

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April, 23, 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. Jason Wood

Mr. Wood, Physical Education Teacher at Lakeview Fundamental and President of the Pinellas County Health Education and Driver's Education Association, addressed the Board to speak against the proposed changes in the staffing model for physical education instruction that will increase the student/teacher ratio.

2. Angela Carapella

Ms. Carapella, Vice President of the Pinellas County Health Education and Driver's Education Association, addressed the Board to speak against the proposed changes in the staffing model for physical education instruction that will increase the student/teacher ratio.

3. Susan Fisher

Ms. Fisher addressed the Board to say that her position has been cut and to speak against the proposed changes in the staffing model for physical education instruction.

4. Linda S. Fairman

Ms. Fairman addressed the Board to speak against the proposed move to block scheduling at Cross Bayou Elementary School resulting in a change to their staffing model for physical education.

5. Colleen Parker

Ms. Parker addressed the Board to say that one size does not fit all and to request that staffing be determined on the enrollment of the individual school.

6. Lenore Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner addressed the Board to say that she is the activist for a world class career and technology school at Pinellas Park Middle School; and, to share some information pertaining to her bout with cancer. Ms. Faulkner presented Dr. Grego with some written materials and requested that he investigate the information contained within those items.

7. Brandt Robinson

Mr. Robinson stated that he is speaking on behalf of his colleagues to share that their morale is low like never before. Mr. Robinson shared five points with the Board that he feels are

important for them to remember: 1) The principal has to be the instructional leader of the school; 2) A system of ongoing site-based professional development needs to be developed and implemented, based on the needs of the school; 3) A new walk-through model should be designed and started early in the year; 4) Attendance issues of students needs to be addressed and the exam exemption needs to be eliminated; and, 5) Sufficient planning time needs to be provided for teachers.

8. Steve Fay

Mr. Fay addressed the Board to speak against the proposed changes in the staffing model for physical education instruction that will increase the student/teacher ratio; and, shared that Physical Education Teachers may be facing student/teacher ratios of 35:1, not a good model especially for ESE students.

9. Glad McCurtain

Ms. McCurtain, FAST, addressed the Board to say that members of FAST were encouraged after their recent meeting with Dr. Grego and value the initiatives he is taking on behalf of students. Pastor McCurtain stated that FAST members were disappointed that he did not accept the offer from NIFDI to implement their program in this district. Pastor McCurtain requested that FAST be sent information on programs that Dr. Grego has implemented in the struggling schools to assist students.

10. Jason Taylor

Mr. Taylor addressed the Board to share that, as a parent, he has experienced difficulty in getting information from his child's school regarding testing. Mr. Taylor also expressed concern that if a child does not do well on a test, they will be steered away from college; and every student should have the opportunity to go to college.

11. Johanna Moseley

Ms. Moseley addressed the Board to request that they review the policies related to magnet and academy programs that result in those programs being isolated from the regular school population, thus making it difficult for students to achieve a high class ranking in such small program populations.

12. Joanne Lentino

Ms. Lentino addressed the Board to ask how they will address the behavior of students who are not receiving the support from home that they need. Ms. Lentino stated that the district needs to address the behavior issues that come through the classroom door, otherwise teachers will not be able to teach.

There were no additional presentations from the audience; and, this session ended at 5:36 p.m.

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM on April 23, 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 requested that the following item be removed from the agenda:

Consent Item #12

Request Approval of Agreement With Holmes Hepner & Associates Architects, Inc. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection With the Construction of a Free Standing, one Story, 2,150 Square Foot Building to be Used as a Health Center Clinic, in the Amount of \$30,700 at Pinellas Park High School, Project No. A913

Dr. Grego stated that this will be brought back at a subsequent meeting.

III. Invocation

1. ***Reverend Abhi Janamanchi, Unitarian Universalist Church, 2470 Nursery Road, Clearwater 33764***

The Invocation was delivered by Rev. Janamanchi.

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 district's choral and orchestra teachers performing the National Anthem.

B. *Video: New Beginnings: ESE Students Give Discovery Room a Spring Spruce-Up*

A video was shown highlighting the students from Richard L. Sanders who are involved in the School Eagle Landscaping Program and worked on the landscaping project at the Discovery Room annex.

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; Kimberly Black, PCTA; Bruce Proud, PCTA/PESPA; Richard McDonald, SEIU/Florida Public Services Union; Linda Crawley, Pinellas Arts for a Complete Education Coalition; Glad McCurtsin and Charles Montana, FAST; Lisa Gartner, The Tampa Bay Times; and, Anastasia Dawson, Tampa Tribune.

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

VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities**A. *Dunedin High School***

John Noun, Arleena Rupnaraine and Nicholas Surrat, Students Rights and Responsibilities representatives from Dunedin High School, addressed the Board to share information regarding programs and achievements taking place at their school.

VII. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The following individual addressed the Board to offer his comments on an agenda item:

1. Chris Tauchnitz

Consent Item #4 - Request Approval to Revise and/or Create the Following Job Descriptions, Which will be Effective April 24, 2013

Mr. Tauchnitz addressed the Board to voice his objection to the creation of the position of Deputy Superintendent, saying that the FADSS (Florida Association of District School Superintendents) report recommended that this position not be included in the organization of the district.

VIII. Adoption of Agenda

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

IX. Special Order Agenda

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

Dr. Valerie Brimm, Director of Family and Community Involvement, stated that this recognition is sponsored by the Chairman and CEO of Ditek; and, that these Young Heroes will be honored at a breakfast this coming Thursday. Dr. Brimm introduced the Young Hero recipients for the second semester of the 2012/13 school year, as follows:

Ishan Mandani
Curley "CJ" Jones
Kathleen Brunner

These students were each presented with a plaque in recognition of this designation and greeted by the School Board Members.

2. Recognition of Aadith Moorthy for Achieving a Perfect Score on the SAT, Presented by William Lawrence, Associate Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Services

Mr. Bill Lawrence, Associate Superintendent for Teaching & Learning, introduced Aadith Moorthy who achieved a perfect score of 2400 the SAT this year, the only Pinellas student of over 2100 juniors and seniors to take the SAT this year. Aadith was presented with a plaque in recognition of his achievement and greeted by the School Board Members.

3. Presentation of Pinellas Council for Social Studies Teacher of the Year Winners, Presented by Linda Whitley, Specialist, K-12 Social Studies

Mr. Bill Lawrence, stepping in for Linda Whitley, introduced Ms. Linda Smith, President, Pinellas Council for Social Studies. Ms. Smith presented the following teachers as this year's district winners:

Jennifer McCafferty, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Elementary School
Teresa Bergstrom, Dunedin Highland Middle School
Richard Cross, Pinellas Park High School's Criminal Justice Academy

Ms. McCafferty, Ms. Bergstrom and Mr. Cross were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members.

4. Recognition of Finalists and Semifinalists for 2012-2013 Outstanding Educator Recognition Program, Presented by Lisa Grant, Director, Professional Development

Ms. Lisa Grant introduced Mr. Tom Topping, Instructional Staff Developer, who introduced the following honorees:

Semifinalists:

William Barlow, Teacher, Grades 4-7 at James B. Sanderlin IB World School

Michelle Brennan, Fourth Grade Teacher at Safety Harbor Elementary School

James Gill, Guidance Counselor at Seminole Vocational Education Center

Christine Joseph, Second Grade Teacher at Skycrest Elementary School (not present)

Debra Maccini, Kindergarten Teacher at Douglas L. Jamerson Elementary School (not present)

Dan Regan, Criminal Justice Teacher at Pinellas Park High School

Finalists:

Jennifer Anderson, Language Arts & Reading Teacher at East Lake High School

Becky Bride, Math Teacher at Palm Harbor University High School

Krista Kelleher, Autism Spectrum Disorder Teacher at Sawgrass Lake Elementary School

Jennifer Klimis, K-5 Gifted Program Teacher at Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary

Jean Wark Kindergarten Teacher at Perkins Elementary School

2012-2013 Pinellas County Schools Outstanding Educator:

Joanne Wright Reading Teacher at Safety Harbor Middle School

The educators, accompanied by their principals, were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members.

X. Unfinished Business

1. Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 7300 – PROPERTY CUSTODIANSHIP AND INSURANCE (This is the Second Reading.)

Mr. Koperski provided a brief explanation regarding the proposed Amendment to Policy 7300. This is the second reading.

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

XI. Consent

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janet Clark, 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 April 9, 2013; And, the Workshop of April 2, 2013
Approved, as submitted.
2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
3. Request Approval to Revise And/Or Create the Following Job Descriptions, Which Will be Effective July 1, 2012
Approved, as follows:
 - Executive Director, Pre-K Physical Education, Drivers Education & Extracurricular Activities to *Director, Physical Education, Athletics, and Extracurricular Activities* (ADM C09)
 - Network Administrator (PTS E07)
 - Supervisor, Payroll to *Managing Officer, Payroll Operations* (PTS E07)
 - Executive Assistant to the Superintendent to *Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent* (PTS E05)
4. Request Approval to Revise And/Or Create the Following Job Descriptions, Which Will be Effective April 24, 2013
Approved, as follows:
 - Deputy Superintendent (ADM C14)
 - Associate Superintendent, Student and Community Support Services (ADM C13)
 - Chief of Human Resources Services to *Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Services* (ADM C12)
 - Chief of Technology and Information Systems to *Assistant Superintendent, Technology and Information Systems* (ADM C12)
 - Executive Director, Elementary School Education (ADM C11)
 - Executive Director, Middle School Education (ADM C11)
 - Executive Director, High School Education (ADM C11)
 - Secretary to Deputy Superintendent (NR D14)
 - Secretary to Chief of Human Resources Services to *Secretary to Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Services* (NR D12)
 - Secretary to Chief of Technology and Information Systems to *Secretary to Assistant Superintendent, Technology and Information Systems* (NR D12)
5. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects:
Approved, as follows:
 - A. School Turnaround AmeriCorps Program Grant Application \$500,677.00
 - B. Amendment (roll forward funds) to Title I, Part A Grant \$5,983,560.15
 - C. Adult Education and Family Literacy Adult General Education Grant Renewal \$1,468,501.00
 - D. Adult Education and Family Literacy - English Literacy/Civics Education Grant Renewal \$277,204.00
 - E. Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant Application \$2,009,131.00(Copy/copies to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
6. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 6 (February 2013) to the District's 2012/13 Budget
Approved, as submitted.

7. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending February 28, 2013 for Fiscal Year 2012/13
Approved, as submitted.
8. Request Approval of Renewal of the Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. Agreement for Dropout Prevention Services in Department of Juvenile Justice and Department of Children and Families Programs for 2013-2016
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
9. Request Approval of the Agreement for a Community Dental Program Between the Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College and the School Board of Pinellas County
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
10. Request Approval of the Listing Agreement with Morris Gregory Haas, LLC. for the Marketing and Sale of a Vacant Property Known as the Fisher Road Site
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
11. Request Approval of an Amendment to Renew the Joint-Use-Of-Facilities Agreement with Pinellas County
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
12. Request Approval of Agreement with Holmes Hepner & Associates Architects, Inc. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection with the Construction of a Free Standing, One Story, 2,150 Square Foot Building to be Used as a Health Center Clinic, in the Amount of \$30,700 at Pinellas Park High School, Project No. A913
This item was removed from the agenda by Dr. Grego during III. Amendments to the Agenda.
13. Request Acceptance of Substantial Completion for Health Resources and Service Administration School Based Health Center (Building 12) as of January 7, 2013 at Gibbs High School, Project No. Z912
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
14. Request Approval of Selling the District's Surplus and Obsolete Equipment on the PublicSurplus.Com Internet Auction Site
Approved, as submitted.
15. 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 #149.)

XII. Nonconsent

1. Request Approval to Acknowledge and Accept the Change of Condition for Three Rooms at Southside Fundamental Middle School (112)

Dr. Grego and Mr. Koperski presented a brief overview of this item, as well as of Items #2, #3 and #4, that were removed from the last Board agenda.

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

2. Request Approval for the Resolution to Designate the Closed Southside Fundamental Middle School Unnecessary for Educational Purposes and Release it for Sale, Contingent Upon School Board Approval of Charter School Agreement with University Preparatory Academies, Inc.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)

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

3. Request Approval to Enter into an Agreement with University Preparatory Academies, Inc. for the Sale of the Closed Southside Fundamental Middle School, Contingent Upon School Board's Approval of Charter School Agreement with University Preparatory Academies, Inc.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)

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

4. Request Approval of the Five-Year Charter School Agreement with University Preparatory Academies, Inc., for University Preparatory Academy Charter School, Contingent Upon School Board's Approval of Agreement with University Preparatory Academies, Inc., for Sale of the Closed Southside Fundamental Middle School Site

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)

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

XIII. New Business

A. *Items Introduced by Superintendent*

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

- 1) Announced that the district has received official notification that Largo High School's International Baccalaureate program has received authorization from the International Baccalaureate Organization. Dr. Grego applauded the School Board for their foresight in seeing the need for a third IB program in this district.
- 2) Congratulated St. Petersburg High School's Ethics Bowl team for winning the 2013 National Championship at the first National High School Ethics Bowl held at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C.
- 3) Shared that the Pinellas County Academic Team won First Place at the Commissioner's Academic Challenge held in Orlando. Dr. Grego stated that these students will be brought to the Board for recognition at their next Student Recognition events, scheduled for May 14th.
- 4) Shared that he has received numerous emails from parents complimenting the Tarpon Springs High School leadership regarding the great concert held this past Saturday. Dr. Grego stated that he will be sharing those comments with the Board and extended kudos to those at Tarpon Springs High School.
- 5) Announced that Mr. Chris Ateek, Principal at Madeira Beach Fundamental School, was named the 2013 Boss of the Year; and, that Mary Ann Smith, Purchasing Department, was named Member of the Year at the recent PAEOP dinner.
- 6) Shared that he attended a meeting scheduled by Governor Scott to reach out to superintendents. Dr. Grego stated that he will share the highlights of that meeting with the Board during the next workshop.
- 7) Shared that he participated in another good parent cadre meeting at Countryside High School.
- 8) Shared the many events that he will be attending this week.
- 9) Thanked all of our teachers, principals, support staff and School Board for allowing schools to focus on the testing this past week.
- 10) Stated that tomorrow is Administrative Assistant and Support Staff Day; and, thanked them all for their service.

B. *Items Introduced by School Board Attorney*

Mr. Koperski stated he had no report.

C. *Items Introduced by the Board*

Ms. Flowers - 1) Announced that Xavier Williams, a former Gibbs High School student, has been inducted into the University of Florida Hall of Fame. 2) Thanked those staff members who attended the NAACP Education Committee meeting. Ms. Flowers shared that this committee wants to know what they can do to help students; and, that the principals from Campbell Park and Melrose elementary schools responded with opportunities that are available. Ms. Flowers also thanked Ms. Charlene Einsel and Dr. Valerie Brimm for attending this meeting and share information. 3) Thanked the restaurants in the area that provided free breakfasts to students during the week of FCAT testing. 4) Thanked Mrs. Beaty for her duties as Administrative Assistant to the School Board.

Mrs. Wikle - 1) Shared that she felt an emotional link to each of the recognitions at tonight's meeting which made it special to be a Board Member. Mrs. Wikle thanked the staff who put these recognitions together.

Mrs. Krassner - 1) Shared that we are fortunate to have many who have retired from the district who continually return to work hard at such events as the recent Academic Team Challenge. Ms. Krassner stated that the names of those volunteers have been placed on our newsroom page. 2) Stated that she has tremendous confidence in Dr. Grego's leadership and decisions; and, that it is important that the confidence must remain, even in the tough decisions.

Ms. Clark - 1) Shared that the PRIDE Awards event was great and extended kudos to Ditek for sponsoring this event. 2) Stated that the National Anthem played at the beginning of the Board meetings have been repeat performances by a few groups; and, requested that some new performances be taped for the Board meetings.

Mrs. Lerner - 1) Stated that she, at an earlier meeting, had requested that the comments that were submitted by employees during the climate survey be included with the results posted on the website. Mrs. Lerner expressed her concern that those comments were still not available on the web. 2) Stated that the Board Members had received a very detailed letter regarding the class ranking concern. Mrs. Lerner requested that this concern be reviewed by staff. 3) Stated that we have had many wonderful musical performances. Mrs. Lerner requested that links to those performances be placed on our web page and that these events be publicized. Dr. Grego stated that these events will be aired on our television station. Mrs. Lerner agreed and especially the upcoming event, Walker's Rising Stars. 4) Stated that she had only submitted one question regarding today's agenda, Consent Item #5 - Special Project A. AmeriCorps Program Grant Application. Mrs. Lerner stated that she would like to see the benefits of this program expanded to more than the three elementary schools presently involved. 5) Stated that the Board had a great meeting with JWB and the Board of County Commissioners during which a discussion took place as to how we can better focus on healthcare in this county. Mrs. Lerner stated that the Board has received a proclamation from County Commissioner Ken Welch; that the Board, during that discussion, did not provide Dr. Grego with a firm direction regarding the proposed proclamation; and, that she has since spoken with Mr. Koperski regarding an appropriate process. Mrs. Lerner, rather than requesting that the Board take official action on this item, encouraged individual Board Members to send a letter and the proclamation to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House to say that, as an individual, they support this proclamation. Mrs. Lerner stressed the importance of our state taking the \$50M, rather than leaving it on the table.

Mrs. O'Shea - 1) Stated that the latest news regarding the Medicaid issue is that the Legislators will not address it this session, but leave it status quo. 2) Requested that an improved way be designed to better share information regarding legislative matters and changes both from the state and federal levels. Mrs. O'Shea stated that this information needs to be provided in a very understandable manner and is important for all, including parents. Dr. Grego shared that one of the topics discussed extensively by the Superintendents and Governor was that of having a more consistent message to the 67 districts. 3) Congratulated Dr. Grego on his efforts to getting the Pathways bill passed

Mrs. Cook - 1) Stated that the Board recognized many students lately for their achievements and stressed the importance of acknowledging the efforts of the teachers who instilled the love of learning in them.

D. Review of Board Requests

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

- 1) The rendition of the National Anthem will be updated with newer filming.
- 2) The comments will be included in the Climate Survey section on our web.
- 3) The concern mentioned regarding class ranking will be reviewed.
- 4) Links to student performances will be provided on the web.

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses

- Sound system
- Certificates
- Smooth meetings due to workshops

Opportunities

None were offered.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 7:10 a.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary

Public Comments

There were no individuals wishing to address the Board following the adjournment of the meeting.