

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 2016 10:00 AM

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 10:01 a.m. on August 23, 2016 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 | 10:05 AM |
| 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

At this time, Dr. Grego said there were no amendments to the agenda.

III. Invocation

Ms. Patricia Wright, area superintendent, delivered the invocation, following the National Anthem.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the National Anthem.

National Anthem

The National Anthem was sung by the Rebel Clefs of Dixie Hollins High School. The Rebel Clef singers are: Alexandra Stimens, Rachel LeVine, Faith Tinsley, Miarose Fox, David Campbell, Elijah Nunez, James Ford and Michael Hill.

Video: Largo High School opens new campus

The video highlighted the newly constructed Largo High School.

V. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

Lisa M. Wolf, Public Information Officer

Ms. Lisa Wolf, public information officer, introduced the following individuals: Nelly Henjes, PESPA; Mike Gandolfo, PCTA; Cindy Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA; Maria Cantonis and Madeline Dunsizer, Arts for a Complete Education Coalition; and Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times.

VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities: Dixie Hollins High School

Ms. Lisa Wolf, public information officer, introduced Anthony Ruffin and Molly Niska, student rights and responsibilities representatives from Dixie Hollins High School. They addressed the board to share information regarding programs and achievements taking place at their school.

Mrs. Krassner commented on the wide variety of programs offered at the school.

VII. Adoption of Agenda

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Terry Krassner, Vice Chairman |
| SECONDER: | Carol J. Cook, 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 following newly appointed administrators to the Board:

Ms. Michelle L. Anderson, K-8 Social Studies Specialist

Ms. Jacqueline M. Hurley, 9-12 Reading Specialist

Mr. Brian K. Lowe, Vehicle Maintenance Specialist

The administrators were greeted and congratulated by the Board.

IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The following individual shared his comments on specific agenda items:

-Mark Klutho

Consent Agenda Item # 9: Request Approval of the Agreement With Learning Science International-Centers of Excellence \$122,500

Consent Agenda Item # 10: Request Approval of the Agreement With Learning Science International-Administrator Training \$154,000

Consent Agenda Item # 24: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Ceiling, Lighting and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Renovation (Area "A" Administration Offices and Entrance Only) as of July 18, 2016, Which is a Portion of the Project at Curlew Creek Elementary School, Project No. 9031

Consent Agenda Item # 25: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Ceiling, Lighting and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Renovation (Area "A" and Area "B" Corridor) as of July 20, 2016, Which is a Portion of the Project at Curlew Creek Elementary School, Project No. 9031

Consent Agenda Item # 26: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Ceiling, Lighting and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Renovation (Area "C" and Area "D" Classrooms) as of July 25, 2016, Which is a Portion of the Project at Curlew Creek Elementary School, Project No. 9031

Consent Agenda Item # 27: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation (Buildings 12 and 13) as of June 6, 2016, at Pinellas Park Elementary School, Project No. 9185

Nonconsent Agenda Item # 2: Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 2250 - FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOLS, MAGNET PROGRAMS, AND CAREER ACADEMIES (This is the first reading.)

Mr. Klutho voiced his concern with the use of lighting on a building and HVAC systems.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. Consent

At this time, Ms. Rene Flowers pulled consent agenda item # 11 for comment

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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 School Board Workshop of July 19, 2016; Special School Board Meeting of July 19, 2016; Regular School Board Meeting of July 26, 2016; and, Public Hearing on Tentative 2016/17 Millage Rates and District Budget of July 26, 2016

Approved as submitted

2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations: Personnel Actions as Recommended by the Superintendent
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #165.)

3. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Midtown Academy
Appointment approved- Lenethe Walker-Cowart
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #165.)

4. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Tarpon Springs High School
Appointment approved -Shawn D. Skelly
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #165.)

5. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Tarpon Springs High School
Appointment approved-Vincent M. Natoli
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #165.)

6. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Tarpon Springs High School
Appointment approved -Lonnelle Alexander
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #165.)

7. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Pinellas Gulf Coast A
Appointment approved- Dallas C. Jackson
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #165.)

8. Request Approval to Create or Revise Job Descriptions Which Will Be Effective August 24, 2016
Approved as submitted

9. Request Approval of the Agreement With Learning Science International-Centers of Excellence \$122,500

Approved as submitted

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

10. Request Approval of the Agreement With Learning Science International-Administrator Training \$154,000

Approved as submitted

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11. Request Approval of the Agreement Between School Board of Pinellas County and The Arts Conservatory for Teens

This item was pulled by Ms. Flowers for comment. Please refer to XII. Consent Agenda-Items Pulled.

12. Request Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between PACE Center for Girls, Inc. and the School Board of Pinellas County

Approved as submitted

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

13. Request Approval of the 2016-2018 School Health Services Plan for Pinellas County

Approved as submitted

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

14. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 9 (May 2016) to the District's 2015/16 Budget

Approved as submitted

15. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending May 31, 2016

Approved as submitted

16. Request Acceptance of the Audit Report of the Financial Statements and the Investment Portfolio Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015 Prepared by Carr, Riggs & Ingram

Approved as submitted

17. Request Approval of the District's Annual Property Records Inventory Report for Fiscal Year 2015/2016

Approved as submitted

18. Request Approval to Retire Tagged Fixed Assets Reported Missing in 2015/16 for Two Consecutive Years
Approved as submitted

19. Request Approval to Retire Tagged Fixed Assets Reported as Lost, Stolen or Destroyed
Approved as submitted

20. Request Approval of the Great Schools Partnership (GSP) Agreement
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #165.)

21. Request Approval of the Renewal of the Agreement With the Boy Scouts of America, Inc., to Permit the use of School Board Facilities for Boy Scout Meetings
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #165.)

22. Request Approval of the Fourth Fiscal Quarter 2015/2016 Report of the Facility Leases, Joint-Use Activities, and Other Community Uses Processed by the Real Estate Department
Approved as submitted

23. Request Approval of Fourth Quarter Submittal of Change Order Summaries
Approved as submitted

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Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #165.)
28. 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.)
29. Request Approval of Selling the District's Surplus Equipment on the PublicSurplus.com Internet Auction Site
Approved as submitted
30. Request Approval to Recycle, Cannibalize, and/or Scrap Obsolete Fixed Assets
Approved as submitted
31. 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. Consent Agenda-Items Pulled

Consent Agenda Item # 11 pulled by Ms. Flowers for comment.

Request Approval of the Agreement Between School Board of Pinellas County and The Arts Conservatory for Teens

Ms. Flowers spoke of the benefit for students participating in ACT. The program focuses on arts and culture. It gives children an outlet through art expression.

Ms. Flowers introduced Mr. Alex Harris, CEO, Arts Conservatory for Teens.

Mrs. O'Shea stated that Pinellas County Schools has a strong commitment to the arts.

Approved as submitted.

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

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

XIII. Nonconsent

1. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to the following Student Progression Plan policies: Policy 5410.01 - REQUIRED CORE CURRICULUM/PROMOTION/RETENTION/ACCELERATION - ELEMENTARY, Policy 5410.02 - REGULAR PROGRAM CORE CURRICULUM/PROMOTION/RETENTION/ACCELERATION - MIDDLE SCHOOL, Policy 5420.01 - REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS - ELEMENTARY, Policy 5420.02 - REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS - MIDDLE SCHOOL, Policy 5430 - CLASS RANK, Policy 5440 HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT AND STUDENT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, Policy 5455 - FLORIDA'S BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, and Policy 5460 - GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (This is the first reading).

Ms. Pam Moore, associate superintendent, teaching and learning services, spoke briefly about the amendments made to the student progression plan policies. These plan edits were reviewed at the August 16, 2016 school board workshop.

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| 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 2250 – FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOLS, MAGNET PROGRAMS, AND CAREER ACADEMIES (This is the first reading.)

Mr. William Lawrence, director, student assignment, reviewed some of the amendments made to Policy 2250. These plan changes were reviewed at the August 16, 2016 school board workshop

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

XIV. New Business

A. Items Introduced by Superintendent

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

- 1) He noted that this is the first school board meeting since the opening of the school year and thanked all staff and the school board for their support. This was one of the smoothest openings he has experienced.
- 2) He shared his extreme pleasure with the results of the recent Department of Education Monitoring Report for Title I. Out of 56 compliance items; there were no findings for Title I, Part A. The state said we should continue our efforts to recruit and retain experienced teachers in our Scale Up for Success schools; this is a priority in the district and will continue. Currently out of 230 instructional staff at the five Scale Up Schools, only 26 are brand new teachers. The DOE also stated that school administrators reported having a high level of satisfaction with the Title I, Part A staff. There is evidence of collaborative work among PCS staff to improve implementation of federal programs. The Educational Alternative Services department, Title I, Part D, does an excellent job of coordinating services within the district to serve our students. The DOE team visited 13 of our 64 Title I schools. He thanked Dr. Felita Grant, Ms. Lori Matway and their staff.
- 3) He said that Northeast High Academy of Finance student Ryan Jairam was awarded the 2016 Outstanding Intern of the Year for CTAE. He interns with Achieva Credit Union.
- 4) He thanked the Juvenile Welfare Board for the attendance awareness campaign which is intended to educate families on the importance of good attendance and the impact it has on student success. September will be Attendance Awareness Month.
- 5) He said a delegation from Kenya visited Pinellas Technical College to gain insight on how their government and PTC can collaborate on distance learning. The visit was made possible by World Partnerships.
- 6) He mentioned the AT&T grant which awarded \$25,000 for students at Gibbs High and Lakewood High through Pinellas Education Foundation's Next Generation Entrepreneurs and Next Generation Tech programs to offer workshops that will deliver training on effective business tools.
- 7) He thanked everyone who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Largo High and for the support of the board in building a new school. He also thanked Mr. Herbic for his oversight on the project.
- 8) He acknowledged Lakewood High School's CAT program for being recognized as a Microsoft Showcase School for the second year in a row. The school was honored as a global leader through this international recognition.
- 9) He said that Pinellas County Schools has been well represented in the 2016 Olympics. Melanie Margalis, former swimmer at Countryside HS, was part of the winning USA 4x200 meter freestyle team. Gibbs High graduate, Travyon Bromell made it to the finals of the 100 meters and was a member of the USA 4x100 relay team. Sydney Pickrem, an alumni of East Lake HS, swam for Canada in the 200 meter individual medley.
- 10) He shared the good works of Regions Bank who collected new shoes and socks for Pinellas County students in Title I schools. Donations were accepted at local branches from

workers and the community through their Share the Good campaign.

11) He said he was notified yesterday that Janet Acerra, teacher at Forest Lakes Elementary, received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This is a very prestigious award.

B. *Items Introduced by School Board Attorney*

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

C. *Items Introduced by the Board*

Dr. Peluso- He shared information about the ceremony at Curlew Hills Memory Gardens 9/11 Memorial Service beginning at 10:00 a.m. He serves on the committee that plans this annual event. Local schools will participate in this event. For juniors and seniors at high schools in that area, there is an essay contest.

Mrs. Krassner- She spoke about the teacher evaluation process and the need for a summary fact sheet that outlines state vs. District mandates. She wants to ensure consistency across the district in the execution of this process.

Ms. Flowers- She shared that the Florida Department of Health has partnered with St. Petersburg Health Department through Preserve Vision Florida to provide free vision screenings for adults and children on September 2 and 19, 2016 from 9 am-12noon. Free eyeglasses will be provided for those meeting the eligibility requirements. The address is 205 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. St. N., St. Petersburg.

Mrs. Lerner- She thanked Ms. Flowers for her comments about The Arts Conservatory for Teens. She feels it is important to highlight initiatives during the board meetings to better inform the public. At workshops, a lot of information is shared with the board about the items that are voted on at the meetings. The public can access the workshop documents and summary, written by Mrs. Simonetti, administrative assistant, posted to our website. She said that she would like to discuss the idea of sharing more information at school board meetings at the next workshop.

Ms. Flowers-She thanked Dr. Grego for highlighting the accomplishments of the Olympians and would like to publicly acknowledge their accomplishments at a school board meeting.

Mrs. Krassner- She asked to have further discussion with the board and superintendent regarding a process for plaques and special honors given to Pinellas County Schools students and alumni; recently a question was raised as to our process.

Mrs. O'Shea- She acknowledged the smooth opening of this school year, it was phenomenal. She thanked Dr. Grego for the synopsis on the Title I audit.

D. *Review of Board Requests*

Dr. Corbett noted the following requests that were presented during this meeting:

- a summary fact sheet that outlines state vs. District mandates in the teacher evaluation process.
- recognition of the Olympians at a future board meeting

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses:

- good meeting
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- Pat Wright-good invocation
- recognize teacher-President Award

*Opportunities:***XV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary

XVI. Public Speakers

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

1. Lenore Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner shared that she continues to fight for educational excellence and spoke of some personal experiences.

2. Valerie Boyer

Ms. Boyer stated that she contacted the board in July regarding her volunteer experience; she was honored as mentor of the year 2014.

(Ms. Boyer's email was received by school board members at that time.)

3. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho spoke of environmental concerns.

This session ended at 11:12 a.m.