

## **Regular School Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, October, 22, 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. Christine Tsotsos**

Ms. Tsotsos, retired teacher, addressed the Board to express her concern with the discourse in the classroom that is resulting from the requirements that are coming from various mandates. Ms. Tsotsos requested that the leadership offer and encourage conversations with the teachers, rather than causing children's spirits to be broken and teachers to be stressed, some even leaving the profession in the name of rigor.

**2. Fred Roemer**

Mr. Roemer, teacher at Pinellas Park Elementary School, addressed the Board to state that teachers need relief from the overload of paperwork so that they can do what they are expected to do, teach from bell to bell. Mr. Roemer suggested that teachers not be required to complete a rubric for each task; and that the district created subject timeline be created in a one, unlined document with specific fields and with a drag-and-drop capability. Mr. Roemer suggested that this will provide relief from writing lesson plans for teachers and give them time to actually prepare for instruction.

**3. Lucia Hagen**

Ms. Hagen stated that she will also speak for Aaron Applegate.

Ms. Hagen, a sixteen-year veteran teacher, addressed the Board to share insight into her life as a teacher. Ms. Hagen shared that there are so many "curve balls" coming at her in the classroom that leave her battered, confused and exhausted. Ms. Hagen stated that teachers feel obligated to forego any creative endeavors in order to comply with mundane, mandated paperwork. Ms. Hagen stated that the Board needs to understand how the rule changes that are sent down to the school affect school-based personnel.

**4. Aaron Applegate**

Mr. Applegate was represented by the previous speaker.

**5. Rachel Mita**

Ms. Mita, seventeen-year teacher, addressed the Board to state that the new appraisal system that the Board approved was not well thought out and is outrageous and unfair. Ms. Mita stated that until the VAM (Value Added Model) scores truly reflect the students she teaches in her classroom, she will consider them as punitive measures against classroom teachers by those who should respect them most.

Ms. Flowers asked Dr. Grego if the VAM measure is something the district has been mandated to follow. Dr. Grego stated that the system is a requirement of Florida statute; that we, as a district, are not satisfied with the system; and, that the superintendents are looking into this process, as well.

6. Lenore Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner stated that she has provided both Mrs. Krassner and Dr. Grego with some information that should not be shared. Ms. Faulkner shared that she was at the Tampa VA Hospital and that she has also spoken at the County Commission meeting earlier today. Ms. Faulkner shared information regarding her family's medical issues and the lack of assistance that she received from Seminole High School staff when her son attended that school.

7. Susan Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins, member of SHAC (School Health Advisory Committee) addressed the Board to share the goals of SHAC and to provide a brief update on the after-school program, holistic-in-nature, that was developed and provided at the Enoc Davis Center for identified at-risk students.

8. Melinda Lenehan

Ms. Lenehan addressed the Board to discuss statements provided by Mr. Koperski in response to her presentation at the last Board meeting.

9. Dianne Wood

Ms. Wood addressed the Board to request that a middle school feeder pattern be developed for students attending Gulfport Montessori program. Ms. Wood shared that she plans to attend the meeting being scheduled by the principal at Gulport Elementary to discuss this further.

10. Holly Tracy

Ms. Tracy addressed the Board to request that a middle school feeder pattern be developed for students attending Gulfport Montessori program. Ms. Tracy stated that the Gulfport Montessori program loses families because it doesn't have a feeder pattern to a middle school Montessori program.

11. Joseph Morgan

Mr. Morgan addressed the Board to state that he wants his good name cleared of charges filed through OPS (Office of Professional Standards). Mr Morgan shared information pertaining to the various jobs he has held and requested that Dr. Grego remove all references in his file to an OPS investigation. Mr. Morgan stated that he recently buried his wife; that his father always told him that a good name is important to keep; and, that he now has nothing left except his name. Mr. Morgan requested a hearing before an arbitrator .

12. Paula Stephens

Ms. Stephens, parent and teacher, addressed the Board to express her concern with the amount of paperwork that she, as a teacher, is required to complete. Ms. Stephens stated that the Board Members should step into the day of an elementary teacher to experience the excess paperwork that needs to be completed along with the task of educating the students.

**There were no additional presentations from the audience; and, this session ended at 5:35 p.m.**

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### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM on October 22, 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	Remote	
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 the following changes to the agenda subsequent to its publication seven days ago:

Consent Item #8, Page 108 - Corrected organization chart

Consent Item #15 - Moved to Nonconsent #1

Consent Item #16 - Moved to Nonconsent #2

Mrs. Cook stated that, as Chairperson, she has found good cause to amend the agenda accordingly.

### III. Invocation

***Pastor Pamela Smith, Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave, Clearwater, FL***

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Smith.

### IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

#### ***National Anthem***

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Nathalie Hernandez, Dunedin High School student, performed the National Anthem.

#### ***Video: "Dinner Program Serves up Academic Success"***

A video was shown highlighting the dinner program being provided to students who are involved in the after-school programs at Maximo Elementary School.

### V. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

#### ***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; Cara Fitzpatrick, Tampa Bay News; and, Anastasia Dawson, Tampa Tribune.

### VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities

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

#### ***Dunedin High School***

Alora Wright, Anna Boyer and Lindsey Settlemire, Students Rights and Responsibilities representatives from Dunedin High School, addressed the Board to share information regarding programs and achievements taking place at their school. The students also shared with the Board their plans following their graduations in June 2014.

### VII. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

#### **1. Peggy Johns**

***Nonconsent #1 - Request Approval of the Administrative and Professional/Technical/Supervisory Salary Models***

Ms. Johns addressed the Board to shared some of the history in the efforts put forth by PASA (Pinellas Association of School Administrators) to have the administrator salaries reviewed and addressed.

## 2. Michelle Toole

*Nonconsent #6 - Request Denial of the Charter Application for Palm Harbor Montessori Charter School*

Ms. Toole addressed the Board to voice opposition to the Superintendent's recommendation to deny the charter application presented by Palm Harbor Montessori Charter School.

## 3. Stefanie Hoft

*Nonconsent #6 - Request Denial of the Charter Application for Palm Harbor Montessori Charter School*

Ms. Holt addressed the Board to voice opposition to the Superintendent's recommendation to deny the charter application presented by Palm Harbor Montessori Charter School.

## 4. Jacqueline Harris Douglas

*Nonconsent #1 - Request Approval of the Administrative and Professional/Technical/Supervisory Salary Models*

Ms. Douglas addressed the Board to share that she supports the recommendation for the Administrative and PTS salary models.

## 5. Bonnie Solinsky

*Nonconsent #6 - Request Denial of the Charter Application for Palm Harbor Montessori Charter School*

Ms. Solinski addressed the Board to voice opposition to the Superintendent's recommendation to deny the charter application presented by Palm Harbor Montessori Charter School.

## VIII. Adoption of Agenda

The action of the Board reflects the amendments presented to the Board by the Superintendent in Item #II. Amendment to the Agenda.

PULL: Consent Item #27

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

## IX. Special Order Agenda

## 1. Presentation of Nagano Exchange Teacher from Nagano, Japan Presented by Jan Kucerik, Specialist, PreK-12 World Languages

Dr. Grego called upon Dr. Jan Kucerik, Specialist, PreK-12 World Languages, who presented to the Board Mr. Shinji Tsukada from Nagano City, Nagano, Japan. Dr. Kucerik shared that Mr. Tsukada will be residing with local residents and visiting and observing in K-12 classrooms until November 11. Mr. Tsukada was greeted by the School Board Members.

2. Recognition of the Florida Education Association Human and Civil Rights 2013 Award Recipient

Ms. Kim Black, PCTA, accompanied by Dr. Keturah Mills, teacher at Pinellas Park Middle School, shared that Mrs. Lerner was recently recognized at the FEA's annual luncheon on October 11, 2013 as the recipient of the Florida Education Association Human and Civil Rights 2013 Award. Ms. Black stated that this award is presented annually to a person who has demonstrated support and promotion of diversity and social justice; and, that the awards committee members recognize Mrs. Lerner's demonstration of these qualities. Mrs. Lerner was presented with flowers and a plaque in recognition of her receipt of this award.

3. Recognition of PALMS Library Media/Technology Specialists of the Year, Presented by Adele West-Fisher, Immediate Past President, PALMS & Jeannie Wallace, Awards Chair, PALMS

Ms. Adele West-Fisher, Immediate Past President, PALMS, and Ms. Jeannie Wallace, Awards Chair of PALMS, introduced the PALMS Library Media/Technology Specialists of the Year as follows:

Laura Woods, Library Media/Technology Specialist, John Sexton Elementary Secondary  
Amy Titus, Library Media/Technology Specialist, Palm Harbor University High  
Ms. Woods and Ms. Titus were greeted and congratulated by the Board Members.

4. Recognition of Five Star Schools, Presented by Valerie Brimm, Ed.D., Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships

Dr. Valerie Brimm, Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships, introduced for recognition the following twenty-nine schools that received the Five Star School designations from the Florida Department of Education:

Bauder Elementary, Bay Point Elementary, Belcher Elementary, Clearwater Fundamental, Clearwater High, Cross Bayou Elementary, Curtis Fundamental Elementary, Cypress Woods Elementary, East Lake High, Garrison-Jones Elementary, John M. Sexton Elementary, Joseph Carwise Middle, Leila Davis Elementary, M. K. Rawlings Elementary, Madeira Beach Fundamental, Northeast High, Oldsmar Elementary, Orange Grove Elementary, Osceola Fundamental High, Osceola Middle, Palm Harbor Middle, Palm Harbor University High, San Jose Elementary, Seminole High, Seminole Middle, Starkey Elementary, Sunset Hills Elementary, Tarpon Springs Fundamental and Tarpon Springs Middle

Representatives from each school were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members.

## **X. Unfinished Business**

## **XI. Consent**

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

1. Approval of Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2013  
Approved, as submitted.

2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations  
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)
3. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Executive Director, Exceptional Student Education  
Approved - Appointment of Lisa Grant. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)
4. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Director, Application Support and Development  
Approved - Appointment of David DiLeonardo. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)
5. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Director, Operations and User Support  
Approved - Appointment of Michael T. McKillips. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)
6. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Forest Lakes Elementary  
Approved - Appointment of Michael J. McHugh. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)
7. Request Approval to Revise the Following Job Descriptions Which Will Be Effective October 23, 2013  
Approved, as follows:
  - Director, Core Systems and User Support to *Director, Operations and User Support* (ADM C09)
  - Director, Professional Development (ADM C09)
  - K-5 Mathematics Specialist (PTS E07)
  - K-5 Science Specialist (PTS E07)
  - K-12 Social Studies Specialist (PTS E07)
  - 6-8 Mathematics Specialist (PTS E07)
  - 6-8 Science Specialist (PTS E07)
  - 9-12 Mathematics Specialist (PTS E07)
  - 9-12 Science Specialist (PTS E07)
  - 9-12 Language Arts Specialist (PTS E07)
  - Early Childhood Education Specialist (PTS E07)
  - Program Coordinator, Academic Computing (PTS E05)
  - Program Coordinator, Instructional Materials (PTS E05)
  - Charter Schools and Home Education Specialist to Senior Coordinator, Charter Schools and Home Education (PTS E05)
8. Request Approval to Revise and/or Create the Following Job Descriptions Which Will Be Effective October 23, 2013, for the Reorganization of the Assessment, Accountability, and Research Department  
Approved, as follows:
  - Director, Testing to *Director, Assessment and Accountability* (ADM C09)
  - Director, Strategic Planning and Policy (ADM C09)
  - Executive Manager, District Assessment (PTS E07)
  - Senior Coordinator Evaluation to *Executive Manager, Evaluation* (PTS E07)

- Senior Coordinator, Differentiated Accountability to *Executive Manager, Accountability* (PTS E07)
  - Senior Coordinator, District Assessment (PTS E06)
  - Senior Coordinator, Professional Development Achievement Data Analyst (PTS E06)
  - Research Specialist to *Manager, Research* (PTS E06)
  - Data Analyst (PTS E03)
  - Testing Specialist to *Testing Analyst* (PTS E02)
9. Request Approval to Create the Following Job Descriptions Which Will Be Effective October 23, 2013, for the Reorganization of the Career, Technical, and Adult Education Department Approved, as follows:
- Director, Career, Technical, and Adult Education - Postsecondary (ADM C09)
  - Director, Career, Technical, and Adult Education - Secondary (ADM C09)
  - Apprenticeships and Work-Based Learning Specialist (PTS E07)
10. Request Approval of the Following Special Project: Amendment to the Agreement with Eckerd Youth Alternative, Inc. for a Guidance Counselor for Students in Licensed Foster Care \$64,986.00  
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)
11. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending July 31, 2013 for Fiscal Year 2013/14  
Approved, as submitted.
12. Request Approval of the Agreement Between Nurses Helping Hands, Inc. of Pinellas Park & Dunedin and the School Board of Pinellas County  
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)
13. Request Approval of Agreement with Garg Engineering Enterprises, Inc. for Engineering and Contract Administration Services in Connection With the Installation of a new Fire Alarm and a new Integrated Telephone Zoned Paging System, in the Amount of \$46,422 at Clearwater High School, Project No. 9142  
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)
14. Request Approval of Agreement with Garg Engineering Enterprises, Inc. for Engineering and Contract Administration Services in Connection With the Installation of a new Fire Alarm System, in the Amount of \$32,464 at Dixie Hollins High School, Project No. 9138  
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)
15. Request Approval of Agreement With Harvard Jolly, Inc. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection With the Construction of the Replacement Facility, in the Amount of \$3,606,122 for Largo High School, Project No. 4511  
This item was moved to Nonconsent Item #1.  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)



16. Request Approval of Agreement With Holmes Hepner & Associates, Inc. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection With the Construction of the New Classroom Building, in the Amount of \$ 1,034,481 for Palm Harbor University High School, Project No. 4510

This item was moved to Nonconsent Item #2. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)

17. Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement With Williamson Dacar Associates, Inc. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection With the Replacement of the Current Roofing Systems on Buildings 3, 5, 6, 10, and 14, Also Remodel the Gymnasium Locker Rooms to Include Plumbing, Electrical and Lighting Systems in the Amount of \$2,495, Resulting in a Total Project Architect/Engineer (PA/E) fee of \$101,230 at Madeira Beach Fundamental School, Project No. 9002

Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)

18. Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement With Allstate Construction, Inc. for an Additional Construction Allocation in Connection With Renovations to Selected Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), Sanitary Sewer, Fire Alarm, Lighting, and Roofing Systems in the Amount of \$2,500,000 at Seminole High School, Project No. 9206

Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)

19. Request Approval of Change Order No. 1 With Creative Contractors Inc. for Renovations and Remodeling for Buildings 1, 2, 3 and 6. This change order will decrease the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$551,500.63 with no time extension at San Jose Elementary School, Project No 9058

Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)

20. Request Approval of Change Order No. 1 with Stamper Construction Company for Restroom and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Renovations (Building 3). This change order will increase the contract amount by \$9,813 no time extension at Tarpon Springs Middle School, Project No. 9008

Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)

21. Request Approval of Change Order No. 1 With LEMA Construction & Developers, Inc. for the Freezer and Cooler Replacement Project. This change order will increase the contract amount by \$33,983 with twenty-one (21) calendar days time extension at Walter Pownall Service Center, Project No. 9502

Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)

22. Request Acceptance of Substantial Completion for Exterior Window, Storefront, Door, Louver Replacement and Replace Lightning Protection System (Building 1), Roof Replacement (Buildings 1, 4, 5, 6 and 9), Stucco Repair and Exterior Painting (Buildings 1-12), Repaint Above Grade, Painted Surfaces on Site and Install new Exterior Fish Signage (Buildings 2-11) as of August 1, 2013 at Osceola Fundamental High School, Project No. 9049

Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)

23. Request Acceptance of Substantial Completion for Remodeling of 2nd Floor for Nursing Program and Replacement of Chillers and Pumps (Building 1) as of September 9, 2013, Which is a Portion of the Project for the Preschool Children's Center at pTEC St. Petersburg Campus, Project No. 4507

Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)

24. Request Acceptance of Substantial Completion for Renovations and Remodeling (Building 4) as of September 18, 2013, Which is a Portion of the Project at Skyview Elementary School, Project No. 9027  
Approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)
25. Request Approval of Vehicle Use Agreements to Non-Profit Organizations for a Period of one Year  
Agreements approved with the following:  
Palm Harbor Montessori Academy  
Sanderlin Center  
Town of Belleair  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)
26. Request Approval of Selling the District's Surplus and Obsolete Equipment on the PublicSurplus.com Internet Auction Site  
Approved, as submitted.
27. Request Approval of Bids to Vendors at Prices in Bid Documents in Accordance with Bid Policies and Statutes  
Bid # 14-155-072 Refurbished Relocatable Classroom Purchase was pulled for further discussion by Mrs. Wikle. Please refer to XII. Consent Agenda - Items Pulled #1.  
All remaining bids were approved, as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)

## **XII. Consent Agenda - Items Pulled**

### **1. Bid # 14-155-072 Refurbished Relocatable Classroom Purchase**

Mrs. Wikle, having pulled this bid, stated that she had some follow-up questions to what she had submitted prior to this meeting pertaining to this item. Mrs. Wikle stated that the effort has been to decrease the number of portables but yet this item brings in additional portables. Mrs. Wikle questioned the need for them at East Lake High School. Dr. Grego and Mr. Bessette provided additional clarification for Mrs. Wikle.  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robin L Wikle, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Peggy O' Shea, Vice Chairperson
<b>AYES:</b>	Flowers, Wikle, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

## **XIII. Nonconsent**

### **1. Consent Item #15 - Request Approval of Agreement With Harvard Jolly, Inc. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection With the Construction of the Replacement Facility, in the Amount of \$3,606,122 for Largo High School, Project No. 4511**

This item was moved during Amendments to become Nonconsent Item #1.  
Dr. Grego thanked the Board for allowing him to move this item to this location in the meeting in order to highlight for the public the construction of a new Largo High School.  
Mr. Bessette shared the next steps in this project.  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)

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

**2. Consent Item #16 - Request Approval of Agreement With Holmes Hepner & Associates, Inc. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection With the Construction of the New Classroom Building, in the Amount of \$ 1,034,481 for Palm Harbor University High School, Project No. 4510**

This item was moved during Amendments to become Nonconsent Item #2.

Dr. Grego stated that he is thrilled that with the Board's approval this project will provide hard buildings for the students attending Palm Harbor University High School.

Mr. Bessette provided information on the next steps for this project.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #151.)

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

**3. Request Approval of the Administrative and Professional/Technical/Supervisory Salary Models**

Dr. Grego and Dr. Corbett presented this item. Comments followed by Mrs. Lerner and Mrs. Wikle.

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

**4. Request Approval to Achieve District Accreditation**

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

**5. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to the Following Policies: Policy 1215- TOBACCO AND NICOTINE USE, Policy 3215-TOBACCO AND NICOTINE USE, Policy 4215-TOBACCO AND NICOTINE USE, Policy 5500.08-CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT-MISCONDUCT THAT REQUIRES SPECIFIC CONSEQUENCES, Policy 5501.06-CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT FOR POSTSECONDARY CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND ADULT EDUCATION-**

TOBACCO AND NICOTINE, Policy 7434-TOBACCO AND NICOTINE USE (This is the first reading.)

Discussion took place by Board Members and Mr. Koperski. Further discussion on the proposed amendment related to electronic cigarettes/cigars will be scheduled for the Board's November 20th workshop.

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

6. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 6330-ACQUISITION OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL, OR LAND SURVEYING SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS AT RISK (This is the first reading.)

Dr. Grego and Mr. Koperski presented this item.

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

7. Request Denial of the Charter Application for Request Denial of the Charter Application for Excel Charter School Pinellas

Ms. Dot Clark presented this item for action by the Board.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robin L Wikle, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Rene Flowers, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Flowers, Wikle, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

8. Request Denial of the Charter Application for Palm Harbor Montessori Charter School

Ms. Dot Clark presented this item for action by the Board.

Mrs. Lerner encouraged the applicants to resubmit their application after addressing and correcting the areas of criticism provided by the district staff.

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

## **XIV. New Business**

### **A. *Items Introduced by Superintendent***

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

- 1) Extended his appreciation to members of the district's leadership team who are working on the districtwide accreditation effort.
- 2) Shared that First Lady of Florida Ann Scott visited Tyrone Middle School's sixth- and seventh-graders to emphasize the importance of reading and becoming good readers.
- 3) Recognized Ms. Lisa Roth, Principal of Belcher Elementary School, for receiving the Florida After School Alliance Award of Excellence during the organization's state conference held October 7-11 in Orlando. Ms. Roth was nominated and won in the administrator category for having embraced and supported the after-school program at her school.
- 4) Extended kudos to the "Bat Team" from Palm Harbor Middle for winning First Place in teen division at the recent Achieva Box Car Rally. Dr. Grego shared that the "Bat Team" is made up of some eighth-graders from the Advanced Exploration to Technology class; and, stated that additional information may be found on the district's Newsroom.
- 5) Extended kudos to Mr. John Eberts, Social Studies teacher and Department Chair at Dunedin High School, who recently won the Florida Holocaust Teacher Award sponsored by the Florida Department of Education Commissioner's Task Force on Holocaust Education.
- 6) Stated that it was brought up earlier that there are three major issues that a selected group of superintendents in Florida are working on: Grading system, teacher appraisal and pay for performance, and student assessments. Dr. Grego stated that the purpose of these committees is to see how these areas can be improved; and, that he will continue to keep the Board updated on these efforts.
- 7) Shared information on his many visits to schools since the last Board meeting.
- 8) Shared that he had the opportunity to talk to students who attended the recent START (Students Talking And Resolving Trouble) Conference held at Stavros Institute.
- 9) Shared that he had the pleasure of speaking to students at Eckerd College and meeting the President of Eckerd College to discuss their partnership with our district and their desire to expand that initiative.
- 10) Shared that he had the privilege of attending the Tarpon Springs Prayer Breakfast.
- 11) Stated that the summit on Bridging the Gap is coming up this week and thanked Dr. Law and his staff for their participation in and support of this event. Dr. Grego stated that this will be the first of many conversations on this important topic.
- 12) Reminded all of the following upcoming events: NOPE (Narcotics Overdose Prevention & Education) event this Thursday evening at Largo Central Park; Certificate of Distinction Breakfast this Friday morning; and, the Belleair Elementary Teacher Appreciation Breakfast this Friday morning.

### **B. *Items Introduced by School Board Attorney***

Mr. Koperski stated he had no report.

### **C. *Items Introduced by the Board***

Ms. Clark - 1) Congratulated Mrs. Lerner on receiving the Florida Education Association Human and Civil Rights 2013 Award.

Ms. Flowers - 1) Shared that she enjoyed attending the Lakewood High School Homecoming event. 2) Shared that she spent today at Gibbs High School, speaking with students who are attending the fundamental school-within-a-school program and having lunch with the students attending Gibbs. Ms. Flowers shared that this school has moved to one lunch period and one bell system between classes; and, gave a shout-out to Gibbs for their many improvements, including their improved learning gains

Mrs. Wikle - 1) Gave a shout-out to Gibbs High School. Mrs. Wikle shared that she had received an email from the Tarpon Springs High School Booster Club President who shared that Gibbs provided a great atmosphere during their recent football game against Tarpon. 2) Gave a shout-out to the Area Superintendents for empowering and staying connected to their schools. 3) Gave shout-out to Azalea Elementary for their charm system and displayed the two charms she received while visiting that school. Mrs. Wikle stated that she is very impressed with how the principal, Ms. Caven, empowers her staff at that school.

Mrs. Krassner - 1) Thanked those teachers who attended tonight's meeting to share their concerns. Mrs. Krassner encouraged the teachers to know that Dr. Grego is working with those in Tallahassee regarding many of those concerns. 2) Shared that she enjoyed attending last week's Pinellas County Council PTA meeting where she learned about a district program designed to address the dropout concerns related to homeless students.

Mrs. Lerner - 1) Shared that she, too, was glad to have the teachers attending and speaking at tonight's meeting. Mrs. Lerner encouraged other educators to do the same. Mrs. Lerner stated that she will be completing a Workshop Topic Request Form to ask that the Board agree to schedule a discussion on Professional Development Plan and the format to be completed by teachers for their lesson plans. Mrs. Lerner requested that the Board take a lead in decreasing what we, as a district, are requiring. 2) Shared that she sees so many good things going on at schools and suggested that such good news as the Homework Club at Dunedin High and the charms program at Azalea Elementary be shared through our website. 3) Thanked Dr. Grego for his leadership in dealing with pay for performance, teacher evaluations and VAM scores. Mrs. Lerner shared that she is still hearing from some teachers who state they are doing their best with a flawed system. Mrs. Lerner requested that information be compiled and shared with the Board that displays the number of teachers and student services personnel who are still being evaluated on students and subjects they do not teach. 4) Shared that she attended a peer mediation training and that it was wonderful. Mrs. Lerner stated that she hopes the district can look at ways to expand this training to more schools. 5) Thanked PCTA/PESPA for nominating her for the Florida Education Association Human and Civil Rights 2013 Award. Mrs. Lerner stated that it has been a privilege to serve this district for so many years; that she has been blessed to be in a position that allowed her to help others; and, that this Board is a wonderful one with whom to work. Mrs. Lerner jokingly added that no one should, however, expect her to become a paragon.

Mrs. O'Shea - 1) Congratulated Mrs. Lerner upon receiving the Florida Education Association Human and Civil Rights 2013 Award. 2) Expressed her appreciation to Dr. Grego and the other Florida superintendents who are working to address the concerns regarding the teacher evaluation system, school grades, etc. Mrs. O'Shea stated that she doesn't agree with the evaluation process and will continue to work on that as the Board moves forward with finalizing their program to meet with the Pinellas delegation on November 20th. Mrs. O'Shea stated that the Board will be trying to combine their legislative efforts with those of the Florida School Boards Association and Florida Association of

District School Superintendents; and, encouraged all to provide their voices to the process.  
3) Stated that she believes that the peer mediation course was moved into the multicultural program; and, that fewer students are participating because it takes them out their regular class work.

Mrs. Cook - 1) Congratulated Mrs. Lerner for receiving the Florida Education Association Human and Civil Rights 2013 Award. Mrs. Cook stated that this is a well-deserved award for Mrs. Lerner. 2) Shared that she has been out of the district quite a bit with governance training, policy development and board member training. Mrs. Cook stated that she is always so glad to come back home to Pinellas because we are doing what is right for kids. Mrs. Cook shared what another district is doing in the area of art as compared to the emphasis and support provided to the arts by those in Pinellas County.

**D. Review of Board Requests**

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

1) Staff will identify the percentage of teachers who continue to be evaluated on students that they do not teach.

**E. School Board Meeting Evaluation**

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

*Pluses*

- Mrs. Lerner's Award
- Photographer
- Phone-in by Ms. Clark worked well
- Intervene at end of meeting

*Opportunities*

None were offered.

**XV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary

**Public Comments**

Following the adjournment of the meeting, the following individual presented her comments:

1. Sheryl Dampier

Ms. Dampier addressed the Board to state that she works out of the Clearwater bus compound; and, that she has unsuccessfully tried to schedule a meeting with Dr. Grego. Dr. Grego told Ms. Dampier to contact his office and a meeting with her will be scheduled.

**This session ended at 7:41 p.m.**