

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May, 7, 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. Pam Settle

Ms. Settle, Good Living Magazine, addressed the Board to stress the importance of physical activity for young children; and, to voice her opposition to any change in the delivery model for physical education that would decrease the time of instruction and activity.

2. Dr. Chrisoula Kiriazis

Dr. Kiriazis addressed the Board to stress the importance of physical activity for children and to voice her opposition to the proposed change in the delivery model for physical education to elementary school-age children.

3. Tanya Lewis

Ms. Lewis addressed the Board to voice her opposition to the elimination of early release times for Wednesdays and to the proposed change in providing physical education to elementary school students.

4. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho addressed the Board to speak against an evaluation process for teachers that would judge them on the students, no matter their background. Mr. Klutho also spoke to the lighting on the entrance area to this building, saying that it is incorrect.

There were no additional presentations from the audience; and, this session ended at 10:21 a.m.

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM on May 7, 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	
Carol Cook	Pinellas County Schools	Chairperson	Present	
Peggy O' Shea	Pinellas County Schools	Vice Chairperson	Present	
Rene Flowers	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Present	
Robin Wikle	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	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	

II. Teacher Appreciation Proclamation

Dr. Grego presented for Board approval a Proclamation acknowledging the contribution of our teachers on "National Teacher Appreciation Day." Mrs. O'Shea read the Proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Krassner and carried with a 7-0 vote to adopt the Proclamation designating the week of May 6-10, 2013 as Pinellas County Schools Teacher Appreciation Week.

III. Amendments to the Agenda

Dr. Grego requested that the agenda be amended by adding the following personnel appointments to Consent Item #2, Personnel Recommendations:

1. Administrative Appointment of Dr. William Corbett to the position of Deputy Superintendent, effective May 8, 2013
2. Administrative Appointment of Ms. Lori Matway to the position of Associate Superintendent, Student and Community Support Services, effective May 20, 2013
3. Administrative Transfer of Ms. Benigna Pollauf from Principal of Northwest Elementary School to Principal of Fairmount Park Elementary School, effective June 10, 2013
4. Administrative Transfer of Ms. Nanette Grasso from Principal of Orange Grove Elementary School to Principal of Melrose Elementary School, effective June 10, 2013
5. Administrative Transfer of Mr. David Rosenberger from Principal of Clearwater Fundamental Middle School to Principal of Pinellas Park Middle School, effective June 10, 2013
6. Administrative Transfer of Ms. Wilhemina Dawson from Principal of Fairmount Park Elementary School to Principal of Northwest (later corrected to read North Shore) Elementary School, effective June 10, 2013
7. Administrative Transfer of Dr. Christine Porter from Principal of Melrose Elementary School to Principal of Orange Grove Elementary School, effective June 10, 2013

Mrs. Cook stated that she finds good cause to amend Nonconsent Items #1 and #2 by adding the executed contracts that already appear in the agenda.

Mrs. Cook stated that she also finds good cause to amend this agenda by adding the personnel recommendations presented by the Superintendent.

IV. Invocation

1. ***Lieutenant Colonel Tom Jones, Salvation Army Church, 1625 N. Belcher Rd., Clearwater, 33765***

The Invocation was delivered by Lt. Col. Jones.

V. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

A. ***National Anthem***

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a video was shown of Pinellas County Choral and Music Educators performing the National Anthem.

B. ***Video: Using Their Imaginations: How PCS Elementary Students Are Learning Reading Comprehension from a Talking Dog***

A video was shown highlighting a new method being used at Woodlawn Elementary School to teach children reading comprehension and team building through the use of a PBS program with a talking dog.

VI. 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; Rick Brant and Sonya Roundtree, SEIU/Florida Public Services Union; Cindy Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA; Cara Fitzpatrick, The Tampa Bay Times; and, Anastasia Dawson, The Tampa Tribune.

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

VII. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities

A. Seminole High School

Carter Fish and Alex Jones, Students Rights and Responsibilities representatives from Seminole High School, addressed the Board to share information regarding programs and achievements taking place at their school.

VIII. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

1. Mark Klutho

Consent Item #13 - Request Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement With Creative Contractors, Inc. For the Addition of \$1,748,272 Resulting in a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$4,328,479 in Connection With the Renovations of Windows, Storefront, Exterior Doors and Roofing for Building 1, and Painting of Campus at Osceola Fundamental High School, Project No. 9049

Mr. Klutho questioned what a storefront has to do with a school. Mr. Klutho also stated that having the glass go all the way to the ground is incorrect and causes the planet to burn.

Nonconsent Items #1 Request Approval of Amendment to Charter School Contract for Discovery Academy of Science Charter School to Change Location of School; and #2 - Request Approval of the Five-Year Charter School Agreement for Plato Academy

Mr. Klutho stated that these items are presumptuous. Mr. Klutho stated that he has made an observation of the charter schools in both Hillsborough and Pinellas counties and found them to be "all junk."

IX. Adoption of Agenda

PULL: Consent Item #3b - B. Amendment (additional time and IDEA-roll forward funds) to the Agreement with Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes \$21,000.00

Dr. Grego clarified for the Board that the appointment being recommended for Ms. Wilhemina Dawson is to be for the Principal of North Shore Elementary School, not Northwest Elementary School.

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

X. Special Order Agenda

XI. Unfinished Business

XII. Consent

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rene Flowers, Board Member
SECONDER:	Terry Krassner, 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 23, 2013; And, the Workshop/Joint Meeting of April 16, 2013
Approved, as submitted.
2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations
Approved, with the additions presented by the Superintendent during the Amendments to the Agenda, Item III.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
3. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects:
Approved, as follows:
 - A. Amendment (roll forward funds) to Title I, Part D, Neglected and Delinquent \$233,181.00
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
Item B. Amendment (additional time and IDEA-roll forward funds) to the Agreement with Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes \$21,000.00 was pulled for discussion by Mrs. Lerner. Please refer to XIII. Consent Agenda - Items Pulled #1.
4. Request Approval of Agreement Between the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, and the School Board of Seminole County, Florida
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
5. Request Approval of Amendment to Agreement Between St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees And the School Board of Pinellas County
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
6. Request Approval of the State of Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Statewide Provider Agreement
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)

7. Request Approval of the Health Agreement Between Westminster Suncoast And the School Board of Pinellas County
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
8. Request Approval of Lease Agreement with WorkNet Pinellas Inc., and the School Board of Pinellas County
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
9. Request Approval of the Agreement with ACT, Inc., Permitting the Use of School Board Facilities as Testing Sites
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
10. Request Approval of the Renewal of the Agreement with Brookwood Florida Central, Inc. for the Board to Prepare and Paint a Block Wall Between Brookwood Florida Central, Inc., and Campbell Park Elementary School
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
11. Request Approval of the Renewal of the Agreement with Special Olympics Florida - Pinellas County Permitting the Use of School Board Facilities
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
12. Report to the School Board of Facility Leases, Joint-Use Activities, and Other Community Uses Processed by the Real Estate Department During the Third Fiscal Quarter 2012/2013
Approved, as submitted.
13. Request Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement with Creative Contractors, Inc. for the Addition of \$1,748,272 Resulting in a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$4,328,479 in Connection with the Renovations of Windows, Storefront, Exterior Doors and Roofing for Building 1, and Painting of Campus at Osceola Fundamental High School, Project No. 9049
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
14. Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Renker Eich Parks Architects, Inc. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection with Pre-School Children's Center in the Amount of \$12,000 Resulting in a Total Project Architect/Engineer (PA/E) Fee of \$159,870 at PTEC St. Petersburg Campus, Project No. 4507
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
15. Third Quarter Submittal of Change Order Summaries
Approved, as submitted.

16. Request Approval of Selling the District's Surplus and Obsolete Equipment on the PublicSurplus.Com Internet Auction Site
Approved, as submitted.
17. 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.)

XIII. Consent Agenda - Items Pulled

1. Consent Item #3b: Amendment (additional time and IDEA-roll forward funds) to the Agreement with Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes \$21,000.00

Mrs. Lerner, having pulled this item, stated that she had submitted her question as to whether this curriculum was being used with regular education students. Mrs. Lerner stated that her concern is that we have fewer students being staffed into ESE programs and lots of regular education students who could benefit from the curriculum. Mrs. Lerner stated that this may warrant a bigger discussion.

Approved, as follows:

B. Amendment (additional time and IDEA-roll forward funds) to the Agreement with Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes \$21,000.00

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

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

XIV. Nonconsent

1. Request Approval of Amendment to Charter School Contract for Discovery Academy of Science Charter School to Change Location of School
Ms. Dot Clark presented a brief overview of the request.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)

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 of the Five-Year Charter School Agreement for Plato Academy K-8 Charter School

Ms. Dot Clark presented a brief overview of the request.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Krassner, Board Member
SECONDER:	Rene Flowers, 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) Stated that the Principal at 74th Street Elementary is very excited about the reading program to be used with her students. Dr. Grego suggested that a presentation be given to the Board at a future workshop regarding the consent of guided reading to be used in small group instruction within classrooms and how that is serving students of varying levels of ability. Receiving head nods by the Board, Dr. Grego will work with Mrs. Cook to schedule this topic at a future Board workshop.
- 2) Acknowledged teachers and members of PCTA for working collaboratively with administration during these challenging times.
- 3) Thanked Steve Swartzel for his efforts during the recent legislative session. Dr. Grego also thanked the members of our local delegation for their interest in meeting with this Board prior to and throughout this session to discuss pertinent topics. Mr. Swartzel will present a review of what occurred during this session at the Board's next workshop.
- 4) Recognized the Academy of Engineering at East Lake High School for being designated a PRIME site by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation. Dr. Grego shared that East Lake is one of the top engineering programs in the 15 that exist in the country; that the program will receive \$35,000 over the next three terms beginning with the 2013/14 school year; and, that some of the money will be used to help fund small summer camps for students interested in engineering.
- 5) Extended his best wishes to the 34 students and teachers who will be participating in the state's History Fair.
- 6) Congratulated Seminole Vocational Center for taking First and Second places in the Florida Skills State Leadership & Skills Conference in April. Dr. Grego shared information on the many medals that these teams won during the competition.
- 7) Thanked Board Members, and specifically Mrs. O'Shea who acted as one of the judges, for their support of the third annual Florida School Boards Association video contest. Dr. Grego shared that the theme for this year's contest was, What is Right With Public Education; and, that two of our entries will now be forwarded to the state level of the FSBA competition.
- 8) Shared that he was thrilled to attend his first Turnaround Breakfast, shaking hands with students and parents refusing to give up. Thanked all school staff for their efforts and persistence with students.

9) Shared that he brought greetings and spent time with the Commissioner of Education at the recent FADSS (Florida Association of District School Superintendents) Conference held at the Vinoy Hotel in St. Petersburg. Dr. Grego shared that this conference provided the superintendents the opportunity to work on teacher professional training, teacher evaluation, etc.

10) Shared that he attended the Take Stock in Children Celebration at Pinellas Park High School where they celebrated 280 seniors who made it from 6th grade to graduation achieving good grade point averages and refraining from the use of drugs, etc. Dr. Grego stated that these students each received prepaid college which represented a total over \$3.2 million in that auditorium.

11) Shared that he attended the Achieve3000 Literacy Night at which time the Mayor of Pinellas Park presented a proclamation thanking the School Board for all we do for students. Dr. Grego stated that this evening celebrated those students who have struggled with literacy but have taken the responsibility and buckled down to be successful in school. Dr. Grego presented the proclamation to the School Board.

12) Shared that he will continue holding the parent cadre meetings and that he plans to touch base over the summer with smaller focus groups of teachers, psychologists, etc.

13) Stated that the Board has a full agenda for the upcoming workshop.

B. *Items Introduced by School Board Attorney*

Mr. Koperski stated he had no report.

C. *Items Introduced by the Board*

Ms. Flowers - 1) Shared that she attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration for Blanton Elementary School and met the first teacher ever hired for that school. Ms. Flowers shared that many past principals for that school also attended; and, stated that this was a wonderful event. 2) Shared that she attended the St. Petersburg Chapter of Link Fundraiser, their version of the Kentucky Derby, which raises money for scholarships for students. 3) Stated that students throughout the district are preparing for prom night and that she attended a NOPE presentation at Gibbs High School that encouraged students to make the right decisions as they relate to drugs, alcohol, etc. Ms. Flowers encouraged all students to use good sense and to be safe during these celebrations.

Mrs. Wikle - 1) Thanked Ms. Flowers for mentioning the NOPE presentations taking place. 2) Gave a shout-out to her colleagues for working with her in covering various events while she has been out of the area. 3) Gave a shout-out to teachers. Mrs. Wikle encouraged teachers to contact her so that she could bake something to bring them to demonstrate her appreciation for them.

Mrs. Krassner - 1) Shared that she, too, had attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Blanton Elementary School. Mrs. Krassner stated that Debbie Turner has been the Principal at that school for 18 years; and, that the leadership and sense of family it is so evident that it is a true family there. Mrs. Krassner stated that former principal, Bob Ammons, also returned for this event. 2) Stated that she hopes that our principals take on a leadership roll to take their school families through the changes that will be taking place. 3) Shared that she attended the event this past weekend at Boca Ciega High School in recognition of Mr. Gerry Ramsberger. Mrs. Krassner shared that Mr. Ramsberger passed away last evening.

Ms. Clark - 1) Thanked all of our educators in our various departments and those who work daily with our children. 2) Shared that she attended the SPC Collegiate High School graduation ceremony this past Friday evening. Ms. Clark stated that there were 66 graduates who received their high school diploma and their Associates Degree; and, that there were over \$2M given in scholarships. Ms. Clark congratulated those students. 3) Shared that she had requested an update on the district's new on-line process for selling unwanted items; and, that Mr. Bessette has agreed to supply the Board with this update. 4) Referring to the Consent Item #13, page 138, shared that she had asked Mr. Bessette whether another box of information could be added to indicate the original budget amount. Mr. Bessette has agreed to add that information to similar items to be presented to the Board.

Mrs. Lerner - 1) Welcomed Dr. Corbett to his new position of Deputy Superintendent. 2) Gave a shout-out to Mrs. Wikle for being a leader in the NOPE initiative. Mrs. Lerner encouraged all to attend one of these presentations. 3) Shared that there are so many good efforts taking place in the district. Mrs. Lerner shared that she attended the Multicultural Training and thanked Ms. Cindy Flora for all she has done. Mrs. Lerner stated that science and math are important; but, that social studies, civics, etc., are also important. 4) Shared with the Board information on the PCS Diversity and Character Education Summer Institute. Mrs. Lerner stated that the speakers for that event are Principal Baruti Kafele and Dr. Marvin Berkowitz. Mrs. Lerner stated that there used to be a book that listed all of the training opportunities available to employees and that some teachers are having trouble navigating through Moodle to register. Mrs. Lerner questioned whether we could have a PDF completed and placed on our website that contained the information on all training opportunities available to employees. Mrs. Lerner suggested that employees could review the information contained on this document, determine which sessions they wished to attend and then proceed to register for on Moodle. Dr. Grego will look into this. 5) Shared that she attended the Seminole Chamber breakfast this morning where teachers were honored. Mrs. Lerner shared that Clerk of the Court Ken Burke encouraged those at this event to think about the teachers who had influenced them during their school years. Mrs. Lerner thanked all of our educators for what they do each day.

Mrs. O'Shea - 1) Suggested that, in looking at redesign of the website, links could be placed on our website to assist employees in signing up for professional development training opportunities. 2) Thanked all teachers for what they do and those staff members who support them.

Mrs. Cook - 1) Stated that the end of the school year is an exciting time to celebrate what students have learned during the year. Mrs. Cook shared that she attended the Turnaround Breakfast and the Arts For a Complete Education Principals Appreciation event that demonstrate the talents we have in this district. Mrs. Cook complimented teachers for drawing those talents out of our students. 2) Shared that she also attended the Education Symposium and the Volunteer Breakfast. Mrs. Cook stated that she can't thank the volunteers enough for the numbers of hours that they provide to support our schools, principals and students. 4) Stated that she is looking forward to attending the upcoming graduation ceremonies.

D. Review of Board Requests

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

- 1) An item will be added to agenda items dealing with construction to show the original budget amount.
- 2) Data will be provided to update the Board on the effectiveness of the new on-line process to sell district's discarded items.
- 3) A PDF will be completed to show the many training opportunities available to employees and a review will be accomplished regarding the trouble being experienced by employees attempting to register for training through Moodle.

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses

- P A System
- Flow of meeting
- Clarification
 - Re: public comments

Opportunities

None were offered

XVI. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary

Public Comments

There were no comments to be presented at this time.