



Pinellas County School Board

Regular School Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

301 Fourth Street SW
Largo, FL 33770
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Ann Simonetti

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

10:00 AM

School Administration Building

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.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

At this time, Dr. Grego requested the following amendment to the agenda:

Updated Consent Agenda Item # 2, pages 67-68, Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations (added 28A-28B), new co-teachers out-of-field.

Mrs. O'Shea stated that as board chair she found good cause to amend the agenda.

III. Invocation: Pastor Bob Martin, St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1199 Highland Avenue, Largo, FL

Pastor Bob Martin delivered the Invocation.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

National Anthem

The National Anthem was sung by Scott Bender, a student at Pinellas Park High School.

Video: Dads Take Your Child to School Day event features Tony Dungy

The video highlighted Dads Take Your Child to School Day. The day is honored in schools throughout Florida, and our school district hosted an event with the Department of Education that featured Pro Football Hall of Fame Coach Tony Dungy. He is the national spokesperson for All Pro Dads and he brought his inspirational message to students and community members at an event held at Gibbs High School on September 28.

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; Cindy Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA; Maria Cantonis, Arts for a Complete Education; Delia Miller, League of Women Voters North Pinellas County; and, Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times.

VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities: Pinellas Park High School

Ms. Lisa Wolf, public information officer, introduced Darko Cabo and Christina Piccione; student rights and responsibilities committee representatives from Pinellas Park High School. They addressed the Board to share information regarding programs and achievements taking place at their school.

VII. Adoption of Agenda

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

VIII. Special Order Agenda**1. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing Lights on Afterschool, Presented by Isabella Torbert, Title I Specialist**

Isabella Torbert shared the importance of after school programs and its positive impact on student achievement.

Terry Krassner read the Proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Terry Krassner and seconded by Janet Clark, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Proclamation Recognizing Lights on Afterschool on October 20, 2016.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #166.)

2. Recognition of National School Lunch Week, Presented by Lynn Geist, Director, Food Service

Ms. Lynn Geist spoke about the benefits a nutritious lunch provides our student population including its impact on student achievement. Food Services provides 56,000 lunches a day.

3. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing School Bus Safety Week, Presented by Rick McBride, Director of Transportation

Mr. Rick McBride spoke about the impact of providing safe transport to thousands of students who attend school. The district has 475 school bus drivers.

Janet Clark read the Proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Terry Krassner , seconded by Rene Flowers, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Proclamation Recognizing School Bus Safety Week on October 17-21, 2016.

Ms. Flowers thanked the transportation department for the service they provide in transporting our students safely and building positive relationships with them.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #166.)

4. Recognition of School Bus Drivers with Safe Driving Records, Presented by Rick McBride, Director of Transportation

Mr. Rick McBride recognized twenty-one school bus drivers with fifteen or more years with a safe driving record. He shared that 30% of our 475 drivers have five or more years with a safe driving record.

The drivers were greeted and congratulated by the Board.

5. Recognition of the 2016 Adele Graham Award Winner, Presented by Valerie Brimm, Ed.D., Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships

Dr. Valerie Brimm acknowledged Ms. Michelle Roberge, who was recognized as the 2016 Adele Graham Award winner for her involvement in the district's community and business partnerships volunteer programs.

Ms. Roberge was greeted and congratulated by the Board.

6. Introduction of Newly Appointed Administrators

Dr. Grego introduced newly appointed administrators.

Heath C. Glandon- applications administrator

Julian CJ Johnson-unified communications systems operator

Samuel R. Whiteen -senior coordinator, evaluation (Title I0)

The administrators were greeted and congratulated by the Board.

IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The following individual addressed the Board to offer their comments on specific agenda items:

-Mark Klutho

Consent Agenda Item # 6: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Chiller Replacement as of August 1, 2016, at Bardmoor Elementary School, Project No. 9002

Consent Agenda Item # 7: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Reroofing and Roof Coating as of September 8, 2016, at Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School, Project No. 9230

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on building repairs and environmental issues.

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

- Request Approval of Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the School Board Workshop of September 20, 2016; the Regular School Board Meeting of September 27, 2016; and, the School Board Leasing Corporation Meeting of September 27, 2016**

Approved as submitted

- Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations**

Approved as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #166.)

- Request Approval of the Following Special Projects:**

Approved as follows:

A. Title I, Part D, Neglected and Delinquent Grant \$661,764.00

B. Agreement with Learning for Life \$89,000.00

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #166.)

4. Request Approval of the Health Agreement Between Pinellas Association of Retarded Children and the School Board of Pinellas County Regarding Clinical Training

Approved as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #166.)

5. Request Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between Pinellas County and the School Board of Pinellas County for the use of the Pinellas County Public Safety Radio System

Approved as submitted

6. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Chiller Replacement as of August 1, 2016, at Bardmoor Elementary School, Project No. 9002

Approved as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #166.)

7. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Reroofing and Roof Coating as of September 8, 2016, at Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School, Project No. 9230

Approved as submitted

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8. 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 #166.)

9. Request Approval of Selling the Districts Surplus Equipment on the Public Surplus.com Internet Auction Site

Approved as submitted

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

Approved as submitted

11. 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 #166.)

XII. Nonconsent

XIII. New Business

A. Items Introduced by Superintendent

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

1) He spoke about Hurricane Matthew and its impact on other counties such as Duval; schools are still closed there. The district put safety first and closed schools on Friday, October 7, due to the prediction of high winds that would make driving unsafe. There are enough instructional days on our calendar that a make-up day will not be required. He thanked Mr. Herbic and the maintenance department for their preparedness.

2) He said tomorrow, October 12, is a professional development day. Training and planning time are scheduled; there will be no school for students.

3) He said the community input session to discuss closing the achievement gap held at Largo High School on Tuesday, October 4th, was well attended. There were approximately 250 attendees comprised of parents, teachers, principals and community members. Additional meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at Boca Ciega High School; Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at Gibbs High School; and, Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at Tarpon Springs High School. The sessions will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Additional dates will be added.

4) He shared that Parent University is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, at Countryside High School. Another is scheduled in the spring at Gibbs High School on April 22, 2017. These are well attended events.

5) He spoke about the district's Family and Community Engagement initiatives. He called upon Dr. Valerie Brimm, director, office of strategic partnerships, to speak about it. She shared the work they are doing with Dr. Karen Mapp. Schools are developing engagement teams to work with parents. Home visits are being done to build relationships with families to further support student achievement. A Family Engagement Conference is scheduled for November 4 at the St. Petersburg Hilton Bayfront, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Mrs. O'Shea, Ms. Flowers, and Mrs. Lerner all shared their support of these initiatives and the importance of bringing everyone together to help students succeed.

6) He said the increase in participation in Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSA) across the district is great news.

7) He shared that Dr. Solomon J. Lowery, the principal of Azalea Middle School, was one of 30 veterans awarded the Governor's Veterans Service Award for their service to Florida and the nation. He added that Lisa Turini, a seventh grade language arts teacher at Azalea Middle School, Patrick McMahon, a fifth grade teacher at Bear Creek Elementary School, and Marlene Johnson, an English teacher at Gibbs High School, received the Governor's Shine Award. These Pinellas teachers were among seven recent recipients of the award, which recognizes teachers and administrators who make significant contributions to the field of education.

8) He reminded everyone about the Pinellas Education Foundation's Halloween Hustle race at John's Pass in Madeira Beach, October 22. This is a fundraiser for Take Stock in Children. He encouraged everyone to come out and participate.

9) He reminded employees of the annual benefits enrollment period for 2017 is October 12 -25, 2016.

B. Items Introduced by School Board Attorney

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

C. Items Introduced by the Board

Mrs. O'Shea-1) She stated on Friday, October 7, both she and Dr. Peluso attended an event at the University of South Florida that honored Dr. Grego with the University of South Florida College of Education Lifetime Achievement Alumni Award. She congratulated him. 2) She said Lakewood Elementary recently held a PTA meeting and 200 people attended. This is an example of improvements in engaging families and the community to work together.

Ms. Flowers-1) She also thanked Principal Johnnie Crawford at Lakewood Elementary. 2) She said that she and Judge Patrice Moore shared the honor of presenting Dr. Grego the PEMHS 2016 Pacesetter Award at the Coliseum. She said that Dr. Grego recently received numerous awards and she congratulated him. 3) She thanked Dr. Connie Kolosey, director, library, technology, instructional materials, and digital learning, who, in conjunction with our transportation department, sent a Reading Bus to a recent literacy event at Pinellas Technical College. Parents and children were happy to receive free books and asked when the Reading Bus would be returning. 4) She gave a shout-out to Ms. Paula Texel, assistant superintendent, human resources services, who recently assisted an applicant who had a misunderstanding about information to be reported on his application. Ms. Texel worked with him to clarify the misunderstanding and he was appreciative.

Mrs. Cook-1) She reminded board members that FSBA has set up a go-to-meeting to answer questions about their proposed legislative platform for 2017. It is scheduled for Friday, October 14, from 12 noon-1 p.m. 2) She said she serves on the Value Adjustment Board, and a member of the public serves on it at the recommendation of the school board. The term will expire in November and a reappointment is necessary. After some discussion, board members decided to talk about it at next Tuesday's workshop, October 18. Then the recommendation will be voted on at the next board meeting.

Mrs. Lerner- 1) She thanked Mrs. Cook for her service as the FSBA Legislative Chair. It is an important position because legislation directly impacts education. 2) She added her congratulations to Dr. Grego for his USF award. 3) She noted that the Pinellas Education Foundation Halloween Hustle is a 5k run/walk event and encouraged attendance.

D. Review of Board Requests

Dr. Corbett stated the following board requests:

1. The strategic communications department will develop a public service announcement reminding drivers to obey laws concerning school bus safety.
2. A formal invitation for the Family Engagement Conference scheduled for November 4, 2016.

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses:

- positive shout-out to end meeting
- remembering PTA
- part of leadership sharing parent/community engagement

*Opportunities:***XIV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary

XV. Public Speakers

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

1. Lenore Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner shared her support of education excellence and her personal experience.

2. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on the district's impact on environmental concerns.

Mrs. Lerner said she wanted to end the meeting with a comment about the positive direction of this district. She shared that since 2011, the black student graduation rate has increased 17.5% and this last year, Pinellas County Schools had the second highest graduation rate for black students of the seven largest districts in the state.

The session ended at 11:45 a.m.