

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 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 4:57 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 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	
Kevin Smith	Associate Superintendent/Finance Business Services	Present	
Clinton Herbic	Associate Superintendent/Operations	Present	
Ann Simonetti	Administrative Asst. & Clerk to the Board	Present	

II. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

III. Invocation: Reverend Patrice Curtis, Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater, FL 33764

Reverend Patrice Curtis was unable to attend due to illness. Mrs. O'Shea led a moment of silence.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the moment of silence.

National Anthem

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, East Lake High School's student ensemble of Madrigal Singers performed the National Anthem.

Video: Pinellas County Schools Celebrates 2016 Outstanding Educator, Sara Dobes

The video shown highlighted Sarah Dobes, an eighth-grade teacher at East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering, who was named Pinellas County Schools' 2016 Outstanding Educator. She began her career with Pinellas County Schools ten years ago and helped East Lake Middle School achieve accreditation.

V. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps: Lisa Wolf, Public Information Officer

Lisa Wolf, Public Information Officer, introduced the following individuals: Nelly Henjes, PESPA; Mike Gandolfo, PCTA; Sonya Roundtree, SEIU/FPSU; Michael Plott, FPSU; Cindy Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA; and Karen Santangelo; Arts for a Complete Education Coalition.

After introductions were completed, Colleen Wright and Jodi Pushkin, Tampa Bay Times; Rebecca Teitel and Rick Rowley, Divided Films; and Kate Bradshaw, Creative Loafing arrived.

VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities: East Lake High School

Hunter Sharp, Student Rights and Responsibilities representative from East Lake High School, addressed the Board to share information regarding programs and achievements taking place at his school.

VII. Adoption of Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Krassner, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Rene Flowers, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Peluso, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

VIII. Special Order Agenda

1. Presentation of the Proclamation of "Newspaper in Education" Week, March 7-11, 2016, Presented by Pamela T. Moore, Associate Superintendent, Teaching & Learning Services
Ms. Pam Moore, associate superintendent, teaching and learning services, spoke of the role of the newspaper in education.

Terry Krassner read the proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Janet Clark, seconded by Rene Flowers, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve March 7-11, 2016 as Newspaper in Education Week.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

2. Presentation of Plaque for International Electrical Contractors (IEC) National Apprenticeship Program of the Year to Mark Hunt, Executive Director, Career Technical Adult Education, by Reina Mora-Blackwelder, Executive Director, Independent Electrical Contractors-Florida West Coast Chapter

Dr. Grego introduced Mr. Robert Jacob, Training Director, Independent Electrical Contractors-Florida West Coast Chapter. Mr. Jacob spoke of the outstanding work done by Mr. Mark Hunt to promote apprenticeship programs.

Mr. Mark Hunt was greeted and congratulated by the board.

3. Recognition of Douglas L. Jamerson Elementary as the 2016 FETC STEM Excellence School presented by Laura Spence, K12 STEM Specialist

Ms. Laura Spence, K12 STEM specialist, spoke of the outstanding work being done at Douglas L. Jamerson Elementary to promote STEM education and the honor of being named the number one elementary STEM program in the nation.

Mrs. Kristy Moody and her staff were greeted and congratulated by the board.

4. Recognition of the 2015-2016 Outstanding Volunteer Winners, Presented by Valerie Brimm, Ed.D., Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships

Dr. Valerie Brimm, director, office of strategic partnerships, introduced the 2015-2016 outstanding school volunteers. The winners are:

Area I

Youth: Jennifer Cerroblanco - Dunedin Elementary School

Adult: Lisa McMenamin - Brooker Creek Elementary School

Senior: Darlene Peter - McMullen Booth Elementary School

Area II

Youth: Daniela Perez-Garcia - Mildred Helms Elementary School

Adult: William Schmidling - Oak Grove Middle School

Senior: Betty Wainright - Ridgecrest Elementary School

Area III

Youth: Grayson Barnard - Gulfport Elementary School

Adult: Frances Markowski - Oakhurst Elementary School

Senior: Arthur William Tripke, Jr. - Oakhurst Elementary School

Area IV

Youth: Nicholas Thompson - M.K. Rawlings Elementary School

Adult: Michael Bauer - Northeast High School

Senior: Robert Sakoff - Meadowlawn Middle School

Career Technical and Adult Education

Youth: Alexis Dion Deveaux - Gus A. Stavros Institute (unable to attend)
 Senior: Elizabeth Tyndall Shreero - Gus A. Stavros Institute
 The volunteers 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 #4: Request Approval of the Appointment of the Manager, Budget, FTE, and Cost Reporting

Consent Agenda Item #7: Request Approval of Change Order No. 1 With Automated Building Controls Systems, Inc. for Controls Replacement. This change order will increase the contract amount by \$86,168 with no time extension at Administration Building, Project No. 9003.

Nonconsent Agenda Item #4: Request Approval of the Amendment to the Charter School Contract for Athenian Academy to Increase Enrollment

Mr. Klutho does not believe we adhere to District Strategic Direction #3: Effective and Efficient Use of Resources and stated his concern about public funds spent for charter schools.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. Consent

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

1. Request Approval of Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of February 9, 2016
Approved as submitted
2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)
3. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Bardmoor Elementary School

Appointment approved-Mark K. Ruscetta

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

4. Request Approval of the Appointment of the Manager, Budget, FTE, and Cost Reporting

Appointment approved-Lou Ann L. Jourdan

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

5. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects:

Approved as follows:

- Amendment (additional funds) for Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Secondary Grant, Section 131, \$60,926.00 additional funds (new total \$1,130,027.00)
- Amendment (additional funds) to Title III, Part A - English Language Acquisition Grant, \$152,866.49 additional funds (new total \$858,653.42)

6. Request Approval of Second Quarter Submittal of Change Order Summaries

Approved as submitted

7. Request Approval of Change Order No. 1 With Automated Building Controls Systems, Inc. for Controls Replacement. This change order will increase the contract amount by \$86,168 with no time extension at Administration Building, Project No. 9003.

Approved as submitted

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

Approved as submitted

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

Approved as submitted

10. 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 #163.)

XII. Nonconsent

1. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 2460 - EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION (This is the first reading.)

Ms. Sherry Aemisegger, executive director, exceptional student education, stated that updates had to be made to the district Policy 2460 due to 2015 legislative changes.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Krassner, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Rene Flowers, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Peluso, 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 5112 - ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS. (This is the first reading.)

Ms. Sara O'Toole, managing officer, school health services, shared that the changes to Policy 5112 are being made due to changes in state statues regarding immunizations and health examinations for students enrolling in Florida public schools.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Peluso, Board Member
SECONDER:	Janet R. Clark, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Peluso, 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 5320 - IMMUNIZATION. (This is the first reading.)

Ms. Sara O'Toole, managing officer, school health services, shared that the changes to Policy 5320 are being made due to changes in state statues regarding immunizations and health examinations for students enrolling in Florida public schools.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Peluso, Board Member
SECONDER:	Terry Krassner, Vice Chairman
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4. Request Approval of the Amendment to the Charter School Contract for Athenian Academy to Increase Enrollment

Mr. Rick Wolfe, director, charter schools and home education, shared the reason for Athenian Academy's request for increased enrollment is due to increased student capacity at their new school building.

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XIII. New Business

A. Items Introduced by Superintendent

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

1) He spoke about the success of the Ford Next Generation Learning (NGL) Winter Conference which the district recently hosted. The conference brought together educators, business leaders, and the community in partnership to align resources to improve student performance and readiness for college, careers, and life. He thanked the Pinellas Education Foundation for their support.

2) He said the Superintendent's North County Minority Advisory Council meeting held last night gave the district an opportunity to have dialogue with members of that community. Dr. William Corbett, deputy superintendent, shared information with the group. The meeting was attended by board members Peggy O'Shea, Rene Flowers, and Carol Cook.

3) He shared that the district had two winners in the Black History contest sponsored by the state. Shaday Lackey, teacher, Melrose Elementary, received the Excellence in Education Award for the elementary level and will receive \$500. Michaela Polman, student, Dunedin High School, won the student essay contest for the high school level and will receive a four-year Florida College Plan scholarship. The winners were recognized by Governor Scott during the Black History Month Reception at the Governor's Office.

4) He stated that Summer Bridge registration begins March 7, 2016. Most programs will take place Monday through Thursday, June 20 -July 14, 2016. Plans are to include 35 elementary school sites, 15 middle school sites and 19 high school sites; and include four ESY sites and 17 VPK sites. He said additional information can be found on the district website.

5) He shared a resource available to students to prepare for the SAT on Khan Academy. This is available due to a partnership with the College Board. He said students can log onto www.SATpractice.org for free personalized instruction.

6) He shared the good news that the district has been accepted as a member of the Council of Great City Schools thanks to a proposal prepared by Dr. Mary Beth Corace. He said that he and Mrs. O'Shea, board chair, will be on the Council's Board of Directors and will attend a meeting during the Legislative/Policy Conference in Washington, March 19-22, 2016.

7) He said a meeting was scheduled in Atlanta as a follow up to the January convening in Washington D.C. regarding discipline issues that was attended by Mr. Bob Poth and

Ms. Patricia Wright, area superintendents. This trip included Mr. Poth, Ms. Wright, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Flowers (school board member) and Pastor Manual Sykes of the St. Petersburg community. Sharing of best practices with districts from across the nation along with open dialogue regarding current issues was very beneficial.

B. *Items Introduced by School Board Attorney*

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

C. *Items Introduced by the Board*

Linda Lerner-1) She mentioned today's Newspaper in Education proclamation and though she understands the benefits of reading the newspaper she also shared her concern with the negativity of the Failure Factories article and stated that she finds it irresponsible reporting. 2) She spoke about the commitment of the employees at Raymond James who have joined Lunch Pals and have provided 100 employee mentors through this program. Contact the Office of Strategic Partnerships if interested in participating in the program. 3) She shared that partnerships work and she has found success when people work together and have open and honest communication. The district is looking at best practices for discipline. 4) Following Ken Peluso's remarks she commented that the Education Foundation has done so much for students, yet the Tampa Bay Times criticized them. She said the foundation raised over \$110 million for scholarships for all students and provides grants for teachers. 5) She shared that since 2011 our African American graduation rate increased 17.5%, we are making progress, it does take time.

Rene Flowers-1) She attended Fairmount Park's staff cook out which was organized to show appreciation for the staff. 2) She announced that Lakewood High's wrestling team is going to district finals and shared their story of how the coach is doing a great job in growing the team and working with them to be successful. 3) She thanked Pinellas County Schools for being the leader in moving ahead with recess for elementary students. 4) The Dr. Carter Woodson African American History museum is a great place for people to come and learn more about black history. She thanked the City of St. Petersburg for their support. 5) She shared her experience at the conference in Atlanta and the conversation about discipline concerns that face many school districts across the nation. She applauds what the district is doing to keep students in school and in their seats learning; student attendance is important. She stated that many of the strategies shared at the meeting are already being done in Pinellas County, like PBS (positive behavior support). This will all take time to get the results we want. Our goal is to graduate students on time; she feels encouraged.

Ken Peluso- He shared that he attended the Ford NGL Winter conference and the benefits of learning from each other. He said we are very fortunate to have the support of the Pinellas Education Foundation.

Carol Cook- She asked about the changes being made to the Code of Student Conduct since the first reading and to be sure the committee meets regarding those updates, prior to the second reading.

Dr. Grego assured her that Mr. Kennedy would follow that process.

Peggy O'Shea-1) She shared that the Ford NGL Winter conference was phenomenal. Students really "knocked it out of the park" with their training demonstrations. 2) Mentors and volunteers are a great example of how partnerships work. 3) She said the recess bill is dead in Tallahassee for this year, but other districts will model what we are doing. 4) She shared that there is a proposed bill that would allow records to be expunged for individuals under the age of 21 based on certain criteria. This will be a benefit to young people as they move into careers; watch for it and support it. 5) On Friday afternoon she went to the Dr. Carter Woodson Museum; they were honoring Jet Jackson and Barbara Shorter at an event there, she is a retired district principal. The museum was great.

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:

-meeting went well

Opportunities:

-microphone

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board; this meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary

XV. Public Speakers

The following individuals addressed the Board to share their comments:

1. Janice Metz

Ms. Metz, FAST (Faith Action & Strength Together), invited the Board to the Nehemiah

Action meeting at Tropicana Field on April 18, 2016.

2. Jayson James

Mr. James shared his concern regarding the quality of education offered and discipline disparities for black students.

3. Crystal Wilson

Ms. Wilson shared her concern regarding equity for black students.

4. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on the impact of school buildings on the environment.

5. Mike Gandolfo

Mr. Gandolfo, PCTA, shared concern with state government appropriations being diverted away from public schools and his support for higher wages for staff.

6. John Skinner

Mr. Skinner stated that education/training needs to be provided for the local job market.

7. Chimurenga Waller

Mr. Waller, Uhuru, stated that he disagrees with both the Tampa Bay Times and Mrs. Lerner; and the need for more black teachers.

8. Etta Tucker

Ms. Tucker spoke of the importance of the teaching of black history, not only during black history month.

9. Stacy Shelton

Ms. Shelton shared her appreciation for support professionals and the jobs they perform.

10. Ann Preus

Ms. Preus, ESOL teacher, expressed her concern with the testing schedule and cited examples.

11. Celeste Roche

Ms. Roche, teacher, spoke about the recent professional development day and the need for more relevant trainings.

12. Ashley Green

Ms. Green, Dream Defenders, spoke of the immediate need for educational reform for black students and announced a community barbecue, March 19, at Childs Park.

13. Loneiyce Washington

Ms. Washington shared that she was featured in the Tampa Bay Times article and spoke of her issues with Pinellas County Schools.

14. Paige Hammond

Ms. Hammond, student, spoke of her experiences in Pinellas County Schools.

15. Cherlexia Manarino

Ms. Manarino, parent, spoke of her experiences with Pinellas County Schools.

16. Lorena Grizzle

Ms. Grizzle shared her concern with our state legislature and lack of support for public education.

17. Myishia Colter

Ms. Colter, parent, spoke of her experiences with Pinellas County Schools.

18. ShaNyjah Williams

Ms. Williams, student, spoke of her experiences in Pinellas County Schools.

19. Laura McCrary

Ms. McCrary, United for Florida Children, expressed her concern with SB1714 for competency based education.

20. Laura Safford

Ms. Safford read a letter written by Annie Culbertson, paraprofessional, and her belief that her wages should be increased.

21. Ivan Hopkins

Mr. Hopkins, descendent of John Hopkins for whom the middle school was named, shared his concern for black students as referenced in the "Failure Factories" article in TBT.

22. Rick Smith

Mr. Smith, FPSU, spoke of structural racism and shared his viewpoint regarding higher wages for support staff.

This session ended at 7:33 p.m.