

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, March, 12, 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 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. June Caruso

Ms. Caruso, district employee, addressed the Board to share her input as to how the communication piece related to the new teacher appraisal process could be improved.

2. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho addressed the Board to say that the type of lighting we have in this building is incorrect; that the money being spent on the elderly diminishes the money that should be spent on children; and, that the change in the climate is caused by our "stupid" buildings.

There were no additional presentations from the audience; and, this session ended at 10:09 a.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM on March 12, 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, the Chairperson shared with the public the following changes that have taken place in the agenda subsequent to its publication seven days ago:

Mrs. Cook stated that the Pre-Closing Use Agreement has been added to Consent Item #5 - Request Approval of the Property Use Agreement with University Preparatory Academy, Inc. Mrs. Cook stated that she has found good cause to amend the agenda accordingly.

Dr. Grego, following the National Anthem, announced that the employee in Consent Item #4, Ms. Rose Decanay, has requested an administrative hearing; thus, his recommendation has changed to Alternative #2, to read as follows: Suspend Ms. Dacanay without pay effective March 13, 2013, until the conclusion of the hearing process and direct the Staff Attorney to submit the request to the Division of Administrative Hearings. Mrs. Cook stated that she found good cause to amend the agenda accordingly.

III. Invocation

1. ***Pastor Becky Robbins-Penniman, Church of the Good Shepherd, 639 Edgewater Dr., Dunedin 34698***

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Robbins-Penniman.

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 Clearwater High School Concert Chorus performing the National Anthem.

V. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

A. *Melanie Marquez Parra-Public Information Officer*

Ms. Marquez Parra introduced the following individuals: Nelly Henjes, PESPA; Bruce Proud, PCTA/PESPA; Rick Brant and Sonya Roundtree, SEIU/Florida Public Services Union; Annie Johnson, Pinellas Arts for a Complete Education Coalition; and, Lisa Gartner, The Tampa Bay Times.

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

VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities

A. *Lakewood High School*

Julia Pohlmann and Lamia Hinton, Students Rights and Responsibilities representatives from Lakewood High School addressed the Board to share information regarding programs and achievements taking place at their school. Julia and Lamia used a PowerPoint presentation to share this information with the School Board.

VII. Video: The Braille Challenge: Confidence in Literacy and Beyond for Visually-Impaired Students

A video was shown highlighting the instruction of Braille that is being offered to our visually-impaired students, as well as to those who are not.

VIII. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

1. Mark Klutho

Consent Item #6 - Mr. Klutho stated that this is the hiring of another lawyer because the Board is having problems with running this educational system.

Consent Items #13 and 16 - Mr. Klutho stated that these items are projects related to HVAC and that the district is pumping money into Progress Energy.

Consent Item #15 - Mr. Klutho stated that this project is for pTEC at a cost of \$733,261; and, that he has not seen the district get one building correct.

IX. Adoption of Agenda

PULL: Consent Item #5

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

X. Special Order Agenda

1. Presentation of the Proclamation of Child Water Safety Awareness Week Presented by Peggy Johns, Specialist, Pre K-12 Health Education

Ms. Peggy Johns presented the Proclamation for approval.

Mrs. O'Shea read the Proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Ms. Flowers and seconded by Mrs. Krassner to approve the Proclamation designation May 25-31, 2013 as Child Water Safety Awareness Week.

Ms. Flowers stated that she had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Simons from Florida Gulf Coast Center For Fishing Foundation, Inc.; and, congratulated the organization for bringing the issue forward.

Mr. James R. Simons, President of Florida Gulf Coast Center For Fishing Foundation, Inc., congratulated the School Board for their support; and, provided the Board with an overview of the expansion of this program, first in our high schools and then in our middle schools. Mr. Simons shared that elementary schools are now requested the opportunity to have this program in their schools. Mr. Simons shared that there are approximately 4000 students presently involved in the program.

Ms. Shoemaker, Outreach Coordinator- Safe Kids, All Children's Hospital, shared data on the number of children who have died from water-related accidents; and, stated that two of our schools have a program that provides their students with the opportunity to learn how to swim. Ms. Shoemaker thanked the district for being proactive in this area.

The motion provided by Ms. Flowers and seconded by Mrs. Krassner to approve the Proclamation designation May 25-31, 2013 as Child Water Safety Awareness Week was carried with a 7-0 vote.

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

2. Recognition of Transportation Driver for Heroic Deed Presented by Michael Bessette, Associate Superintendent, Operational Services

Mr. Bessette presented Mr. Letos, Bus Driver, to the Board for recognition of his action in rescuing an unattended toddler from the side of US 19 while on duty transporting Palm Harbor Middle School students. Mr. Letos was greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members.

3. Recognition of Bus Assistants for Heroic Deeds Presented by Michael Bessette, Associate Superintendent, Operational Services

Mr. Bessette presented Ms. Emma Frazier Redmond and Ms. Livondra Dandy, school bus assistants, to the Board for recognition of their quick action taken following the involvement of their bus in an accident resulting in injury to the driver. Ms. Redmond and Ms. Dandy were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members.

XI. Unfinished Business

1. Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 0151 – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING (This is the Second Reading.)

Dr. Grego stated that this was the second reading for this Amendment which will allow the School Board some flexibility in scheduling their organization meeting.

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

XII. 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 26, 2013;
And, the Workshop of February 21, 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 to Revise the Following Job Description
Approved, as follows:
Director, Human Resources (C09)
4. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Ms. Rose Dacanay, ESE Associate,
Employed at Paul B. Stephens, ESEC
Ms. Dacanay has requested an administrative hearing; thus, the recommendation approved by
the Board reads, as follows:
Suspend Ms. Dacanay without pay effective March 13, 2013, until the conclusion of the
hearing process and direct the Staff Attorney to submit the request to the Division of
Administrative Hearings.
5. Request Approval of Property Use Agreement with University Preparatory Academy, Inc.
This item was pulled for further discussion by both Mrs. Wikle and Mrs. Lerner. Please
refer to XIII. Consent Agenda - Items Pulled #1.
6. Request Approval of Agreement for Heather Wallace as Assistant School Board Attorney
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148.)
7. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects:
Approved, as follows:
A. Contract with Agile Mind for Common Core Professional Development for Secondary Algebra1,
Geometry, and Algebra 2 Teachers
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148.)
8. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 4 (December 2012) to the District's
2012/2013 Budget
Approved, as submitted.
9. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending December 31, 2012 for
Fiscal Year 2012/2013
Approved, as submitted.
10. Request Adoption of the Investment Portfolio Financial Statements For the Quarter Ended
December 31, 2012
Approved, as submitted.

11. Request Approval of Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Certification of Facilities Data
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148.)
12. Request Approval of Agreement with Ajax Building Corporation for Construction Management Services in Connection with Sewer Replacement and Restroom Renovation for the Entire Campus in the Amount of \$952,924, Which Includes an Initial Construction Allocation, at Oakhurst Elementary School, Project No. 9084
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148.)
13. Request Approval of Agreement with Ajax Building Corporation for Construction Management Services in Connection with Replacement of Roofs, Replacement of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System, and Lighting System Upgrades in the Amount of \$2,826,241, Which Includes an Initial Construction Allocation at Oldsmar Elementary School, Project No. 9060
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148.)
14. Request Approval of Agreement with Ajax Building Corporation for Construction Management Services in Connection with Sewer Replacement and Restroom Renovation for the Entire Campus in the Amount of \$557,952, Which Includes an Initial Construction Allocation, at Ponce De Leon Elementary School, Project No. 9089
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148.)
15. Request Approval of Agreement with Walbridge Aldinger Company for Construction Management Services in Connection with Pre-School Children's Center in the Amount of \$733,261, Which Includes an Initial Construction Allocation at PTEC - St. Petersburg Campus, Project No. --4507
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148.)
16. Request Approval of Amendment to Agreement with Phoenix Engineering Group, Inc. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection with Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System Replacement in the Amount of \$17,040 at Tarpon Springs Middle School, Project No. 9095
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148.)
17. Request Approval of Vehicle Use Agreement to a Non-Profit Organization for a Period of One Year
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148.)

18. Request Approval of Selling the District's Surplus and Obsolete Equipment on the PublicSurplus.Com Internet Auction Site
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.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148.)

XIII. Consent Agenda - Items Pulled

1. Consent Item #5 - Request Approval of Property Use Agreement with University Preparatory Academy, Inc.

Mrs. Wikle stated that her concern is with the process; that the property is the responsibility of the School Board; and, that this item allows for remodeling abatement without the Board first having taken action on the sale of this property. Mrs. Wikle stated that we have a charter application, but the charter has not been approved; and, that the appraisal that the district has is two years old.

Mrs. Lerner stated that she has many of the same concerns; that she is excited about and supportive of the charter; but, that she has concern with the allowing the charter to begin the abatement process on the building prior to a sales agreement being negotiated and approved by the School Board. Mrs. Lerner stated that for that reason she will be voting against this item.

Discussion followed by School Board Members and Mr. Koperski.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #148.)

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Terry Krassner, Board Member
SECONDER:	Rene Flowers, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Cook, Clark, Krassner, O' Shea
NAYS:	Robin Wikle, Linda Lerner

XIV. Nonconsent

1. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 7300 – PROPERTY CUSTODIANSHIP AND INSURANCE (This is the First Reading.)

Mr. Koperski presented a brief overview of the proposed Amendment.

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

XV. New Business

A. *Items Introduced by Superintendent*

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

- 1) Announced that the East Lake High School's Robotics Team achieved First Place in the Orlando FIRST Robotics Regional Competition. Dr. Grego shared that the team's win now allows them to go to the FIRST Robotics World Championship in St. Louis at the end of April. Dr. Grego commended Mr. Paul Whanish for his leadership at East Lake High School with the robotics instruction.
- 2) Shared that approximately 300 students competed in the Pinellas History Day. Dr. Grego stated that those who placed first and second in this competition will advance to the Florida History Fair to be held on May 5-7 in Tallahassee.
- 3) Stated that there is a new art exhibit honoring nearly three decades, 1988 - 2012, of artistry from students from the Pinellas County Center for the Arts program at Gibbs High School. Dr. Grego shared that the show includes works by a dozen current and former teachers, art by alumni from classes of 1988 to 2012, as well as senior thesis exhibitions by students from this year's graduating class. The exhibit was designed to celebrate Pinellas County's first arts magnet, which opened in 1984 and is nearing its 30th anniversary.
- 4) Shared that students from Dunedin Highland Middle School came in First Place in the overall team and team ciphering competitions at the regional Math Counts competition. Dr. Grego shared that the team will now travel to Orlando to participate in the state competition; and, that the winners of that competition will travel to Washington, DC in May to participate in the national event which will be aired on ESPN3.
- 5) Shared that he had a productive meeting yesterday with our new Commissioner of Education regarding various topics, i.e., Common Core, Teacher Pay, etc.
- 6) Shared that he had another wonderful Parent Leadership Cadre last evening at Gibbs High School; and, that he has now met with every PTA in Pinellas.
- 7) Shared that last week he presented to the Palm Harbor Chamber of Commerce and thanked Mrs. O'Shea for attending that event.
- 8) Thanked the Board Members who were able to participate in the recent Town Hall meeting in St. Petersburg organized by the NAACP.
- 9) Thanked the many Board Members who were able to participate in the Dr. Seuss Read Across America. Dr. Grego also thanked PCTA for their support of this special day emphasizing the importance of reading.
- 10) Shared that he had breakfast at Walsingham Elementary School to celebrate National Breakfast Day. Dr. Grego extended kudos to all of our lunchroom workers.
- 11) Shared that he had the opportunity to visit the following schools since our last meeting: Pinellas Park Middle, Belcher Elementary, Calvin Hunsinger and Clearwater Intermediate. Dr. Grego stated that he sees such tremendous commitment in our schools.

12) Stated that he is leaving in the morning to join members of FADSS (Florida Association of District School Superintendents) to monitor the discussions by Legislators, and specifically the discussion and action on the high school bill that will be taken up by the House. Dr. Grego stated that the bill looks a lot like what we are doing in Pinellas; and, that he is hoping that the House will pass this bill.

B. *Items Introduced by School Board Attorney*

Mr. Koperski stated he had no report.

C. *Items Introduced by the Board*

Ms. Clark - 1) Shared that she enjoyed participating in Read Across America at Eisenhower Elementary School. 2) Shared that she volunteered last week at the Special Olympics Summer Games at Lakewood High School. Ms. Clark commended the work and support provided to the Special Olympics games by Dr. James Hampsey, Sharon Billings, Nurse Practitioner, and Lorraine Allen, LPN. Ms. Clark shared that these professionals have provided free sports physicals for the students participating in the Special Olympic games for many years.

Mrs. Lerner - 1) Stated that the Board recognized a bus driver and two bus assistants earlier and suggested that framed certificates be prepared for them. 2) Shared that she had the opportunity to judge the History Day at Largo High School. Mrs. Lerner stated that this event was amazing; and, that she judged the middle school documentaries. Mrs. Lerner stated that as we talk about STEM, the importance of teaching history also needs to be stressed. Mrs. Lerner thanked Linda Whitley and Teresa Bergstrom for being involved in this event. 3) Shared that she, also, attended the International World Language Day at Meadowlawn Middle School. Mrs. Lerner thanked Ms. Jan Kucerik for her support and involvement in that event. 4) Encouraged Board Members to visit the Center for Fishing, if they haven't already. Mrs. Lerner stated that there are wonderful things being done there; and, that it is important to allow students the time to be involved in extracurricular activities. Mrs. Lerner also commended Dr. Grego for taking on these important issues. 5) Shared during Ms. Flowers' report that when she visited Bay Point Middle, she was encouraged that the student checking in visitors insisted that Mrs. Lerner show a form of identification that contained a photo, other than district badge, in order to be allowed into the school.

Mrs. O'Shea - 1) Stated that she, too, had participated in the Dr. Suess Read Across America event by reading to two pre-kindergarten classes. Mrs. O'Shea shared that these students thoroughly enjoyed this time and wanted to hear more. 2) Thanked the NAACP for putting on the Town Hall event in south county. 3) Stated that she always receives such a lift when she's in schools and close to the students.

Ms. Flowers - 1) Thanked Dr. Grego and others who supported the Town Hall Meeting in St. Petersburg. 2) Stated that she visited three schools, Morgan Fitzgerald Middle, Gulfport Elementary and Boca Ciega High; and, shared the exciting things she saw at those schools. Ms. Flowers shared that in trying to enter the Boca Ciega campus from the back, she was encouraged to see that the campus was well secured. 3) Shared that she presented at a

professional women's group where she pitched the Summer Bridge program. Ms. Flowers stated that this group was very excited to hear of this new initiative. 4) Shared that she also met with a group from Progress Energy who questioned how they could help our district. Ms. Flowers stated that she shared with them the opportunity to adopt a school.

Mrs. Wikle - 1) Expressed her agreement with Mrs. Lerner's request that certificates be prepared and provided to the bus driver and the bus assistants who were recognized earlier in this meeting. 2) Gave a shout-out to PCCPTA (Pinellas County Council PTA) for continuing to be advocates for students. 3) Stated that she asked whether the Monday Updates were shared with teachers and received assurance that they were. Mrs. Wikle encouraged teachers to check those updates as, like yesterday's report, they sometimes contain information on grants that are available to teachers and classrooms.

Mrs. Krassner - 1) Gave kudos to Tarpon Springs High School Culinary Arts Program for achieving First Place in a competition against 64 other schools. Mrs. Krassner stated that they received as their prize \$200,000 in scholarship dollars. 2) Shared that she attended the All County Music Festival this past Saturday. Mrs. Krassner stated that this was an incredible event; and, that many people spoke of their appreciation for the referendum dollars benefiting our music program. Mrs. Krassner acknowledged Ms. Erica Riggins, Bay News 9, for acting as the emcee for this event. 3) Shared that she, along with Pam Moore and Lori Hefner, attended the Madeira Beach Elementary and Middle School PTA meeting to share information on Common Core and End-of-Year exam. Mrs. Krassner encouraged parents to go to our website to view information regarding these important issues.

Mrs. Cook - 1) Stated that the PTA organization has been mentioned several times this evening. Mrs. Cook thanked Dr. Grego for putting PTA at the forefront and for making them a priority. 2) Stated that the timing of the superintendents' visit to Tallahassee this week and the school boards' next week provides opportunity to percolate the issues important to school districts. Mrs. Cook shared that she has a better feeling going into session this year than in the past. 3) Stated that she represents the Board on the district's website redesign committee; that the committee is moving forward; and, that they will be meeting tomorrow. Mrs. Cook stated that the input provided by the Board at our last meeting was shared with the committee; and, that the committee's effort is to make the website more user-friendly. 4) Stated that the Board's workshop today will begin at 1:00 p.m. 5) Shared that she attended the Value Adjustment Board (VAB) earlier today; and, that the legislation being considered would make it more difficult for VAB to meet in a timely manner. Mrs. Cook explained that the new wording would require that the authority be given over to a magistrate to meet with the membership of VAB, rather than the legal counsel; and, requested that the Board Members keep alert on this potential change.

D. Review of Board Requests

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

1) Staff will prepare and deliver certificates of appreciation to the bus driver and the bus assistants recognized earlier in this meeting.

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses

- Efficient meeting
- Sound issue fixed
- SR& R report
- Board Reports
- Bus Drivers

Opportunities

- Lack of certificates

XVI. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary

Public Comments

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

1. Dan Caccamo

Mr. Caccamo addressed the Board to state that the School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) had been created to promote health and academic success through collaboration and partnership. Mr. Caccamo shared that he is a parent of a student at St. Petersburg High School student and a member of the Action for Healthy Kids Executive Committee whose efforts are to update the Board on advocacy and planning initiatives to address child obesity, as well as child wellness and nutrition. Mr. Caccamo applauded the Board and the superintendent for their foresight in including wellness in the 2012/13 Strategic Plan.

This session ended at 12:14 p.m.