

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 5:00 PM

School Administration Building

301 Fourth Street SW
Largo, FL 33770

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at the School Board Administration Building, 301 Fourth Street SW, Largo, Florida.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rene Flowers	Board Member	Present	
Ken Peluso	Board Member	Present	
Carol J. Cook	Board Member	Present	
Janet R. Clark	Board Member	Present	
Terry Krassner	Vice Chairman	Present	
Linda S. Lerner	Board Member	Present	
Peggy O' Shea	Chairperson	Present	
Michael A. Grego	Superintendent	Present	
David Koperski	Board Attorney	Present	
William Corbett	Deputy Superintendent	Present	
Clinton Herbic	Associate Superintendent/Operations	Present	
Kevin Smith	Associate Superintendent/Finance Business Services	Present	
Ann Simonetti	Clerk to the Board and Administrative Assistant	Present	

II. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments made to the agenda.

III. Invocation: Captain Michael S. Harris, Salvation Army, 1625 N. Belcher Road, Clearwater, FL 33765

The Invocation was delivered by Captain Michael S. Harris.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

National Anthem

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem was sung by student vocal group, the Seminole Singers.

Video: Pinellas County Schools Celebrates Support Employee of the Year, Jeffrey Redett

The video shown highlighted, Jeff Redett, the head plant operator at Ponce de Leon Elementary, who was named Pinellas County Schools' 2015-16 Support Employee of the Year. Mr. Redett works cooperatively with students, staff, and parents, and understands the special needs of the students in the school's self-contained IVE classes. Since joining the team at Ponce de Leon Elementary, Mr. Redett created the "Green Team", a recycling program that collaborates with students on campus.

Mrs. O'Shea, chairperson, asked that Mr. Redett stand and be recognized.

V. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

Lisa M. Wolf, Public Information Officer

Lisa M. Wolf, Public Information Officer, introduced the following individuals: Nelly Henjes, PESPA; Michael Gandolfo, PCTA; Linda Crawley, Arts for a Complete Education; Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times; and Corey Clark, Fox 13.

VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities: Seminole High School

Molli Dodaro and Michaela Reynolds, Student Rights and Responsibilities representatives from Seminole High School, addressed the Board to share information regarding programs and achievements taking place at their school.

VII. Adoption of Agenda

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

VIII. Special Order Agenda

1. Presentation of a Proclamation for National Mentoring Month January 2016, Presented by Valerie Brimm, Ed.D., Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships
Dr. Valerie Brimm, director, office of strategic partnerships, spoke of the importance of

mentoring.

Rene Flowers read the proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Janet Clark, seconded by Carol Cook, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve January 2016 as National Mentoring Month.

2. Presentation of the Resolution to Recognize February 5, 2016 as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day

Chief Rick Stelljes, Pinellas County Schools Police, shared his appreciation for the invaluable service crossing guards provide for our school children.

Terry Krassner read the resolution aloud.

It was moved by Terry Krassner, seconded by Ken Peluso, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the resolution to recognize February 5, 2016 as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)

3. Recognition of Advanced International Certificate of Education (A.I.C.E.) Top Performing Students, Presented by Judith Vigue, Director, Advanced Studies and Academic Excellence

Ms. Pam Moore, associate superintendent, teaching and learning services, had the privilege of introducing two students from our district who have achieved extremely high honors through the A.I.C.E. program. Ms. Sierra Klein achieved the highest score among U.S. students and Mr. Samuel Pontello achieved the highest score in the world.

Ms. Klein and Mr. Pontello were greeted and congratulated by the Board.

4. Recognition of Semifinalists and Finalists for the 2015-2016 Support Employee of the Year Recognition Program, Presented by Carrie Rivera, Senior Professional Development Coordinator, Human Resources Services

Ms. Carrie Rivera, senior professional development coordinator, human resources services, acknowledged the 2015-16 support employees of the year. Of the sixteen semi-finalists and finalists, eleven attended the board meeting; they are:

1. Eva Cano-Fernandez
2. Erik Lucero
3. Shirley Whiting
4. Tammy Endicott
5. Caleb Alfred
6. Cornelia Ali
7. James Hingley
8. Haydee Marrero-Valdes
9. Gerald Niles
10. Jeffrey Redett
11. Barbara Gieselman

The employees were greeted and congratulated by the Board.

5. Introduction of Newly Appointed Administrators

Dr. Grego introduced the following newly appointed administrators to the Board.

Shana H. Rafalski, Ed. D. Executive director, elementary education

Antonio M. Burt, director, school leadership

Felita D. Grant, Ed. D., director, Title I

Sara A. DePerro, principal, Bay Point Elementary

Connisheia T. Matthews, principal, Lealman Innovation Academy

Donna L. DeSena, 9-12 mathematics specialist

Teri R. Statton, exceptional student education specialist (focus on PreK)

The administrators were greeted and congratulated by the Board.

IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

Mark Klutho

Consent Agenda Item #6: Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Hamilton Disston Building Envelope Repair for Project, No. 9343 in the Amount of \$903,000, and the Agreement With Williamson Dacar Associates, Inc. for Engineering and Contract Administration Services

Consent Agenda Item #7: Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for the Northeast High School Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Equipment Replacement in the Media Center and the HVAC Controls Replacement for the Entire School Project, No. 9061 in the

Amount of \$1,150,000, and the Agreement With Carastro and Associates, Inc. for Engineering and Contract Administration Services

Consent Agenda Item #8: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation (Building 7) as of November 23, 2015, Which is a

Portion of the Project at Pinellas Park Elementary School, Project No. 9185

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on the district strategic directions on the impact of buildings on the environment.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. Consent

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

1. Request for Approval of Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of January 12, 2016
Approved as submitted
2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
3. Request Approval to Create and/or Revise Job Descriptions Which Will Be Effective January 27, 2016
Approved as submitted
4. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 3 (November 2015) to the District's 2015/16 Budget
Approved as submitted
5. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending November 30, 2015
Approved as submitted
6. Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Hamilton Disston Building Envelope Repair for Project, No. 9343 in the Amount of \$903,000, and the Agreement With Williamson Dacar Associates, Inc. for Engineering and Contract Administration Services
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
7. Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for the Northeast High School Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Equipment Replacement in the Media Center and the HVAC Controls Replacement for the Entire School Project, No. 9061 in the Amount of \$1,150,000, and the Agreement With Carastro and Associates, Inc. for Engineering and Contract Administration Services
Approved as submitted

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8. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation (Building 7) as of November 23, 2015, Which is a Portion of the Project at Pinellas Park Elementary School, Project No. 9185

Approved as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)

9. Request Approval of the Facility Use Agreement Between Rogers Blue Jay Baseball Partnership and Pinellas County School Board

Approved as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)

10. Request Approval to Recycle, Cannibalize, and/or Scrap Obsolete Fixed Assets

Approved as submitted

11. Request Approval of Selling the District's Surplus Equipment on the PublicSurplus.com Internet Auction Site

Approved as submitted

12. 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 #162.)

XII. Nonconsent

1. Request Approval of the Interagency Agreement between the City of Tarpon Springs and Tarpon Springs High School Pool Facilities

Tarpon Springs Mayor, David Archie, shared that the construction of the swimming pool will improve the quality of life for Tarpon Springs' residents and will also benefit the Tarpon Springs High School students.

Dr. Grego thanked the mayor for his leadership in the community.

Mrs. O'Shea commended the mayor for his continuous presence in the community.

Dr. Grego and Mrs. O'Shea presented a shovel to the mayor.

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SECONDER:	Rene Flowers, Board Member
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2. Request Approval of the Agreement Between the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County and the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida for Collaborative Data
- Mr. Bill Lawrence, director, student assignment, spoke of the importance of sharing data with the Early Learning Coalition. This data will assist the district in calculating kindergarten enrollment and will facilitate early registration.
- Ms. Flowers spoke of the benefits of the district working with independent VPK providers.
- Mrs. O'Shea stated that all four year old children are eligible for voluntary PreK and the importance of kindergarten readiness.
- (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)

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

XIII. New Business

A. *Items Introduced by Superintendent*

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

1) He said at the recent school board workshop the proposed Resolution for Daily Physical Activity was vetted through an open dialogue and it was determined that the Board wanted action. He said the district is committed to scheduling twenty minutes of recess, separate from PE, at elementary schools. Dr. Rafalski, executive director, elementary education, will work with school administrators to determine how it will be managed at their site. He stated that a top-down approach from the state will not be necessary. He said he will report back to the board during future workshops. He asked for comments from board members: Mrs. O'Shea stated that this recommendation is before the state legislature. Mrs. Krassner shared that she is proud that our district is taking action. Ms. Flowers said she is excited about this healthier practice. Mrs. Lerner clarified that she was against the resolution because she did not want to set a precedent, but she is in favor of recess. Dr. Peluso is pleased that we are not mandating it, but working collaboratively with schools. Dr. Grego stated that he spoke with Steve Swartzel, legislative liaison, regarding funding from the state to implement recess; however, he was advised that there would be no funds.

2) He is looking forward to the Evening of Excellence, dinner and awards ceremony, on February 2nd. The Pinellas Education Foundation has done a great job.

3) He shared that the Ford Next Generation Learning Winter Conference. February 17-19 will be attended by districts from twelve states; they are coming here to learn how we

operate career academy programs. The Board is welcome to attend.

4) He thanked everyone who helped observe the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday celebrations across the county. Six district bands and the 5000 role models marched in the parade. He said he attended the banquet on Friday evening with other board members and staff. Mrs. Cook attended the Clearwater NAACP breakfast and Ms. Flowers attended the Clearwater event.

5) He shared information about Parent University scheduled for Saturday, February 6th at Countryside High. He directed the public to the district website for details.

6) He stated that he enjoyed speaking at the Pinellas County Council of PTAs general meeting last week and gave a shout out to all our PTAs for their hard work and support.

7) He shared congratulations to Jamerson Elementary, Center for Mathematics and Engineering, whose program has been named the top elementary STEM program in the nation at the Future of Education Technology Conference in Orlando recently.

8) He stated that climate surveys were conducted as part of last year's accreditation process through AdvancED; it is a 360 degree survey. The board approved the process in 2013 and the site visit occurred last February. He called upon Dr. Mary Beth Corace, director, strategic planning and policy, to share specifics. Dr. Corace stated that schools surveyed parents, staff and students with separate surveys to capture input regarding opinions for improvement of the school and district. The survey used has been researched and validated for reliability; it utilizes five scales and the opportunity to express opinions. She said that she delivers the school improvement training and the use of the data from the AdvancED survey is addressed.

B. *Items Introduced by School Board Attorney*

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

C. *Items Introduced by the Board*

Terry Krassner- She thanked Dr. Mary Beth Corace for the information shared about the AdvancED survey and understands that it is a better tool. She values climate surveys.

Rene Flowers-1) She said that she serves on the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) Advocacy Committee; they are putting together a media presentation to showcase positive things that are happening in public schools in the state of Florida. She asked board members to share their ideas for this project. 2) She said FSBA has also requested she be responsible for one of the resource tabs on their website; the one regarding School Safety. When she is in Tallahassee next week the committee will be meeting. 3) She shared that Ms. Robin Wikle, former school board member, was in a car accident and was hospitalized, but she was released today to recover at home. 4) She visited Lealman Innovation Academy and while there spoke with a young man who previously attended John Hopkins Middle School. He shared with her that while there he had 101 referrals, but since his change in school his behavior has improved dramatically. She said kudos to him. 5) She said the next week she will be in Tallahassee promoting public education with our legislative representatives.

Linda Lerner-1) She thanked board members who will be going to Tallahassee during the FSBA Day in the Legislature. 2) She shared that the surveys conducted by

AdvancED are confidential and the number of characters allotted for comment has increased over the number allowed when we developed our own surveys. She said that this survey process is taking us in a positive direction and everyone should fill one out.

Carol Cook-1) She said that she attended the NAACP Clearwater branch, Martin Luther King Jr. Day breakfast. She attended along with Dr. Peluso. She said the students that assisted during the event did a very nice job, and she wanted to thank them. 2) She shared that she will also be in Tallahassee next week with FSBA and invited members of the PTA and teachers that would be there to come by the DoubleTree hotel if they wish to collaborate on the message being communicated to our legislators. She said it would be better to send the same message for clarity. 3) She has been on several school visits and some great things are going on; principals, teachers and students alike. Thank you to all.

Linda Lerner- Following comments from Mrs. Cook, she said agrees with what is happening at schools and commends the board for their advocacy and thanked Mrs. Cook for her role with FSBA.

Peggy O'Shea-1) She shared that she attended an event in Clearwater sponsored by the Tax Collector's office; the Kids Tag Art Pinellas County Awards ceremony. Students from participating schools design a license tag that can be placed on the front of your vehicle; it is a fundraising opportunity. The tags are \$15.00; This year \$55,000.00 was raised for the district art program and additional funds will be shared with each participating school. Please check the tax collector's office for this opportunity to support the arts. 2) She mentioned the referendum will be coming up for a vote this year and those funds also support the arts.

D. Review of Board Requests

Dr. Corbett stated that there were no board requests made during the meeting.

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses:

- positive items and partnerships
- climate survey presentation
- our students compete nationally and globally
- mics worked

Opportunities:

- other positive presentations/explanations at each meeting

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board; this meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary

XV. Public Speakers

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

1. Megan Brunelle

Ms. Brunelle invited Dr. Grego and the Board to shadow her on the job for one week; she is a first grade teacher.

2. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho spoke about the district's construction budget and environmental issues.

3. John Skinner

Mr. Skinner thanked teachers/parents who marched in Tallahassee and shared his background.

4. Michael Gandolfo

Mr. Gandolfo, PCTA, spoke of legislative concerns and the need to consider the voice of the professional educator.

5. Nancy Velardi

Ms. Velardi shared her concern with the climate survey and teacher evaluation process.

6. Allen Conner

Mr. Conner spoke about the contamination issue at Sawgrass Lake and presented copies of the Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection report dated September 10, 2015 for the Board.

7. Edward Brvenik

Mr. Brvenik spoke of the Sawgrass Lake contamination issue related to school field trips.

8. Christine Amstutz

Ms. Amstutz, teacher, shared concerns with the climate survey and administrative support.

9. Susan Spaulding

Ms. Spaulding, teacher, suggested bargaining units participate in climate survey development.

This session ended at 7:05 p.m.