

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2016 5:00 PM

School Administration Building

301 Fourth Street SW
Largo, FL 33770

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Public Hearing on Budget - Time Certain 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 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	
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 additions or changes made to the agenda subsequent to its publication seven days ago:

Pulled Consent Agenda Item # 9: Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Interlocal Agreement With the City of Largo for Design and Construction Services for Road Improvements in the Area of Largo High School on 1st Avenue N.E., 2nd Street, and 4th Street N.E. in Connection with the Replacement Facility at Largo High School, Project No

4511

This is being pulled because the agreement is not ready.

Added Consent Agenda Item # 3: Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Midtown Academy

Added Nonconsent Agenda Item # 3: Request Approval of Opening of a new School, Midtown Academy, at 1701 10th Street South in St. Petersburg and the Lease Agreement With CA Tampa Bay 1701 10S LLC

Mrs. O'Shea stated that, as Chairperson, she has found good cause to amend the agenda and renumbered accordingly.

III. Invocation: Lt. Colonel Tom Jones, Salvation Army, 1625 North Belcher Road, Clearwater, FL 33765

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Jones delivered the invocation.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation.

National Anthem

The National Anthem was sung by Dr. Victoria Hagedorn with the Pinellas Arts for a Complete Education Coalition.

Video: Summer Reading Initiative

The video that was shown highlighted the Summer Reading Initiative. Many individuals throughout the district and the community worked to make this program a success by donating books and funds. Free books were distributed to students across the county utilizing a bus that was scheduled to be retired. The interior of the bus was retrofitted by students and staff at Pinellas Technical College Clearwater. District staff organized the books for delivery. This was truly a collaborative effort.

V. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

Lisa M. Wolf, Public Information Officer

Lisa Wolf, public information officer, introduced the following individuals: Dr. Victoria Hagedorn; Arts for a Complete Education 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:	Terry Krassner, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Rene Flowers, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Peluso, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

VIII. Special Order Agenda

1. Introduction of Newly Appointed Administrators

Dr. Grego introduced the newly appointed administrators.

Paula M. Texel, assistant superintendent, human resources services

Michael D. Rebman, principal, Azalea Elementary

Willette D. Houston, principal, Bear Creek Elementary

Jennifer H. Mekler, principal, Brooker Creek Elementary

Christine Hoffman, principal, Campbell Park Elementary

Brandie F. Williams-Macon, principal, Jamerson Elementary

Nikita J. Reed, principal, Melrose Elementary

Jeffrey B. Moss, principal, Oldsmar Elementary

Stephanie C. Blackman, principal, Ponce de Leon Elementary

Tzeporaw Sahadeo, principal, Sandy Lane Elementary

Nicole P. Wilson, principal, Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle

Quinn L. Williams, principal, Walsingham Elementary

Jake Prokop, director, Pinellas Technical College-Clearwater

The administrators were greeted and congratulated by the board.

2. *Recognition of Mrs. Carol Cook*

Ms. Lori Matway, associate superintendent, student and community services, said that Mrs. Carol Cook received a special recognition at the National PTA convention in Orlando this July. Mrs. Cook was honored for her 25+ years of voluntary service to the PTA. She shared a presentation documenting her twenty-five years of service.

Mrs. Cook was presented with a plaque.

She was congratulated by her fellow board members.

IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The following individuals addressed the board regarding specific agenda items:

Mark Klutho

Consent Agenda Item # 11: Request Approval of Change Order No. 3 With Creative Contractors Inc., for the Construction of Palm Harbor University High School Classroom Building. This change order will decrease the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$722,157.64 with no time extension, at Palm Harbor University High School, Project No. 4510

Consent Agenda Item # 12: Request Approval of Change Order No.1 With Creative Contractors, Inc. for the Media Center Redesign and Renovation. This change order will decrease the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$70,430.59 with no time extension, at Lakewood High School, Project No. 4520

Consent Agenda Item # 13: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Media Center Redesign/Renovation as of April 15, 2016, at Lakewood High School, Project No. 4520

Consent Agenda Item # 14: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Replacement Facility (Building 3, Interior Only) as of June 7, 2016, Which is a Portion of the Project at Largo High School, Project No. 4511

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on the district's building projects and environmental concerns.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. Consent

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

1. Request Approval of Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the Special School Board Workshop of June 23, 2016; the Regular School Board Meeting of June 28, 2016; and, the School Board Workshop of June 28, 2016
Approved as submitted
2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #165.)
3. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Midtown Academy
This item was added by the superintendent during Item II. Amendments to the Agenda
Appointment approved-Portia M. Slaughter
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #165.)
4. Request for Approval of the Pinellas County Schools Approved Field Trip List for the 2016-17 School Year

Approved as submitted

5. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects:

Approved as follows:

A. Title II, Part A Teacher and Principal Training and Recruitment Fund Grant \$4,957,565.00

B. Title I, Part A Grant \$29,016,231.00

C. Title III, Part A, English Language Acquisition \$854,104.28

D. Title III, Part A, Immigrant Grant \$122,709.38

E. Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) Grant \$10,000,000.00

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #165.)

6. Request Approval of Petty Cash Funds for 2016/17

Approved as submitted

7. Request Approval of Food Service Petty Cash and Change Funds for 2016/17

Approved as submitted

8. Request Approval of the District English Language Learners (ELL) Plan

Approved as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #165.)

9. Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School Recap/Recoat Roofing for Building Section A Thru P, for Project No. 9230, in the Amount of \$1,171,000, and the Agreement With Roof Engineering Associates, Inc. for Design and Contract Administration Services

Approved as submitted

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15. Request Approval of Renewal of the Agreements with Five (5) Referee Associations Permitting the use of Board Facilities for Meetings
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 #165.)

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

18. Request Approval to Recycle, Cannibalize, and/or Scrap Obsolete Fixed Assets
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 #165.)

XII. Nonconsent

1. Request Approval of the Recommendations of the District Referendum Work Group for the Expenditure of Referendum Funds for Year Twelve
Ms. Pam Moore, associate superintendent, teaching and learning services, stated that the district is indebted to the taxpayers for approving this referendum, initially in November 2004. It is coming to a vote again November 2016. She noted the benefits of this additional funding.
Dr. Grego added that teachers receive \$3,700 from this tax which speaks to the fact that citizens of this county value them.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Peluso, Board Member
SECONDER:	Terry Krassner, Vice Chairman
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 5517.01 – POLICY AGAINST BULLYING AND HARASSMENT (This is the first reading.)
Mr. David Koperski, school board attorney, spoke to this agenda item. He noted that due to recent change in state statute, the district must review their policy every three years and list the programs being utilized for bullying prevention. He said our district had already been using these programs, but we must now list them in our policy.

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

3. Request Approval of Opening of a new School, Midtown Academy, at 1701 10th Street South in St. Petersburg and the Lease Agreement With CA Tampa Bay 1701 10S LLC
This item was added by the superintendent during Item II. Amendments to the Agenda
Dr. Grego shared that University Preparatory Academy charter school's board chose to terminate the charter agreement and the school was to close. The district chose to move quickly to keep the school open because it was in the best interest of the students and

community. He thanked the board and district staff for their quick response and hard work.

Dr. Corbett also thanked the board and the staff, as well as the landlord's representatives, Mr. Leahy and Mr. Pierce, for negotiating a lease so quickly. He said the building will be ready, there is a name and school number, a principal, and they have hired about 1/3 of the staff. District coaches will teach in the classes where a teacher has not been hired. The school will offer tutoring, extended learning program, and before and after care program beginning the first day of school. He also thanked Dr. Go Davis and Dr. Ric Davis with COQEBS for communicating with the community. The principal has already held parent meetings and an Open House for students and families will occur next week.

Mrs. Lerner questioned Article III. Purchase Option. The amount is \$7,578,404.00. She questioned how they arrived at this number.

Dr. Corbett said it was based on the \$1.1 million purchase price plus the \$6.5 million the charter company put into renovations.

Mrs. Lerner said she would prefer that number not be in the agreement or note as negotiated. She feels that once we take over the school we are in it for the long run. She asked if that could be noted in the lease.

Mr. Koperski said the district does not have to purchase the building for that price. Following the appropriate appraisal process and amount would be negotiated.

Mrs. O'Shea asked if this would be the maximum the district would pay for this property.

Dr. Grego said it is in the contract as an option; but if we decide to purchase it would be negotiated.

Dr. Peluso said it is a non-binding option.

Mrs. Cook thanked Dr. Corbett for his work on this project and the landlords for working with the district.

Ms. Flowers asked if the state would offer any remuneration of money regarding the funds they already gave the charter school. She also noted that this is an investment in the community; values in St. Petersburg have risen; this includes the property and the building. She also thanked the landlord for working with us. She is working to assist with school uniforms and the continuation of the Girls, Inc. program. She referenced her statement published in the Weekly Challenger (July 14, 2016). She said that she has received a lot of positive comments from the community for the name Midtown Academy and she thanked the board for supporting it.

Dr. Peluso thanked Ms. Flowers for her insight in suggesting the name. This is appropriate to help the students and best for the community.

Mrs. Lerner agreed with Dr. Peluso's comments. She currently serves on the board of Daystar Life Center, a non-profit, and they are looking at property in St. Petersburg so she is familiar with the property values in the area. She said she supports the school, but not the lease agreement, and will vote against this item.

Mrs. O'Shea said that she supports the school and everything that is being done to move ahead; there is a positive response from the community. Charter schools should not be allowed to leave students in the lurch at this last minute. Opening this school is a good decision.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Terry Krassner, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Janet R. Clark, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Peluso, Cook, Clark, Krassner, O' Shea
NAYS:	Linda S. Lerner

XIII. New Business

A. Items Introduced by Superintendent

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

1) He said yesterday the principals Welcome Back Leadership meeting was held at Largo High; the new building is beautiful.

2) He reviewed the school grades which were recently released. Twenty-two schools maintained an A grade. Azalea Elementary went from a B to A; Belleair Elementary from a D to B. Seven schools improved from D to C. The number of F schools dropped from seven to two. Maximo and Sandy Lane elementary schools from an F to C. Five of the seven Transformation Zone schools improved a letter grade. More than 90 % of our elementary schools earned an A, B or C and a high percentage of middle schools also. Staff is doing a great job.

3) He shared that he and Peggy O'Shea attended the State Board of Education meeting; where they presented the district's hybrid turnaround model for five schools to be used for the next two years; Campbell Park, Fairmount Park, High Point & Melrose elementary schools and Azalea Middle School. All plans were approved and the district was acknowledged for its improvement.

4) He stated that schools will open August 10 and teachers return on August 1. There was a lot of professional development training this summer and thanked all involved. Embrace Pinellas for new teachers and ECET for teacher leaders were both very successful. We have thousands of dedicated employees who are working to improve the district.

5) He said our transportation department is in great shape. There are 454 buses; he asked the public to be watchful of school buses and to put safety first. Last school year bus drivers covered 9.1 million miles. The food service department served 9.9 million lunches last year.

6) He spoke of the hiring that was accomplished this summer. Details are shared in the Friday Update sent to board members. He thanked them for their flexibility in approving these recommendations and getting administrators in place prior to the start of the school year.

7) He attended the Pinellas Technical College graduation. About 180 graduates attended the ceremony. These individuals are now prepared to enter the workforce. This is a great economic benefit to our community.

8) He reminded everyone that the Pinellas Education Foundation is sponsoring Stuff the Bus in the next two weeks. The bus will be at Largo Mall, July 29 from 10 to 5; Carillon Park, August 5 from 7 to 6; and St. Petersburg City Hall, August 9 from 9-3.

B. Items Introduced by School Board Attorney

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

C. Items Introduced by the Board

Mrs. Krassner- She wished everyone a tremendous 16-17 school year and urged school leadership to create a sense of family at their schools, work as a team, and embrace everyone in the school community.

Mrs. Cook-She said when she attended the National PTA convention in Orlando, Florida, recently, many awards were given to Pinellas County PTA's. Shore Acres Elementary received a state PTA award for advocacy. PCCPTA won all the awards for which they were eligible except for one. Jessica Summers, president, PCCPTA, was awarded for her outstanding service. Gulfport Elementary was honored with the National PTA School of Excellence Award. PTA does wonderful things for children.

Ms. Flowers- 1) She shared that on August 1, she will join Melrose Elementary staff on a tour of south St. Petersburg to familiarize them with the community. 2) She thanked Terry Krassner for attending the spelling bee which was recently held at the Child's Park YMCA. Dr. Antonio Burt served as one of the judges. 3) On July 20, she and Mrs. Cook attended the FSBA Federal Relations Subcommittee meeting. They were assembled as an ESSA (Every Child Succeeds Act) Workgroup to review the new federal law and develop recommendations for Florida's compliance plan. She thanked the staff of FSBA for preparing comments to be shared with the state department of education. It was a lot of information.

These collaborative work meetings that gather input from all parties are important. We need to work with the legislature to get things done. 4) She said she will attend the FSBA Leadership Development Training in Winter Haven, along with Dr. Peluso, this September. 5) She reminded the public that she has organized a school uniform giveaway including 3 tops/2 bottoms on a first come, first serve, for 250 students in need at each of these schools; Campbell Park, Maximo, and Melrose Elementary. Parents should speak with their teacher about the program and receive a yellow ticket. For Lakewood Elementary, Midtown Academy, and Fairmount Park Elementary there will be 10 uniform sets per school to be distributed to families in need. She received a \$15,000 donation from Sheriff Gualtieri. She reminded students that police officers are there to help them. With the assistance of Dr. Grego, the plan was established. 6) She said she would like to try and make it to the bus compound at 4:00 a.m. with donuts the first day of school to support the bus drivers.

Mrs. Cook-She added to Ms. Flowers comments about the ESSA Workgroup by saying she found it very beneficial and a lot was learned. The session was collaborative and it

helped the group to have a better understanding of the law. The end result was a good product that will be shared with the state.

Mrs. Krassner- She added to Ms. Flowers comments by saying that the Childs Park YMCA is a model for community outreach programs. She said the spelling bee involved students in preK to grade 5 with lots of families in attendance.

D. Review of Board Requests

Dr. Corbett stated that there were no board requests.

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses:

-timed perfectly

-clear presentation

-nice award for Carol

Opportunities:

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board; this meeting adjourned at 6: 22 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary

XV. Public Speakers

The following individuals addressed the Board to share their comments:

1. Lenore Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner shared her personal experiences and spoke in favor of educational excellence.

2. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho noted the use of incorrect grammar by staff and his viewpoint on environmental issues.

3. Colleen Parker

Ms. Parker complimented schools that have saved energy without sacrificing comfort. She noted that some high schools received poor letter grades from the state, and shared concerns she has with some methods of instruction.

This session ended at 6:32 p.m.