

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2016 5:00 PM

School Administration Building

301 Fourth Street SW
Largo, FL 33770

~ Minutes ~

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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
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 Assistant and Clerk to the Board	Present	

II. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

III. Invocation: Reverend James Derbyshire, St. Dunstan's Anglican Church, 2790 Sunny Breeze Avenue, Largo, FL

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Derbyshire.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

National Anthem

A video of the Pinellas County Schools Choral and Orchestra educators performing the National Anthem at the 2016 All County Music Festival was shown.

Video: Celebrating the Class of 2016

The video highlighted Pinellas County Schools Class of 2016 high school graduation clips from Countryside, St. Petersburg, Northeast, and Lakewood High Schools.

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; Mike Gandolfo, PCTA; Cindy Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA; Pona Piekarski, League of Women Voters; Karen Santangelo, Pinellas Arts for a Complete Education Coalition; and, Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times.

VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities

During the summer months there are no presentations from the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee.

VII. Adoption of Agenda

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

VIII. Special Order Agenda

IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The following individuals shared their comments about specific agenda items:

-Mark Klutho

Consent Agenda Item # 28: Request Approval of Change Order No. 2 With Biltmore Construction Company, Inc. for the Construction of East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering. This change order will decrease the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$1,737,382.30 with no time extension, at East Lake Middle School, Project No. 4513

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will decrease the contract amount by \$98,424.00 with a forty-five (45) day time extension at Walsingham Elementary School, Project No. 9241

Consent Agenda Item # 30: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation (Building 4) as of March 28, 2016, Which is a Portion of the Project at Pinellas Park Elementary School, Project No. 9185

Nonconsent Agenda Item #2: Request Approval of a One-Year Charter Renewal for Newpoint Charter High School and Name Change to Pinellas Westcoast Academy High School

Nonconsent Agenda Item # 3: Request Approval of a Five-Year Charter Renewal for Pinellas Academy of Math and Science Charter School

Nonconsent Agenda Item # 4: Request Approval of a Five-Year Charter Renewal for Pinellas Primary Charter School

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint regarding the impact of construction projects on the environment and spoke against charter schools.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. Consent

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 School Board Workshop of May 10, 2016; the Special School Board Meeting of May 10, 2016; and, the Regular School Board Meeting of May 17, 2016
Approved as submitted
2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)
3. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Azalea Elementary School
Appointment approved-Michael D. Rebman
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)
4. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Jamerson Elementary School
Appointment approved- Brandie F. Williams-Macon

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

5. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Ponce de Leon Elementary School
Appointment approved-Stephanie Blackman
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

6. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Oldsmar Elementary School
Appointment approved-Jeffrey B. Moss
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

7. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Walsingham Elementary School
Appointment approved-Quinn L. Williams
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

8. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School
Appointment approved-Nicole P. Wilson
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

9. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Director, Pinellas Technical College - Clearwater
Appointment approved- Jake Prokop
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

10. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Administrator, Evening Adult High School - Clearwater
Appointment approved-James M. Joyer
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

11. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Administrator, Evening Adult High School - Lakewood
Appointment approved- Harriett L. Davis
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

12. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Largo Middle School
Appointment approved- Salima Lakhani
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

13. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Lealman Innovation Academy
Appointment approved- Valencia Gore
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

14. Request Approval of the Appointment of the Senior Coordinator, Evaluation (Title I)
Appointment approved- Samuel R. Whitten
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

15. Request Approval of the Appointment of the Exceptional Student Education Specialist (Specialized Services)
Appointment approved- Busara F. Pitts
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

16. Request Approval of the Appointment of the 9-12 Reading Specialist
Appointment approved- Jacqueline M. Hurley
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

17. Request Approval of Temporary Duty Elsewhere (TDE) Assignment for Michael Gandolfo to Serve as President of the Pinellas Classroom Teachers Association (PCTA) for the 2016/2017 School Year
Approved as submitted

18. Request Approval of Temporary Duty Elsewhere (TDE) Assignment for Nelly Henjes to Serve as President of the Pinellas Educational Support Professionals Association (PESPA) for 2016/2017
Approved as submitted

19. Request Approval to Extend the MetLife Voluntary Benefits Program Through December 31, 2017
Approved as submitted

20. Request Approval of a One-Year Extension of the MetLife Hospital Indemnity Plan From January 1, 2017
Approved as submitted

21. Request Approval to Extend the Hartford Life Insurance Policy to Provide Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits for Law Enforcement Officers Through September 30, 2018
Approved as submitted

22. Request Approval of Yearbook bid Selections
Approved as submitted

23. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 7 (March 2016) to the District's 2015/16 Budget
Approved as submitted

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

25. Request Approval of the Investment Portfolio Financial Statements for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2016
Approved as submitted

26. Request Approval of Vehicle Donation to Pinellas Technical College
Approved as submitted

27. Request Approval of the Facilities Joint Use Agreement With St. Petersburg College
Approved as submitted
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31. Request Approval of Selling the District's Surplus Equipment on the PublicSurplus.com Internet Auction Site
Approved as submitted
32. Request Approval to Recycle, Cannibalize, and/or Scrap Obsolete Fixed Assets
Approved as submitted
33. 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 #164.)

XII. Nonconsent

1. Request Approval to Renew the Agreement Between Community Tampa Bay, Inc. and the Pinellas County School Board
Ms. Lori Matway, associate superintendent, student and community services, shared that renewal of the agreement with Community Tampa Bay was discussed in depth at the May 10, 2016 school board workshop.
Mrs. Lerner commented on the longstanding relationship Pinellas County Schools has had with Community Tampa Bay and commended them for their outstanding work in the community.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

2. Request Approval of a One-Year Charter Renewal for Newpoint Charter High School and Name Change to Pinellas Westcoast Academy High School
Mr. Rick Wolfe, director, charter schools and home education, shared that this one-year renewal is being recommended due to the corrective action plan that is currently in place for the 2016-2017 school year.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

3. Request Approval of a Five-Year Charter Renewal for Pinellas Academy of Math and Science Charter School
Mr. Rick Wolfe, director, charter schools and home education, shared that the school received a C grade in 2014 and a B grade in 2015.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

4. Request Approval of a Five-Year Charter Renewal for Pinellas Primary Charter School
Mr. Rick Wolfe, director, charter schools and home education, shared that the school received a B grade in 2015.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

XIII. New Business

A. *Items Introduced by Superintendent*

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

- 1) He thanked the Board for attending graduations; all graduations had a board member present.
- 2) He thanked Ms. Lori Matway, associate superintendent, student and community services, and Ms. Rita Vasquez, executive director, high school education, for their diligence in coordinating the graduations.
- 3) He stated that our graduates will be attending more than 140 institutions and all branches of the United States Military. Some will attend programs outside the United States. There is a map outlining students' destinations on our website.
- 4) He spoke about the recent Job Fair and thanked Dr. Ciranna and the staff of Human Resources. As a result, 150 instructional contracts were issued.
- 5) He said that the Summer Bridge program will begin on Monday, June 20th; it is a shorter program this year due to the earlier start date for 2016-17 school year. Approximately 16,000 students have registered. The PCS Book Bus through the Fill the Bus campaign will visit various Summer Bridge sites to deliver books to students.
- 6) He shared information about the Summer Reading Initiative, Get in the Game, Read! Details are on the district website.

7) He reported that Dunedin Middle School's eighth-grade team placed first in their division at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals, and their seventh-grade team won second place in their division. They competed against teams from around the world.

8) He said that Education Week, a national publication, featured Boca Ciega High School's principal, Mr. Michael Vigue, who has made great strides in closing the achievement gap for African-American students.

9) He said the results from FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) testing have been received and are being reviewed. Improvements have been made at the Scale Up for Success Schools. A press release is forthcoming. He thanked teachers and staff that work with students regularly to attain these successes.

10) He advised the Board that he will be attending the Superintendent's Advisory Committee for the College Board next week.

B. *Items Introduced by School Board Attorney*

Mr. Koperki stated that he had no report.

C. *Items Introduced by the Board*

Mrs. Lerner- 1) She stated that she is happy with the progress being made in the district to improve student achievement. 2) She spoke about teachers who opted-out at the Scale Up for Success schools. They are good teachers, and will continue to be good teachers at other schools. 3) She referenced the Woodson African-American History Museum, St. Petersburg; the Pinellas County African-American History Museum, Clearwater; and shared that she went on the African-American Heritage Trail with Gwendolyn Reese. She distributed a brochure about the trail to the Board. She also attended the Humanitarian Awards at the Holocaust Museum. She is asking for more field trips for students to these locations to promote understanding. She asked if the district could support this opportunity by providing school buses during school hours. 4) She spoke about the recent mass murders in Orlando and the need for better understanding and tolerance. She shared that in 1999 the district started the Gay-Straight Alliance, a student led organization, and she is proud of the work the district is doing.

Mrs. O'Shea-1) She advised the Board that the Pinellas County Domestic Violence Task Force is asking for a board member to participate. It was noted that the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2016, which presents a conflict because a school board workshop is scheduled. The school board office will contact them to gather further information. Dr. Ken Peluso volunteered to represent the board, pending further information.

D. *Review of Board Requests*

Dr. Corbett shared the following board request:

-to examine the process and procedures for use of school buses during the school day for field trips to increase multi-cultural experiences

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses:

-efficient

Opportunities:

-too much back and forth with speakers

-lights

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board; this meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary

XV. Public Speakers

The following individuals addressed the Board to share their comments:

1. Veatrice Holifield

Ms. Holifield spoke about a former student who had a large disparity in ACT test scores that may indicate a learning disability, but it was not addressed at the time.

2. Lenore Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner shared her personal experiences and support for public education.

3. Michael Gandolfo

Mr. Gandolfo, PCTA, spoke of his educational experiences and his support for educators.

4. Velma Thompson

Ms. Thompson shared her concern with the high juvenile crime rate for auto theft in Pinellas

County. She will send her power point presentation to the Board.

5. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho spoke of the extinction of certain species and the relationship to changes in the environment.

6. Anita Welch

Ms. Welch, teacher, shared her viewpoint on improvements to reading instruction. She distributed copies of *Put Reading First, The Research Building Blocks for Teaching Children to Read, Kindergarten through Grade 3* by the Center for Improvement of Early Reading Achievement, September 2001.

7. Lynne Tucker

Ms. Tucker shared her viewpoint about the need to strengthen LGBTQ policies in the district.

8. Amber Wilson

Ms. Wilson spoke of the importance of education and parental support.

9. Holly Haggerty

Ms. Haggerty shared her viewpoint on improvements to reading instruction.

This session ended at 6:16 PM.