

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May, 21, 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. Mrs. Cook also explained that Mrs. O'Shea will be participating in this meeting via telephone.

The following individuals presented their comments to the Board:

1. Lenore Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner addressed the Board to state that she is the activist for a world class career and technology school at Pinellas Park Middle School and that she will continue to fight for educational excellence. Ms. Faulkner questioned why, after the School Board spent nine million dollars for Read 180 software, it took seven years to be connected. Ms. Faulkner detailed her request for three years of red flags that she brought to the School Board to be shared with the county commissioners. She claims she was only given one year's worth of red flags and shared her expectation that this request be completed.

2. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho addressed the Board to share various articles regarding energy conservation and stated a disease of poverty is being created by ignoring the science of high performance buildings.

3. Nancy Velardi

Ms. Velardi addressed the Board to express her concerns over what she perceives is a separation and disconnect between schools and the district office. Ms. Velardi suggests a return to a system of true collaboration. Ms. Velardi shared that the climate survey comments at her school were withheld for a month or more and then, once released, many unfavorable comments were missing. Ms. Velardi's stated that her personal comments in regard to the district were missing; however, the flattering comments were included in the climate survey release.

4. Kim Black

Ms. Black welcomed and congratulated Dr. William Corbett on his new position. Ms. Black addressed the Board to recognize and thank Mr. Steve Swartzel for his many years of service and collaboration in working with the PCTA/PESPA.

Mrs. Cook addressed Dr. Grego to request that the reporting of the climate survey comments be looked into.

There were no additional presentations from the audience; and, this session ended at 5:14 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on May 21, 2013 at the School Administration Building, 301 Fourth Street SW, Largo, FL.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
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	Remote	
Deborah Beaty	Pinellas County Schools	Adm. Assistant and Clerk to the Board	Excused	
David Koperski	Pinellas County Schools	Board Attorney	Present	
Michael A. Grego	Pinellas County Schools	Superintendent	Present	
Kevin Smith	Pinellas County Schools	Associate Superintendent/Finance Business Services	Present	
William Corbett	Pinellas County Schools	Deputy Superintendent	Present	
Michael Bessette	Pinellas County Schools	Associate Superintendent/Operational Services	Present	
Dianna Frazier	Pinellas County Schools	Secretary	Present	

II. Amendments to the Agenda

Dr. Grego requested to have the following name struck from the paper agenda:

Consent Item #2, page 55 - Remove the name of Osvaldo Piedra. Dr. Grego stated that Mr. Piedra is on leave at this time; and, his name was inadvertently placed on the paper agenda. The electronic agenda has been updated to reflect this change.

Mrs. Cook announced that the presenter for the Special Order Agenda, Item #4 - LiveFree! Excellence Awards, Jackie Griffin, is stuck in heavy traffic and that the time of the presentation may need to be adjusted accordingly.

III. Invocation

1. ***Reverend Dr. Scott Baker, First United Methodist Church, 411 Turner Street, Clearwater, FL 33756***

The Invocation was delivered by Rev. Baker.

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 PCAA Chorus performing the National Anthem.

B. ***Video: An Evening to Remember: Students Shine at Walker's Rising Stars***

A video was shown highlighting An Evening to Remember: Students Shine at Walker's Rising Stars.

V. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

A. ***Melanie Marquez Parra - Public Information Officer***

Ms. Marquez Parra introduced the following individuals: Kimberly Black, PCTA; Bruce Proud, PCTA/PESPA; Richard McDonald, SEIU/Florida Public Services Union; Cindy Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA; Pat Prisco, Pinellas Arts for a Complete Education Coalition; 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 Northeast High School.

VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities

A. Northeast High School

Monique Harris, Darren Shay, and Stephanie Ramos, Students Rights and Responsibilities representatives from Northeast 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 individuals addressed the Board to offer their comments on selected agenda items:

1. Mark Klutho

Consent Item #15 - Request Approval of a Distribution Easement to Progress Energy on the Site of Clearwater High School; Consent Item #16. Request Approval of a Distribution Easement to Progress Energy on the Site of Skyview Elementary School; and #17. Request Approval of a Distribution Easement to Duke Energy on the Site of Tarpon Springs Middle School

Mr. Klutho addressed the Board to state that the children will be bombarded with electromagnetic waves and that cause and effect will create more carbon in the atmosphere.

Consent Item #20. Request Approval of Amendment No.1 to Agreement with Hoffman Architects, P.A. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection with Relocation of Kiln Room and Relocation of Electrical and Data Ports for the New Modular Media Desk in the Amount of \$3,160, Resulting in a Total Project Architect/Engineer (PA/E) Fee of \$257,749 at Skyview Elementary School, Project No. 9027

Mr. Klutho addressed the Board to express his displeasure with the architect's fee for this project.

2. Kim Black

Consent Item #5. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Director, Human Resources

Ms. Black addressed the Board to state that in 2011, she spoke against the decision to realign the Office of Equal Opportunity into the Human Resources department. Ms. Black asked the Board to consider the importance for the Director of Human Resources to have experience in all major functions and essential responsibilities contained within the job description.

VIII. Adoption of Agenda

PULL: Consent Item #5. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Director, Human Resources

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

IX. Special Order Agenda

1. Presentation of State Winner of Exemplary Participant Award for Very Special Arts for the State of Florida, Presented by Cindy Bania-Carter, Executive Director of Exceptional Student Education and Kim Dohrman, Executive Director of Creative Clay

Ms. Jeannine Welch, Assistant Director of Exceptional Student Education, introduced Ms. Kim Dohrman, Executive Director of Creative Clay, who introduced Ms. Pat Fosnaught, Regional Coordinator, VSA Florida.

Ms. Fosnaught shared with the Board Asani Nolan's many accomplishments as a student artist in the Extended Transition Program at Creative Clay. Asani was presented with a certificate of recognition and a gift card for being the State Winner of the Exemplary Participant Award for Very Special Arts for the State of Florida. His teacher, Ms. Baringer, also received a gift card.

Asani and his teacher, Ms. Baringer, Ms. Dohrman and Ms. Fosnaught were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members.

2. Recognition of the School Resource Officer (SRO) of the Year for the 2012-2013 School Year, Presented by Michael Bessette, Associate Superintendent, Operational Services

Mr. Michael Bessette, Associate Superintendent for Operational Services, recognized Officer Dan Carvin for being this year's recipient of the School Resource Officer (SRO) of the Year. Officer Carvin is a member of the St. Petersburg Police Department and is the SRO at Tyrone Middle School.

Officer Carvin and his family were greeted by the School Board Members.

3. Presentation of the Pinellas Association of Educational Office Professionals (PAEOP) 2013 Boss of the Year and 2013 Member of the Year, Presented by PAEOP President Piper Prichard

Piper Prichard, President of Pinellas Association of Educational Office Professionals (PAEOP), presented Christopher Ateek, Principal of Madeira Beach Fundamental, as the PAEOP 2013 Boss of the Year and Mary Ann Smith, Buyer I in the Purchasing Department, as PAEOP 2013 Member of the Year.

Mr. Ateek and Ms. Smith were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members.

4. Presentation of LiveFree! Excellence Awards, Presented by Jackie Griffin, Executive Director, LiveFree! Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Pinellas County and Dorene Thomas, Pinellas Park Police Chief

Mr. Bill Lawrence, Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, introduced Jackie Griffin, Executive Director of LiveFree! Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Pinellas County. Ms. Griffin introduced Sargent John Hicks who represented Dorene Thomas, Pinellas Park Police Chief.

The following club sponsors and student leaders were recognized:

Mrs. Rhonda Ullrich, Largo High School

Brenda Lizeth Vargas, Sophomore, Largo High School

McKenzie McWade, Pinellas Park High School

Heaven Taylor-Wynn, St. Petersburg High School, member of the Pinellas County Jack and Jill LiveFree! Youth Club

Pinellas Park High School and Criminal Justice Academy LiveFree!

Charles Bigby - Pinellas County Jack and Jill LiveFree! Youth Club - Junior, Manatee School for the Arts

The School Board Members greeted and congratulated Mrs. Ullrich and Miss Vargas who were present at this meeting.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. Consent

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

1. Approval of Minutes: to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 7, 2013; And, the Workshop of April 30, 2013
Approved, as submitted.
2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations
Approved, with the changes presented by the Superintendent during the Amendments to the Agenda, Item II.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
3. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the of the Associate Superintendent, Teaching and Learning Services
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
4. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Director, Student Demographics, Assignment and School Capacity
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
5. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Director, Human Resources
This item was pulled for discussion by Ms. Flowers. Please refer to XII. Consent Agenda - Items Pulled #1.

6. Request Approval to Revise the Following Job Description Which Will be Effective May 22, 2013
Approved, as submitted.
7. Request Approval to Revise And/Or Create the Following Job Descriptions Which Will be Effective May 22, 2013
Approved, as submitted.
8. Request Approval to Create the Following Job Description Which Will be Effective May 22, 2013
Approved, as submitted.
9. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects:
Approved, as follows:
 - A. Carl D. Perkins Postsecondary Grant \$437,277.00
 - B. Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education (Secondary) Grant \$920,384.00
 - C. Renewal of Agreement with Department of Children and Families (Pinellas Refugee Education Program) \$1,008,000.00
 - D. Contract with Lighthouse Guidance Systems, Inc. \$110,461.00
 - E. Amendment (additional funds) to contract with the Department of Children and Families for Childcare Worker Training Program \$6,340.00(Copy/copies to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
10. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 7 (March 2013) To the District's 2012/13 Budget
Approved, as submitted.
11. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending March 31, 2013 for Fiscal Year 2012/13
Approved, as submitted.
12. Request Acceptance of Audit Report of Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2012 Prepared by Carr, Riggs & Ingram and the Audit Report of the Investment Portfolio Financial Statements Prepared by Spence, Marston, Bunch, Morris, & Company
Approved, as submitted.
13. Request Approval of a New Agreement for Athletic Trainers with Largo Medical Center, Inc., and Renewal Agreements Between All Florida Orthopaedic Associates, St. Anthony's Hospital, Inc., Morton Plant Mease Health Care, Inc., and the School Board of Pinellas County
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
14. Request Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Pinellas County Health Department And the School Board of Pinellas County
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)

15. Request Approval of a Distribution Easement to Progress Energy on the Site of Clearwater High School
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
16. Request Approval of a Distribution Easement to Progress Energy on the Site of Skyview Elementary School
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
17. Request Approval of a Distribution Easement to Duke Energy on the Site of Tarpon Springs Middle School
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
18. Request Approval of the Agreement Renewal with Pinellas County Council of Parent Teacher Associations (PCCPTA) for the Use of School Board Facilities
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
19. Request Approval of the Agreement Renewal with Music is Ageless, Inc., Permitting After-School, Music Instrument Instruction in Schools
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
20. Request Approval of Amendment No.1 to Agreement with Hoffman Architects, P.A. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection with Relocation of Kiln Room and Relocation of Electrical and Data Ports for the New Modular Media Desk in the Amount of \$3,160, Resulting in a Total Project Architect/Engineer (PA/E) Fee of \$257,749 at Skyview Elementary School, Project No. 9027
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #149.)
21. Request Approval of Selling the District's Surplus and Obsolete Equipment on the PublicSurplus.Com Internet Auction Site
Approved, as submitted.
22. 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. Consent Agenda - Items Pulled

- 1. Consent Item #5: Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Director, Human Resources**

Ms. Flowers, having pulled this item, presented questions related to the fairness and follow up of EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Council) claims filed by employees. Discussion by Ms. Flowers and Dr. Grego followed.

Approved, as submitted.

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

XIII. Nonconsent

XIV. New Business

A. *Items Introduced by Superintendent*

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

- 1) Being the last Board Meeting prior to graduation, Dr. Grego thanked the Board, public, all teachers and employees for contributing to the success of students and thanked the parents, especially, for putting their trust in the Pinellas County School System.
- 2) Thanked Steve Swartzel for his service on behalf of the District.
- 3) Congratulated Safety Harbor Middle School for winning the District's 37th Annual Quiz Bowl and sent a shout-out to the Pinellas County Education Foundation for creating and sponsoring the event.
- 4) Conveyed congratulations to East Lake High School for being named the GPA Athletic Team champions for the third year in a row.
- 5) Provided the Board with an update on collaborative efforts in working with PCTA pertaining to the Pilot Teaching Appraisal System that has been approved by the Commissioner.
- 6) Attended the Academy of Finance Banquet at Northeast High School and stated it was a wonderful celebration and tribute to Mrs. Fisher.
- 7) Stated that in preparation for the Budget Workshop on June 27, 2013, staff is working on the compilation of grant funds to include RTI, Title I, SAI, etc. Dr. Grego shared that this will better prepare the Board and him for the first Budget Hearing in July. The Strategic Plan, in draft, will also be presented and will be reflected in the budget.
- 8) Shared with the Board that planning for the Teacher Induction program to be held in late summer is in gear. Board Members will be invited to this week-long program that welcomes new teachers to the District. More information will follow.
- 9) Met with former Senator Bob Graham and updated the District's commitment to civics education. Dr. Grego will share the outcome of this meeting at a future workshop.
- 10) Relayed kudos to those participating in Walker's Rising Star for an outstanding evening of entertainment.
- 11) Thanked the PTA for their awards banquet that was a wonderful celebration of our schools.
- 12) Shared that a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to discuss how we can work collaboratively with partners that provide supplemental services to students. This meeting, entitled WAS (Wrap Around Services), will gather partners together that provide services such as tutoring and after school care to students.

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 the Relay for Life was very well attended and thanked Dr. Grego and Mr. Bessette for their assistance with resolving parking issues at the event. 2) Attended the PCTA Retirement Celebration with other Board Members and thoroughly enjoyed the event. 3) Shared that she and Mrs. Krassner went to the Bay Point Middle School 50th Anniversary and that it was well supported by members of the community. 4) Expressed excitement to be attending the WAS (Wrap Around Services) meeting at Child's Park YMCA. 5) Stated that she will be attending her first graduation ceremony as a Board Member. Ms. Flowers shared that she is as excited as the graduates and commended them for their perseverance to get them to this point. Ms. Flowers thanked the other Board Members for assisting her through the process of getting where she needs to go and doing what she is supposed to do. 6) Expressed appreciation to all parents for being affirmative and adapting through all the changes taking place at this time and throughout the summer and next school year. 7) Attended the Carwise Minority Achievement Awards Breakfast and shared her excitement about seeing elementary, middle and high school students receive their trophies at this beautiful event.

Mrs. Wikle - 1) Thanked Dr. Grego for recognizing the FHSAA Academic Team Champions, East Lake High School. 2) Mentioned how the schools step up in supporting the Relay for Life and their efforts for cancer research. 3) Gave a shout-out to our graduates and expressed that graduation is one of the best things about being a School Board Member. 4) Requested data from Dr. Grego that will show the number of graduates attending various schools. Mrs. Wikle will define the parameters of her request to Dr. Grego at a later time. 5) Wished everyone a great summer.

Mrs. Krassner - 1) Expressed her excitement about the upcoming graduations and that she has her own senior graduating this year from Osceola High School. 2) Acknowledged, Lindsey Staub, a student from Dixie Hollins High School, and referenced a Tampa Bay Times article that highlights Lindsey's journey to walk across the stage at graduation. 3) Shared that more information is forthcoming to parents regarding the Ticket to Read program for grades K - 5. 4) Attended Bay Point Middle School's 50th Anniversary Celebration and commended Jason Shedrick, Principal, for his leadership. 5) Stated her belief that there is a positive end in sight with regard to staff changes in the District. 6) Wished everyone a great summer.

Mrs. O'Shea - 1) Thanked the Superintendent for his initiative pertaining to summer program that is coming up. 2) Congratulated seniors and wished them the very best as they move forward.

Ms. Clark - 1) Stated that she thoroughly enjoyed and was honored to be a judge at this year's Quiz Bowl finals in which the winning school was Safety Harbor Middle. Ms. Clark thanked Linda Whitley and the team from Largo High School, Scott Kaplan, Michael Klapka and Deborah Pettingill, for all of their efforts. 2) Congratulated graduates and wished everyone a wonderful summer.

Mrs. Lerner - 1) Stated that she was glad to hear that Dr. Grego met with Senator Bob Graham and that she is looking forward to stronger programs in elementary, middle and high schools. 2) Shared with the public that the Walker's Rising Stars video is on the PCS Channel 14 and that the program schedule can be found on our website. 3) Stated there are so many wonderful end-of-the-year events and suggested the need for a master calendar that would help reduce potential conflicts. In addition, Mrs. Lerner suggested an icon on the PCS website that would link the many excellent events and school productions during the busiest times of the year. Mrs. Lerner would like to include this subject in a future workshop. 4) Attended the production of Thoroughly Modern Millie at Safety Harbor Middle School and commended the choral teacher, Rosemary Collins, and the volunteers and performers. 5) Commended Steve Swartzel for his years of service to the District.

Mrs. Cook - 1) Shared that at the recent PCCPTA Banquet, Patricia Riggs and Steve Swartzel received awards for the work that they have done with PTA. 2) Congratulated seniors and thanked everyone that helped to get them from point A to point B. 3) Acknowledged and thanked Dr. Corbett for serving in his new position.

D. Review of Board Requests

Dr. Corbett offered the following summary of requests presented during this meeting:

- 1) Climate survey comments for all administrators will be distributed to schools.
- 2) A status report of complaints through the OEO (Office of Equal Opportunity) will be provided to the Board.
- 3) Ideas will be collected to create a "by the numbers" type report on graduates.
- 4) A master calendar for mid-year and end-of-year events will be created.

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses

- Good meeting
- Carol Cook handled vice-chair call-in well
- Responded to critical comments
- Mrs. O'Shea call-in
- Mr. Smith's seat arrangement

Opportunities

- Dr. Grego's having to leave his seat to shake hands

XV. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary

Public Comments

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