

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 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. at the School Board Administration Building, 301 Fourth Street SW, Largo, Florida.

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| 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 | |
| William Corbett | Deputy Superintendent | Present | |
| David Koperski | Board Attorney | Present | |
| Kevin Smith | Associate Superintendent/Finance Business Services | Present | |
| Clinton Herbic | Associate Superintendent/Operations | Present | |
| Ann Simonetti | Administrative Assistant and Clerk to the Board | Present | |

II. Amendments to the Agenda

At this time, Dr. Grego requested the following items be added to the agenda:

Consent Agenda Item # 3: Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Director, Human Resources / Professional Development

Consent Agenda Item # 4: Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Director, School Leadership

Consent Agenda Item # 5: Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the

Principal, Bear Creek Elementary School

Consent Agenda Item # 6: Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Campbell Park Elementary School

Consent Agenda Item # 7: Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Melrose Elementary School

Consent Agenda Item # 8: Request Approval to Create and/or Revise Job Descriptions Which Will Be Effective

Consent Agenda Item # 2: Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations, Set C, Administrative Transfers on page 72-73 to be effective July 1, 2016

Michael J Feeney, Principal, from Oldsmar Elementary to Principal, to High Point Elementary

Nanette H Grasso, Principal, from Melrose Elementary to Principal, Seminole Elementary

Jessley A Hathaway, Principal, from Walsingham Elementary to Principal, Gulfport Elementary

Kristy A Moody, Principal, from Jamerson Elementary to Principal, Fairmount Park Elementary

Robert A Ovalle, Principal, Campbell Park Elementary to Principal, Mount Vernon Elementary

Benigna A Pollauf, Principal, from Fairmount Park Elementary to Principal, Shore Acres Elementary

James E Pribble, Principal, Gulfport Elementary to Assistant Principal, Frontier Elementary

Susan J Taylor, Principal, from High Point Elementary to Principal, Southern Oak Elementary

Mrs. O'Shea stated that regarding the amendments to the agenda, she finds good cause to amend the agenda as outlined by Dr. Grego.

III. Invocation: Pastor Joe Glymph, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 455 Missouri Avenue, Largo, FL

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Glymph.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

National Anthem

The National Anthem was sung by Megan Gilbert, a sophomore from Dunedin High School.

Video: Students inspire success at GradNation event

The video highlighted the recent GradNation Summit. Students from Pinellas and Hillsborough County Schools shared presentations on student-led solutions to increase graduation rates. The event was sponsored by the Alliance for Public Schools, America's Promise Alliance and United Way Suncoast.

V. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps***Melanie Marquez Parra, Director, Strategic Communications***

Melanie Marquez Parra, director, strategic communications introduced the following individuals: Nelly Henjes, PESPA; Mike Gandolfo, PCTA; Cindy Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA; Linda Crawley, Pinellas Arts for a Complete Education Coalition; Pona Piekarski, North Pinellas County League of Women Voters; Lindsay Carson, Early Learning Coalition and Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times.

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

Tatiana Giron and Peter Rosche, Student Rights and Responsibilities representatives from Dunedin High School, addressed the Board to share information regarding programs and achievements taking place at their school.

VII. Adoption of Agenda

The action by the Board to adopt the agenda reflects the amendments presented by Dr. Grego during Item II. Amendments to the Agenda

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

VIII. Special Order Agenda

1. Request Approval of Proclamation Designating the Week of May 2-6, 2016, as Pinellas County Schools Teacher Appreciation Week

Dr. Ron Ciranna, assistant superintendent, human resources services, spoke of the contributions of teachers.

Terry Krassner read the proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Rene Flowers, seconded by Ken Peluso, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve May 2-6, 2016 as Teacher Appreciation Week.

Mrs. Lerner shared her viewpoint on the importance of public education teachers for their attendance at board meetings.

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

2. Recognition of Countryside High School Teacher and Students for Their Efforts in the Development of House Bill 1147 Which Relates to Florida 9-12 Curriculum
Mr. Ward Kennedy, area superintendent, introduced the students who drafted the bill which became law and their teacher who encouraged them to enter the competition.
Representative Latvala thanked Steve Swartzel, legislative liaison, for his work.

Hannah Abrams, Emily Cunningham, Mrs. Helen Tait, and state representative Chris Latvala were congratulated and greeted by the Board.

IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public speakers on specific agenda items.

X. Unfinished Business

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

1. Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 5120 – ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT (This is the second reading. There are no changes since the first reading.)
There were no public speakers to address the Board regarding the public hearing to consider the amendment to Policy 5120-ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT.

XI. Consent

The action by the Board to adopt the agenda reflects the amendments presented by Dr. Grego during Item II. Amendments to the Agenda

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| RESULT: | APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Carol J. Cook, Board Member |
| SECONDER: | Janet R. Clark, 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 April 12, 2016; and the School Board Workshop of April 12, 2016
Approved as submitted
2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations
Approved as amended under item II. Amendments to the Agenda
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)
3. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Director, Human Resources / Professional Development

This item was added under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda
Appointment approved-Valencia A. Walker
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

4. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Director, School Leadership

This item was added under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda
Appointment approved-Yvette B. McLean-Pilliner
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

5. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Bear Creek Elementary School

This item was added under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda
Appointment approved- Willette D. Houston
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

6. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Campbell Park Elementary School

This item was added under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda
Appointment approved- Christine Hoffman
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

7. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Melrose Elementary School

This item was added under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda
Appointment approved- Nikita J. Reed
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

8. Request Approval to Create and/or Revise Job Descriptions Which Will Be Effective April 27, 2016

Approved as submitted

9. Request Approval of Donation of Titled Vehicle to Pinellas County Schools

Approved as submitted

10. Request Approval for the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Add-on Endorsement Plan
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

11. Request Approval of Outboard Engine Training Program Agreement with Yamaha Motor Corporation and Pinellas Technical College - Clearwater
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

12. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 5 (January 2016) to the District's 2015/16 Budget
Approved as submitted

13. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending January 31, 2016
Approved as submitted

14. Request Approval of the 2016-2021 Educational Plant Survey 6.1
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

15. Request Approval of School Opening and Closing Times for 2016-2017
Approved as submitted

16. Request Approval of a Vehicle Use Agreement to a Non-Profit Organization for a Period of one Year
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

17. Request Approval to Recycle, Cannibalize, and/or Scrap Obsolete Fixed Assets
Approved as submitted

18. Request Approval of Selling the District's Surplus Equipment on the PublicSurplus.com Internet Auction Site
Approved as submitted

19. 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. Request Approval of the State of Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Statewide Provider Agreement

Ms. Gail Ramsdell, specialist, early childhood education, spoke of the importance of voluntary prekindergarten education and the collaboration with the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County. Ms. Lindsay Carson, CEO, Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, was introduced to the Board. Ms. Carson thanked the board for the data sharing agreement.

Mrs. Krassner asked that the 65 district schools offering VPK be listed on our website.

Dr. Peluso said the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County is the best in the state.

Mrs. O'Shea noted that the district's VPK programs work also work with ESE students.

Ms. Flowers shared the importance of public awareness of these programs and need for financial support by the community for the wrap around services.

XIII. New Business

A. *Items Introduced by Superintendent*

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

1) He shared that during the next few weeks our high schools will hold a Decision Day celebration with seniors to celebrate their plans for post high school. Photos will be shared via Facebook and the district website.

2) He said that as of Monday, April 25th 6,840 students are registered for our Summer Bridge program. This program continues to grow with 1,370 more students registered than this time last year.

3) He spoke about the Summer Reading Initiative, "Get in the Game" and the Fill the Bus project to get books into the hands of students. We are off to a great start; yesterday, the bus was here at the administration building.

4) He shared good news about district winners of Barnes Scholarships of the Tampa Bay Times Fund. Kevin Solomon, St. Petersburg High School won \$15,000 year for four years; Wesley Finch, Dunedin High School won \$1,000; Spencer Whitten, Seminole High School won \$1,000.

5) He said the National Association of Elementary School Principals awarded Leila Davis Elementary School Principal Kim Hill the Digital Leader of Early Learning Award. She was one of five principals nationwide to receive an award. In July 2016 she will be honored at the NAESP Best Practices for Better Schools Conference.

6) He spoke about the recent networking session at the Stavros Institute for the Executive PASS program. At the event it was announced that Belleair Elementary was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Annenberg School Fund for Children. Only ten schools were awarded grants. Belleair Elementary has a very successful Executive PASS partnership with Nielsen.

7) He thanked Maria Cantonis with the Pinellas Arts for a Complete Education Coalition for this morning's Principal Appreciation Breakfast. He said last Thursday was the Outstanding Volunteer Breakfast. Three category winners were announced: Daniel Perez-Garcia, Mildred Helms Elementary, youth winner overall; William Schmidling, Oak Grove Middle, adult winter overall; and, Robert Sakoff, Meadowlawn Middle, senior winner overall. He also thanked Al Ruechel for being the master of ceremonies and Achieva Credit Union for sponsoring the event.

8) He stated that this week there are two breakfasts that he will attend the Honors Breakfast and the Turnaround Students' Awards Breakfast.

B. *Items Introduced by School Board Attorney*

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

C. *Items Introduced by the Board*

Ms. Flowers-1) She said last Friday she attended the Enough is Enough Program at Pinellas Technical College. It was well attended. Judge Moore and Ken Irby were there. It was a student led discussion. 2) She went to the Dream Defenders Restorative Justice BBQ on Sunday. There was good dialogue and a good opportunity for the community to come together. She met some community members that she had not previously met. 3) She is looking forward to high school graduations. It is an opportunity for students to celebrate their hard work. She thanked staff and parents for motivating students.

Mrs. Krassner- 1) She spoke about Teacher Appreciation Week as Staff Appreciation Week as it takes everybody. She asked that staff members communicate with their leadership. 2) She spoke to our high school seniors to continue to make the right decisions and not do anything that will negatively impact their upcoming graduation.

Mrs. Lerner- She addressed HB1147 which was recently passed due to the work of out two Countryside High School students. Within this bill is the requirement for character education. She said students need more social studies and cultural competence built into their curriculum. She noted that Pinellas County Schools won the National Schools of Character Award in 2007.

D. *Review of Board Requests*

Dr. Corbett stated the following board requests:

-that district schools offering the VPK program be listed on our website

Dr. Corbett stated that Parent University is scheduled for May 14, 2016 at Gibbs High School from 8-11:30 a.m.

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses:

-responses to speakers

-break went smooth

*Opportunities:***XIV. Executive Session (Attorney-Client)**

Mr. David Koperski stated that he has called an Executive Session to discuss the Crowley vs. School Board, Pinellas County Case # 00-5661-CI-07. The Executive Session was announced to include seven school board members, Dr. Grego, David Koperski, outside counsel William Kebler and court reporter Rob Darling. Mr. Koperski indicated it would last approximately 20 minutes. Florida Statutes requires the executive session be scheduled during a regular board meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 6:14 p.m. and reconvened at 6:52 p.m.

XV. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board; this meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary

XVI. Public Speakers

The following individuals addressed the Board to share their comments:

1. Lenore Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner shared an article with the board "What Schools Must Learn from LA's

IPAD Debacle", 050815, and spoke against Common Core.

2. Susan Spaulding

Ms. Spaulding spoke about the cost of replacing teachers, the prediction of a teacher shortage and the importance of supporting educators.

3. Nelly Henjes

Ms. Henjes (PESPA) shared her viewpoint regarding wages for support professionals.

4. Mike Gandolfo

Mr. Gandolfo (PCTA) spoke of the need for all parties to work together to address the concerns facing this community.

5. Stacy Shelton

Ms. Shelton shared her viewpoint on the importance of mentoring new teachers to achieve desired results.

6. Barbara Mannix

Ms. Mannix spoke about air conditioning issues at schools.

7. Karen Baldino

Ms. Baldino shared her viewpoint regarding wages for support staff.

8. Linda Stoller (FAST)

Ms. Stoller thanked the board members who attended the Nehemiah Action and Dr. Grego for meeting with FAST members to discuss curriculum.

9. Michele John

Ms. John shared her viewpoint regarding wages for paraprofessionals.

10. Perry Timmerman

Mr. Timmerman, tenth grade student, spoke about issues he and other students are experiencing with Carnegie mathematics online instruction.

11. Mary Ann Baker

Ms. Baker thanked board members who attended the FAST meeting, the community for volunteering and the classroom teachers for all their hard work.

12. Nancy Velardi

Ms. Velardi shared her viewpoint on the practice of non-renewal of annual contract teachers.

13. Ethan John

Master John shared his experience with I-Station and ST Math online learning programs.

14. Ann Preus

Ms. Preus spoke of her experiences in Title I Schools and the need to support educators.

15. Celeste Roche

Ms. Roche spoke of her student's experience in the gifted program and is interested in knowing the outcomes of this first cadre of students in the gifted program.

16. Sarah Martinez

Ms. Martinez shared her experience as a support staff person and health care costs.

17. Janet Allman

Ms. Allman spoke in support of ESE assistants.

18. Lisette Barton

Ms. Barton spoke of her teaching experience and the need to support educators.

This session ended at 7:36 p.m.