

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, July, 30, 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. Joe Morgan

Mr. Morgan addressed the Board to express his concern regarding safety issues related to school bus drivers. Mr. Morgan read a letter that he wrote and sent to the Florida Board of Education to share his concerns.

2. John Scovill

Mr. Scovill addressed the Board to express his concern that his children, who have been in the Palm Harbor schools since fifth grade, have been told that they will not be allowed to attend Palm Harbor University High School as a result of an address change. Dr. Grego requested that Mr. Scovill speak with Mr. Bob Poth, Area Superintendent, to share more details regarding this matter.

3. Lenore Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner addressed the Board to express her appreciation to the work being done by Dr. Grego that addresses the needs she has previously shared regarding Pinellas Park Middle School. Ms. Faulkner stated that she is an activist and is fighting for intelligence.

There were no additional presentations from the audience; and, this session ended at 5:10 p.m.

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM on July 30, 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	
William Corbett	Pinellas County Schools	Deputy Superintendent	Present	
Michael Bessette	Pinellas County Schools	Associate Superintendent/Operations	Present	
Kevin Smith	Pinellas County Schools	Associate Superintendent/Finance Business Services	Present	
David Koperski	Pinellas County Schools	Board Attorney	Present	
Carol J. Cook	Pinellas County Schools	Chairperson	Present	
Peggy O' Shea	Pinellas County Schools	Vice Chairperson	Present	
Rene Flowers	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Present	
Robin L Wikle	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Present	
Janet R. Clark	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Present	
Terry Krassner	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Present	
Linda S. Lerner	Pinellas County Schools	Board Member	Present	

II. Amendments to the Agenda

At this time, the Dr. Grego shared that there have been no amendments made to this agenda subsequent to its publication seven days ago.

III. Invocation

1. ***Reverend James Jones, Crossroads Christian Church, 1645 Seminole Blvd., Largo, FL 33778***

The Invocation was delivered by Rev. Jones.

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 Pinellas County Choral and Music Teachers performing the National Anthem.

B. ***Video: Full STEAM Ahead: Students' Passion for Discovery Blasts off at Summer Camp***

A video was shown highlighting a special opportunity that was offered to students on the campus of Largo Middle School to explore fields in science, technology, engineering, arts and math during a twelve-day camp, now known as STEAM. Mrs. Cook explained that these selected students had the opportunity to work alongside of professionals who use math and science every day in their careers. Mrs. Cook stated that, thanks to the dedicated staff at Largo Middle, this is just the beginning of the STEAM model that will be provided to students school wide for the 2013/14 school year.

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; Cindy Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA; Maria Cantonis, Pinellas Arts for a Complete Education Coalition; Cara Fitzpatrick, The Tampa Bay Times; and, Anastasia Dawson, Tampa Tribune.

VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities

With school not being in session for the summer, there was no presentation from the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee.

VII. Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no speakers signed up for this portion of the agenda.

VIII. Adoption of Agenda

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

IX. Special Order Agenda

1. Presentation of the Florida Healthy School District Gold Award, Presented by Peggy Johns, Specialist, PreK-12 Health Education

Ms. Peggy Johns, Specialist, PreK-12 Health Education, introduced Ms. Karen Pesce, Executive Director, MORE HEALTH, Inc., who shared that Pinellas County Schools has been designated as a Gold level Florida Healthy School District. Ms. Pesce and Mr. Daniel Caccamo, Florida Dairy Council and Member, Florida Action for Healthy Kids, presented the Board with the Gold Flag. Ms. Pesce recognized members of the SHAC who were in the audience.

Ms. Pesce and Mr. Caccamo were greeted by the School Board Members.

2. Recognition of Pinellas County Schools' Entries into Florida School Board Association (FSBA) Third Annual Video Contest, Presented by Bonnie S. Kelley, Specialist, PK-12 Library Media/Technology

Ms. Bonnie S. Kelley, Specialist, PK-12 Library Media/Technology, shared that at the recent FSBA/FADSS (Florida School Boards Association/Florida Association of District School Superintendents) annual conference on June 13, it was announced that Clearwater High School's entry into the FSBA Video Contest won best video in the state. Ms. Kelley shared that Mr. Keith Mastorides, Principal and representative for Clearwater High School, was presented at that time with a check in the amount of \$2,500 by the FSBA officials. Mr. Mastorides and student Allie Chandler were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members for this achievement.

Ms. Kelley also introduced the following representatives from Belcher Elementary School in recognition of their receiving "Best of the District" entries in this contest: Principal Lisa Roth and student Shy Roth. Ms. Roth and Shy were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members for their achievement in this annual contest.

3. Recognition of PALMS Administrators of the Year and PALMS Library Media/Technology Specialists of the Year, Presented by Bonnie S. Kelley, Specialist, PK-12 Library Media/Technology and Michelle Kasprzyk, President, PALMS and Library Media Technologist, Oakhurst Elementary

Ms. Bonnie Kelley, Specialist, PK-12 Library Media/Technology, introduced the following individuals for recognition as the **PALMS Administrators of the Year**:

Elementary - Lisa K. Roth, Principal, Belcher Elementary School

Middle - Dr. Solomon Lowery, Principal, Thurgood Marshall Middle School *not present*

High - Patricia Fuller, Principal, Bayside High School

Ms. Kelley stated that those receiving the **PALMS Library Media/Technology Specialists of the Year** recognition were unavailable; but, will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Ms. Roth, Dr. Lowery and Ms. Fuller were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members.

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 June 11, 2013; the Special Meetings of June 27, 2013 and July 16, 2013; And, the Workshops of June 27, 2013 and July 16, 2013
Approved, as submitted.
2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
3. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Safety Harbor Middle School
Matthew Miller - Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
4. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Osceola Fundamental High School
Evelyn Mowatt - Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
5. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Fitzgerald Middle School
Armando Gilkes - Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
6. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Dunedin High School
Steven Plummer - Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

7. Request Approval to Revise And/Or Create the Following Job Descriptions Which Will be Effective July 1, 2013

Approved, as follows:

Routine updates/revisions

Supervisor, Adult Education to *Managing Officer, Adult Education* (PTS E07)

Manager, Facilities, Operations, Safety and Security to *General Manager, Operations* (PTS E05)

Manager, FACE IT PROGRAM (PTS E06)

Grant Specialist to *Grant Developer* (PTS E04)

Coordinator Other, Adult Testing (INS)

Network Administration Apprentice (NR D10)

Ongoing reorganization

Director, Library, Technology, Instructional Materials, and Digital Learning (ADM C09)

Administrator, Department of Juvenile Justice / Dropout Prevention (ADM C07)

Administrator, Pinellas Virtual School (ADM C07)

6-8 Mathematics Specialist (PTS E07)

6-12 Science Specialist to *6-8 Science Specialist* (PTS E07)

Early Childhood Education Specialist (PTS E07)

Elementary Reading and Language Arts Specialist (PTS E07)

Supervisor, 9-12 Mathematics and Science to *9-12 Mathematics Specialist* (PTS E07)

Supervisor, 9-12 Mathematics and Science to *9-12 Science Specialist* (PTS E07)

Supervisor, K-8 Science to *K-5 Science Specialist* (PTS E07)

Supervisor, K-8 Mathematics to *K-5 Mathematics Specialist* (PTS E07)

Supervisor, K-12 Social Studies to *K-12 Social Studies Specialist* (PTS E07)

Supervisor, Secondary Language Arts to *6-8 Language Arts Specialist* (PTS E07)

Supervisor, Secondary Language Arts to *9-12 Language Arts Specialist* (PTS E07)

Specialist ESOL to *ESOL Specialist* (PTS E07)

Program Coordinator, Academic Computing (PTS E05)

Program Coordinator, Instructional Materials (PTS E05)

Program Coordinator, Library Media (PTS E05)

Coordinator, Partnership Schools to *Director, Charter Schools and Home Education* (ADM C09)

Charter Schools and Home Education Specialist (PTS E05)

21st Century iClass grant

21st Century iClass Community Learning Advisor (PTS E01) *Revised*

21st Century iClass Community Learning Liaison (NR D09)

8. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Ms. Melissa Kirkpatrick, Bus Driver, Employed with the Transportation Department

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

9. Request Approval of Field Trip Bid Selections

Approved, as follows:

East Lake High School Choir

Paris, France - 2014 American Celebration of Music in France concert series and to tour historic sites

June 8 - 15, 2014

Vendor: Music Celebrations International, LLC

10. Request Approval of Yearbook Bid Selections

Approved, as follows:

Countryside High School

2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 school years

Herff Jones Yearbooks

\$39,657.20 with a \$5,000.00 discount off the price to be used toward student improvement for the 3 year contract - With the option of a onetime three-year rollover.

Palm Harbor Middle School

2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016 school years

Herff Jones Yearbooks

\$44,572.05 for the 3 year contract - With the option of a onetime three-year rollover

11. Request Approval of Vehicle Donation

Approved, as follows:

Boca Ciega High School - Band program

Trailer - VIN #1L9BU12186N383834

Donor: Boca Ciega High School Band Boosters, Inc.

Valued: \$1,200.00

12. Request Approval of the Pinellas County Schools Approved Field Trip List for the 2013-14 School Year

Approved, as submitted.

13. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects:

Approved, as follows:

A. Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) Gulfcoast Grant \$1,047,519.00

B. Contract with Agile Mind for Professional Development for Intensified Algebra 1 \$80,000.00

C. Title III Supplementary Instructional Support for English Language Learners (ELLs) Grant \$635,537.00

D. IDEA Part B Entitlement Project \$27,176,979.00

E. IDEA PreK Entitlement Project \$818,328.00

F. Amendment (Time Extension) to the Contract with ASCD \$318,162.52

G. Title I, Part D, Neglected and Delinquent Grant \$834,175.00

H. Title I, Part A Basic Grant \$24,613,417.00

I. Florida Department of Education: 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant \$2,480,861.00 (Copy/copies to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

14. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 8 (April 2013) To the District's 2012/13 Budget

Approved, as submitted.

15. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending April 30, 2013 for Fiscal Year 2012/13

Approved, as submitted.

16. Request Approval of Petty Cash Funds for 2013/14

Approved, as submitted.

17. Request Approval of Food Service Petty Cash and Change Funds for 2013/14

Approved, as submitted.

18. Request Approval of Agreement Between the City of St. Petersburg and the School Board of Pinellas County
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
19. Request Approval to Renew the Agreement Between Community Tampa Bay, Inc., And the Pinellas County School Board
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
20. Request Approval of Renewal Agreements for Dropout Prevention Programs at Department of Juvenile Justice and Community Agency Facilities for 2013-2014
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy/copies to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
21. Request Approval of Agreement with the Independent Electrical Contractors Florida West Coast Chapter And the School Board of Pinellas County
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
22. Request Approval of an Interagency Agreement for Student Data Sharing Pursuant to Section 1002.221(2)(B) F.S., Between the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, Bernie McCabe in His Capacity as State Attorney for the 6Th Judicial Circuit, and the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
23. Request Approval of the Agreement with Virtual School Provider, K12 Florida LLC
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
24. Request Approval of the Recommendations of the District Referendum Work Group For the Expenditure of Referendum Funds
Approved, as submitted.
25. Request Approval of Second Amendment to Agreement Between University of South Florida, St. Petersburg/Project STING RAY and the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
26. Request Approval of College Readiness System Products Agreement, Between The School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, and the College Board
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

27. Request Delegated Authority to Revise Bell Schedule for Extended School Day at Elementary Schools that Are Among the 100 Lowest Performing Elementary Schools Based on the State Reading Assessment and a Second Request Approval to Change the Opening and Closing Time at Campbell Park Elementary, Lakewood Elementary and Melrose Elementary from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. to 8:35 A.M. - 3:35 P.M. Regardless of Their L100 Status

Approved, as submitted.

28. Request Approval of the Updated Facilities Joint Use Agreement with St. Petersburg College

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

29. Request Approval for the Resolution to Designate the Fisher Road Site (P8) Unnecessary for Educational Purposes and Release it for Sale

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

30. Request Approval of the Agreement Renewal with Osceola Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (OYSA), Permitting the Use of School Board Facilities

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

31. Request Approval of the Agreement Renewal with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

32. Request Approval of the Renewal of the Agreement with the City of St. Petersburg for the Shared Use of a Lighted Recreational Soccer Field on the Azalea Middle School Site

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

33. Request Approval of the Renewal of the Agreement with the City of St. Petersburg for the Shared Use of Lighted Recreational Football Fields on the Meadowlawn Middle School Site

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

34. Request Approval of a Distribution Easement to Duke Energy on the Site of PTEC - St. Petersburg

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

35. Request Approval to Enter into a Contract with Taylor Morrison of Florida, Inc. for the Sale of the Fisher Road Site and a Back-Up Contract with Coastal Bay Properties LLC & Frank Burkett for the Sale in the Event the Sale to Taylor Morrison Fails to Close

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

36. Request Approval to Enter into a Contract with Historic Euclid School, LLC for the Sale of the Euclid Center in the Amount of \$500,000
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
37. Request Approval of Supplemental Survey for Pinellas County Schools Property, Southeast Corner Fisher Road and County Road 39, Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Parcel Number 167
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
38. Request Approval of "Room Condition Change Building Replacement/Raze" (RCC – BRR) Form and Permission to Raze Permanent Buildings at Largo Central Elementary and Largo Senior High
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
39. Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Robert P. Resch, III, Architect for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection with Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System Replacement in the Amount of \$5,845, Resulting in a Total Project Architect/Engineer (PA/E) Fee of \$333,573 at Bauder Elementary School, Project No. 9042
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
40. Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Biltmore Construction Co., Inc. for an Additional Construction Allocation of \$63,131 Resulting in a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$1,052,306 in Connection with the Sanitary Sewer Repairs and Replacement for the Entire Campus at Clearwater High School, Project No. 9113
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
41. Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Ajax Building Corporation for a Reduction of \$215,538 Resulting in a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$737,386 in Connection with the Sewer Replacement and Restroom Renovation at Oakhurst Elementary School, Project No. 9084
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)
42. Request Approval of Amendment No.1 to Agreement with Architect Larry LaDelfa, P.A., for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection with Roof, Window, Door Replacement and Painting in the Amount of \$63,550 at Osceola High School, Project No. 9049
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

43. Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Ajax Building Corporation for an Additional Construction Allocation of \$360,893 Resulting in a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$918,845 in Connection with the Sewer Replacement and Restroom Renovation at Ponce De Leon Elementary School, Project No. 9089

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

44. Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with Biltmore Construction Co., Inc. for an Additional Construction Allocation of \$90,998 Resulting in a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$610,828 in Connection with the Sanitary Sewer Repairs and Replacement for the Entire Campus at Tyrone Middle School, Project No. 9097

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

45. Request Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement with Cutler Associates, Inc. for an Additional Construction Allocation of \$1,232,492 Resulting in a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$6,482,492 in Connection with Renovations to Selected Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), Electrical Distribution, Lighting, and Roofing Systems at PTEC Clearwater Campus, Project No. 9025

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

46. Request Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement with Walbridge Aldinger Company for an Additional Construction Allocation in Connection with the Remodeling and Renovations for the Pre-School Children's Center in the Amount of \$1,955,315, Resulting in a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$3,125,315 at PTEC St. Petersburg Campus, Project No. --4507

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #150.)

47. Request Approval of Selling the District's Surplus and Obsolete Equipment on the PublicSurplus.Com Internet Auction Site

Approved, as submitted.

48. 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 #150.)

XII. Nonconsent

1. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 2340 – FIELD TRIPS AND OTHER DISTRICT-SPONSORED TRIPS (This is the First Reading.)

Mr. Koperski provided a brief overview of the proposed amendment. Discussion followed. Dr. Grego stated that staff will begin to identify and separate points in policies that are truly not policy, but are portions of a handbook or manual.

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

2. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 5517.01 – POLICY AGAINST BULLYING AND HARASSMENT (This is the First Reading.)

Dr. Grego and Mr. Koperski provided a brief overview of the proposed amendment. Discussion followed.

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

3. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 9210 – PARENT ORGANIZATIONS (This is the First Reading.)

Dr. Grego and Mr. Koperski provided a brief overview of the proposed amendment. Mrs. Cook stated that the School Board Members had received an email from the Education Chairperson for PCCPTA indicating support of these changes.

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) Shared that one of the major stories released this week related to the letter grades assigned to schools and encouraged the Board to keep those results in perspective. Dr. Grego stated that he met today with several principals; that he will continue to work with principals to

work out of the stigma that these grades can give; and, that he will continue to communicate the meaning of these grades to the public. Dr. Grego provided additional comments related to the school grading system; and, suggested that we continue to celebrate the successes of our schools.

2) Shared that there were many staff development opportunities provided to thousands of teachers over the summer in specific content areas.

3) Shared that the administrative team is fine tuning the assessment systems to provide teachers with proper tools.

4) Stated that money has been quadrupled to our principals who have plans that are specific enough to the areas in which their students need additional help.

5) Shared that the district, in partnership with YMCA and R'Club, is designing wrap-around services to be provided on our campuses to our students at the end of the school day. Dr. Grego stated that this opportunity will be called Promise Time, an education period of time to focus on their academic needs.

6) Shared that he is working with the Area Superintendents and Pam Moore to design an accountability walk-through matrix by which to analyze our schools. Dr. Grego stated that it will be one model that will be used throughout all of our schools.

7) Provided the Board with an update on Summer Bridge. Dr. Grego shared that he had received many positive comments from students and families.

8) Thanked Mike Vigue, Principal of Boca Ciega, who hosted an informational event for teachers from all over regarding Common Core.

9) Shared information on several opportunities that either have occurred or are taking place in our district to provide teachers with the training that they will need, i.e., summer math institutes, k-five core connections in literacy and writing, etc. Dr. Grego stated that we are not teaching to the test, but teaching a balanced curriculum.

10) Shared that Dr. Mary Beth Corace is working to provide proper training to principals and School Advisory Councils in order to revitalize our school improvement plan process.

11) Stated that he will continue to conduct focus groups with teachers and specialized groups of employees, i.e., guidance counselors, social workers, reading coaches, etc. Dr. Grego stated that he is using these opportunities to share the Strategic Plan.

12) Shared that efforts are being made to provide oversight of the expenditures of Title I to ensure that there is a return on the investment of those dollars.

13) Shared that approximately 260 new teachers have been hired and that the summer induction program for new teachers took place at Pinellas Park High School. Dr. Grego stated that he has received many positive comments regarding this opportunity. Dr. Grego thanked the Board for their support in the aggressive effort to put principals in place for they are the ones who will hire the teachers.

14) Shared that Dr. Corbett is compiling a list of administrators and district staff who will be out in each of our schools on the first day of school. Dr. Grego shared that he will start that day with bus drivers and then will continue throughout the day visiting various schools. Dr. Grego encouraged the Board Members to visit the sites of their choice on opening day. The finalized list will be provided to the Board Members by Dr. Corbett.

15) Shared that Pinellas has experienced a significant increase in the percentage of students who passed the advance placement exams.

16) Shared that this Friday, the Education Foundation, the City of St. Petersburg and the school district will partner to have the first St. Pete Promise event. Dr. Grego stated that he will provide the Board through their office more details on this event.

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 Dr. Grego and she attended the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony this morning of the Cross & Anvil after school mentoring and tutoring program at the old Bath House in St. Petersburg. 2) Shared that she had received kudos for our .5 program in middle schools, specifically the opportunity offered at Lealman Intermediate. 3) Shared that she moderated the spelling bee that was held at the Childs Park YMCA. Ms. Flowers stated that it was a wonderful event; and, that kindergarten students were added to the competition this year. 4) Shared that she was the guest speaker at the pTEC graduation where 17 graduates from the various programs were celebrated. 5) Shared that she met with representatives from Pathway to Success, an organization of African-Americans whose key role is to work with African-American students to make them feel their worth. 6) Stated that she serves as the Board's representative to R'Club and that they had their orientation with the new representative for Head Start. Ms. Flowers stated that she has asked that individual to come and share information with the School Board. 7) Shared that the Assistant Secretary to the Deputy Secretary for the Department of Juvenile Justice held a meeting in the St. Petersburg community to discuss efforts that can be made to work with students before they enter the Juvenile Justice system. 8) Shared that Dr. Grego has been invited to be the guest speaker regarding education issues at the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club. 9) Shared that she met Jamal Sowell who serves as the liaison between the President of University of Florida and the Board of Trustees for University of Florida. Ms. Flowers stated that Mr. Sowell has received a large grant to study the achievement gap for African-American males; and, that she has invited him to be the guest speaker at the August 18th Urban League meeting. Ms. Flowers stated that she has shared that information with the Board and invited them to attend. 10) Extended kudos to the Principal of Bay Point Middle School for that school's improvement in grade and for the effort he has put into that school.

Mrs. Wikle - 1) Thanked Dr. Grego for his explanation of the letter grade issues being experienced by districts.

Mrs. Krassner - 1) Thanked Dr. Grego for his leadership and for his reports that better inform the public on education issues. 2) Stated that students are able to gain knowledge through the .5 program. Mrs. Krassner also shared that our district has credit recovery classes at the high school level.

Ms. Clark - 1) Thanked Dr. Grego for his comprehensive reports. 2) Extended best wishes to those employees who are enjoying what is left of the summer break.

Mrs. Lerner - 1) Shared that she visited some of the Summer Bridge programs and that she looks forward to the expansion of this learning opportunity. Mrs. Lerner shared some comments that were shared with her by students involved in the program. 2) Stated that she had forwarded to the Board Members via email the Broward County news release. Mrs. Lerner read a portion of the news release. Mrs. Lerner stated that we must look at other measures of student achievement; and, stated that we can have accountability without grading schools. Dr. Grego stated that we don't have failing students, we have perhaps systems that have not fully grasped the needs of children. Dr. Grego stated that he believes

we have the commitment of the state and of the Commissioner of Education to take a look at what is really important and what are the true elements we want to measure. Dr. Grego stated that he will be talking with the Superintendent of Broward County.

Mrs. O'Shea - 1) Referring to Mrs. Lerner's comments, stated that she has concern with the relevance of the assessment. Mrs. O'Shea stated the present system is unfortunately defining schools, kids and communities. 2) Shared that she attended the DMAC meeting last week and that this group still wishes to meet with the School Board on September 26th. This joint meeting appears on the Board calendar. Mrs. O'Shea shared that DMAC is going through training with their newer members regarding their task as assigned by the Court Order.

Mrs. Cook - 1) Shared that the Superintendent and School Board Members, much like the teachers, have participated in training sessions provided by the state association, including training as to the Board's role related to Common Core. 2) Thanked Dr. Grego and staff for the time they have committed to providing materials to the Board through the Board workshops. Mrs. Cook stated that the information shared during workshops helps the Board to move smoothly through their meetings with necessary knowledge of the items. 3) Shared that she recently visited Belleair Elementary School on a day that the students were able to choose a book to keep from a large number of books that had been donated to their school by a local church. Mrs. Cook shared that the children had such big smiles on their faces; and, that she hopes that this might instill in many of them the love of reading.

D. Review of Board Requests

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

- 1) The list of administrators and their locations on opening day of school will be forwarded to the School Board Members.
- 2) The details related to St. Pete Promise will be forwarded to the School Board Members.

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses

- Superintendent's Report
- Chairperson did a great job!
- Listened well to find corrections
- Everyone's contributions- Mrs. Wikle
- Mr. Koperski filled in well for Dr. Corace
- Need to add discussion of timely issues at Board meeting
- Good agenda for budget

Opportunities

- Sound was too loud and squealing
- Photographer should be present for presentations

XIV. Adjournment

Mrs. Cook stated that the School Board will adjourn the Regular Board Meeting and return at 7:00 p.m. to conduct the Public Hearing on the tentative 2013/14 millage rates and district budget. The public hearing will be broadcast after this Board meeting. The public is invited to stay tuned for this important hearing.

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary

Public Comments

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

1. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho stated that the Education Foundation and the School Board are ignoring science in the design of their facilities causing carbon to be "belched" into the atmosphere.

This session ended at 7:01 p.m.