego thanked the School Board and all the many business partners that provide support to this district.

2) Shared that the following two Pinellas County students were honored last week at the 2013 Sunshine State Scholars Program conference in Orlando: Mikayla Bridges, a junior at Seminole High, and Christina Tournant, a junior at Osceola Fundamental High. Dr. Grego stated that they joined other high-achieving Science, Technology, Engineering and Math students from around the state at the two-day event that celebrated the students' excellence in STEM studies and provided the opportunity for Florida colleges and universities to recruit their talent.

3) Shared that the following two Pinellas County schools have been recognized for their excellence by Magnet Schools of America: Douglas L. Jamerson Jr. Elementary was named

a 2013 School of Excellence and James B. Sanderlin PK-8 IB World School was named a 2013 School of Distinction.

4) Thanked the Board for attending the PASS breakfast last Friday. Dr. Grego stated that he will continue to encourage school leadership to reach out to businesses.

5) Shared that last Friday was his first experience with professional development activities in Pinellas County. Dr. Grego stated that as he visited various training sites, he was very impressed with the meaningful and productive activities taking place.

6) Stated that the Career Education Breakfast has been placed on the Board Members' calendar for March 22 at the Stavros Center. Dr. Grego shared that the Ford Motor Company will be naming Pinellas County as a Ford Next Generation Learning Community, one of only 17 communities in the nation, based on our district's commitment to align community resources to support the scaling and sustaining of high school Pinellas Academies. Most Board Members will be attending the FSBA Days in the Legislature and will be unable to attend this breakfast.

B. *Items Introduced by School Board Attorney*

Mr. Koperski stated he had no report.

C. *Items Introduced by the Board*

Ms. Clark - 1) Echoed congratulations to those recognized as outstanding educators at the Evening of Excellence. Ms. Clark stated that it was a wonderful event and thanked the Education Foundation for sponsoring that event.

Mrs. Lerner - 1) Stated that it was mentioned earlier that Pinellas has one of the lowest graduation rates but that this is not true. Dr. Grego stated that he will be providing clarifying information first thing in the morning. 2) Stated that our Teaching & Learning staff does so much on our Professional Development days. Mrs. Lerner shared that she had taken some out-of-town company to the Fine Arts Museum that day and ran into Ms. Sue Castleman, Supervisor K-12 Visual Arts, who had approximately 130 art teachers with her. Mrs. Lerner complimented all the Teaching & Learning supervisors for their work; and, stated that this demonstrates the collaboration that we have with our great community. Mrs. Lerner suggested that the Board receive information regarding next year's activities ahead of time so that, if they wish, they may visit some of the pro-ed day events.

Mrs. O'Shea - 1) Congratulated those teachers recognized at the Evening of Excellence, as well as all of our educators. 2) Questioned whether the scheduling of the lunch period for high schools could be a school-based decision for next year. Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Lerner agreed to schedule this for a workshop discussion. Dr. Grego stated that he will solicit input from the high school principals regarding this prior to the discussion.

Ms. Flowers - 1) Shared that she had a wonderful time at the Evening of Excellence event. Ms. Flowers stated that the event demonstrated to our teachers how much they are appreciated. 2) Stated that she participated on a panel, There's a King in Me, where she shared what growing up here in St. Petersburg was like. Ms. Flowers stated that this event was aimed at African-American males and females to encourage them to take personal

responsibility and to cherish the education that is available to them. 3) Shared that she was the speaker at the debutant mother and daughter tea where, again, she had the opportunity to talk about the history. 4) Shared that during spring break, Girls, Inc., is having a Spring Break Chess Camp for Girls on March 25-29 for girls ages 5-17. Ms. Flowers stated that this camp's endeavor is to cultivate math skills, problem solving, etc., in the girls who will attend.

Mrs. Wikle - 1) Congratulated the Educator of the Year winner and semi-finalists. 2) Reminded all listening that there is great information to be found on our district's website.

Mrs. Krassner - 1) Congratulated all of our teachers and stated that the Board knows how hard they work. 2) Shared information regarding Ms. Flowers' involvement in the Merging Young Leaders where 20 young ladies prepared and delivered speeches. Mrs. Krassner stated that Ms. Flowers has been involved with this group for the past three years; and, expressed her pride in Ms. Flowers for her involvement in this program and the students who performed.

Mrs. Cook - 1) Congratulated those teachers recognized at the Evening of Excellence, as well as the students who spoke on their teachers' behalf. Mrs. Cook shared that excerpts from last evening's program may be viewed by going to the district's website. 2) Shared that the organization, Partnerships for the Advancement of Student Success (PASS), met this past Friday with Dr. Grego to determine how they can partner with the schools in giving of their talents in order to move our students forward. Mrs. Cook stated that this information is also available on our website.

D. Review of Board Requests

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

- 1) The Board will receive the most recent, updated information on graduation rates.
- 2) Information on future pro-ed days will be provided to the Board so that they may plan their participation.
- 3) Countdown clock at the table and the non-working television sets in the Conference Hall will be addressed.

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses

- Rene Flowers on time
- Efficient meeting
- Connecting staff to speaker concerns
- Young Hero Awards very classy

Opportunities

- Invocation topic
- Slow down on presentations
- Audio issues

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary

Public Comments

Following the adjournment of the meeting, the following individuals presented their comments:

1. Rick Amstutz

Mr. Amstutz, teacher at Countryside High School, addressed the Board to say that there is not a sufficient supply of computers at his school; that there are only 145 seats in their computer lab; and, that they have to bring in a mobile lab to accommodate the approximately 2200 students on their campus. Dr. Grego stated that he had thought that all such requests from schools were addressed shortly after his arrival; and, that Norm Kelton and he will look into this matter.

2. Joe Morgan

Mr. Morgan addressed the Board to express his concern for the violent acts that bus drivers are exposed to every year; and, referring to a recent incident at Belleair Elementary School, suggested that there needs to be a process in place for students who are on buses when a lockdown goes into place. Mr. Bessette will provide the Board and Dr. Grego with more information pertaining to this recent issue.

This session ended at 6:54 p.m.