

## Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 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 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 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 Chairperson	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	
Clinton Herbic	Associate Superintendent/Operations	Present	
Kevin Smith	Associate Superintendent/Finance Business Services	Present	
Ann Simonetti	Clerk to the Board and Administrative Assistant	Present	

### II. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments made to the agenda.

### III. Invocation: Reverend Becky Robbins-Penniman, Church of the Good Shepherd, 639 Edgewater Drive, Dunedin, Florida 34698

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Robbins-Penniman.

#### **IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

##### ***National Anthem***

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem was sung by the Rebel Clefs Pop Ensemble, a student vocal group from Dixie Hollins High School.

##### ***Video: Pinellas students take part in global computer coding event to prepare for technology-driven workforce***

The video highlighted how students from Tyrone Middle School are developing skills for a workplace that has become increasingly dependent on technology. Tyrone Middle is one of thirty-one schools throughout the district whose students participated in a global event called the Hour of Code. During the event, students chose from multiple programs that required them to apply logic, reasoning, and problem solving skills. The event offered students a basic introduction of coding and helps to develop a passion for computer science and computer programming. Throughout Pinellas County Schools, students participate in coding through STEM clubs, programming and coding units in computer classes and special clubs like the "Girls who Code" program at Meadowlawn Middle. At several of the district's high schools, students can participate in Java, dot Net programming, and game and simulation classes; offered at Career Academies of Seminole, Clearwater, Countryside, Dixie Hollins, Gibbs, Northeast, St. Petersburg, Lakewood and Tarpon Springs.

#### **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; Victoria Hagedorn and Randi Hilleso, Arts for a Complete Education.

Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times, arrived following the introductions.

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

Danielle Morris and Michael Stover, Student Rights and Responsibilities representatives from Dixie Hollins High School, addressed the Board to share information regarding programs and achievements taking place at their school.

## VII. Adoption of Agenda

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

## VIII. Special Order Agenda

1. Presentation of a Proclamation for First Responder Appreciation Week, Presented by Mark Hunt, Executive Director, Career, Technical and Adult Education

Mr. Mark Hunt, Executive Director, Career, Technical and Adult Education introduced the first responders that were in attendance. He acknowledged officers from Pinellas County Schools Police, Pinellas County Sheriffs Office, and Largo Police Department, and students from Pinellas Park High first responder and criminal justice programs along with their assistant principal, Mr. Peppers.

Dr. Grego thanked them for their service.

**Terry Krassner read the proclamation aloud.**

**It was moved by Rene Flowers, seconded by Janet Clark, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve January 4-8, 2016 as Florida First Responder Appreciation Week.**

2. Presentation of the 2014-2015 Independent Citizens Referendum Oversight Committee (ICROC) Annual Report to the Pinellas County School Board and Citizens of Pinellas County, Presented by, Robert J. Safransky, Ph.D., Chairperson, Independent Citizens Referendum Oversight Committee

Ms. Pam Moore, Associate Superintendent, Teaching and Learning Services, introduced Dr. Robert Safransky, chairperson of the ICROC committee. A video was shown entitled "Referendum Dollars at a Glance."

Mrs. O'Shea thanked the public for their support and noted that it will be on the ballot in November 2016.

3. Recognition of Student Essay Winners Receiving Four-Year Florida College Plan Scholarships From Their Participation in the 2015 Hispanic Heritage Month State Contest, Presented by Pamela Moore, Associate Superintendent, Teaching and Learning Services

Mrs. Pam Moore, Associate Superintendent, Teaching and Learning Services, stated that two of the three state winners are students in Pinellas County schools. Both winners have received a four-year Florida Prepaid scholarship.

Miss Camila Olivero and Miss Annelise Vieira were greeted and congratulated by the Board.

4. Recognition of the Tarpon Springs Outdoor Performance Ensemble Under the Direction of Kevin Ford and Staff for Being Named the 2015 Bands of America National Super Regional Champion and Being Awarded the Blue Ribbon of Excellence Award by the National Band Association, Presented by Jeanne W. Reynolds, PreK-12 Performing Arts Specialist  
Dr. Grego called upon Ms. Jeanne Reynolds, PreK-12 Performing Arts Specialist, acknowledge this outstanding accomplishment. She stated that under the direction of Kevin Ford, the TSHS Outdoor Performance Ensemble has earned the Blue Ribbon of Excellence Award; the only high school in the nation to receive this honor.

Mr. Kevin Ford, Director, TSHS Leadership Conservatory for the Arts, Mr. Chris DeLeon, Associate Director, TSHS Leadership Conservatory for the Arts, and Ms. Leza Fatolitis, principal, Tarpon Springs HS, were greeted and congratulated by the Board.

5. Recognition of Jim's Harley-Davidson and the Jim Rosenkrans Memorial Toy Run Support to the Pinellas County Schools and Students  
Ms. Lori Matway, Associate Superintendent, Student and Community Services, introduced Jamie Rosenkrans, widow of Jim Rosenkrans and owner of Jim's Harley Davidson. Ms. Matway noted that this year's toy run raised \$35,042 in cash, toys, and canned foods. Their efforts impact sixteen of our elementary and middle schools.

Ms. Jamie Rosenkrans and Mr. Steve Greenstein, general manager of Jim's, were greeted and congratulated by the Board.

## IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The following individuals addressed the Board to offer their comments on selected agenda items:

1. Vonchinna Woodard

*Consent Agenda Item #10: Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Ms. Vonchinna Woodard, Bus Driver, Employed with the Transportation Department*

Ms. Woodard spoke on her own behalf regarding her pending dismissal. (She was allotted five minutes per board policy.)

Ms. Laurie Dart, Staff Attorney, referenced Policy 4140 and the progressive discipline process which has been followed.

2. Mark Klutho

*Consent Agenda Item #12: Request Approval of the Following Special Projects Agreement With Learning Sciences International School Turnaround, \$117,070.50*

*Consent Agenda Item #21: Request Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Agreement With Harvard Jolly, Inc. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection With Road*

*Improvements in the Area of Largo High School on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE in the Amount of \$122,566.50, Resulting in a Total Project Architect/Engineer (PA/E) fee of \$3,761,630.50 at Largo High School, Project No. 4511*

*Consent Agenda Item #22: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation (Building 9) as of September 11, 2015, Which is a Portion of the Project at Pinellas Park Elementary School, Project No. 9185*

*Consent Agenda Item #23: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovations (Building 5, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor) as of November 20, 2015 Which is a Portion of the Project at Sawgrass Lake Elementary School, Project No. 9183*

*Consent Agenda Item #24: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovations (Building 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) as of December 2,*

*2015 Which is a Portion of the Project at Sawgrass Lake Elementary School, Project No. 9183*

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint regarding school buildings and their impact on climate change.

## X. Unfinished Business

## XI. Consent

Mrs. Cook pulled Consent Agenda Item #10: Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Ms. Vonchinna Woodard, Bus Driver, Employed With the Transportation Department, prior to the vote on the consent agenda.

**It was moved by Ken Peluso and seconded by Carol Cook to adopt the consent agenda as amended. It passed with a 7-0 vote.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ken Peluso, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Janet R. Clark, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Flowers, Peluso, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

1. Request Approval of Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the Special School Board Meeting of December 4, 2015; and the Regular School Board Meeting of December 8, 2015  
Approved as submitted
2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations  
Approved as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)

3. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Bay Point Elementary School  
Appointment approved- Sara A. DePerro  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
4. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Lealman Innovation Academy  
Appointment approved- Connisheia T. Matthews  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
5. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Belleair Elementary School  
Appointment approved- Renee N. Kelly  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
6. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Bay Point Middle School  
Appointment approved- Jason V. Helbling  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
7. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Tarpon Springs High School  
Appointment approved- Nicole Gallucci  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
8. Request Approval of the Appointment of the 9-12 Mathematics Specialist  
Appointment approved- Donna L. De Sena  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
9. Request Approval of the Appointment of the Exceptional Student Education Specialist (Focus on PreK)  
Appointment approved- Teri R. Statton  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)

10. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Ms. Vonchinna Woodard, Bus Driver, Employed With the Transportation Department  
**PULLED:** See XII: Agenda Items Pulled
  
11. Request Approval of Amendment (Change in Statute Wording) to Interagency Agreement With Department of Children and Families, Suncoast Region, Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., d/b/a Eckerd, CBC Lead Agency, Worknet Pinellas, Inc., and The Florida Agency for Persons With Disabilities, Suncoast Region  
Approved as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
12. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects Agreement with Learning Sciences International School Turnaround, \$117,070.50  
Approved as follows:
  - Agreement With Learning Sciences International School Turnaround, \$117,070.50  
(Copy/copies to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
13. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 2 (October 2015) to the District's 2015/16 Budget  
Approved as submitted
  
14. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending October 31, 2015  
Approved as submitted
  
15. Request Acceptance of the 2014/15 Annual Financial Report  
Approved as submitted
  
16. Request Adoption of the Investment Portfolio Financial Statements for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2015  
Approved as submitted
  
17. Request Approval of the Agreement Between the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County and the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida for Collaborative Data  
Approved as submitted
  
18. Request Approval to Accept a Boat Donation to Pinellas Technical College, Clearwater from Philip Alphonse Dur  
Approved as submitted

19. Request Approval for Continuing Contracts for Construction Managers at Risk  
Approved as submitted
  
20. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Interior Renovations as of August 10, 2015 at East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering, Project No. 4513  
Approved as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
21. Request Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Agreement With Harvard Jolly, Inc. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection With Road Improvements in the Area of Largo High School on 1st Avenue NE, 2nd Street, and 4th Street NE in the Amount of \$122,566.50, Resulting in a Total Project Architect/Engineer (PA/E) fee of \$3,761,630.50 at Largo High School, Project No. 4511  
Approved as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
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Approved as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
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Approved as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
24. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovations (Building 5, 2nd Floor) as of December 2, 2015 Which is a Portion of the Project at Sawgrass Lake Elementary School, Project No. 9183  
Approved as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
25. 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 #162.)
  
26. Request Approval of Selling the District's Surplus Equipment on the PublicSurplus.com Internet Auction Site  
Approved as submitted

27. Request Approval to Recycle, Cannibalize, and/or Scrap Obsolete Fixed Assets  
Approved as submitted
28. 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 #162.)

## XII. Agenda Items Pulled

**PULLED:** *Consent Agenda Item #10: Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Ms. Vonchinna Woodard, Bus Driver, Employed with the Transportation Department*

Mrs. Carol Cook pulled this item to review some of the employee's evaluation and discipline history, as listed on page 113 of the board agenda, and stated that she was supporting the superintendent's recommendation for dismissal.

**It was moved by Ken Peluso and seconded by Carol Cook to approve the item as written. It passed with a 7-0 vote.**

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)

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

## XIII. Nonconsent

## XIV. New Business

### A. *Items Introduced by Superintendent*

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

1) He stated that the State Board of Education voted to support the recommendations of Commissioner Pam Stewart with regard to setting achievement level cut scores for the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) with regard to the calculation of school grades. He said that school superintendents, including him, were present at the meeting and shared their support for the Commissioner Stewart's recommendation. He added that he testified before the Board. Her recommendation was based on the established and transparent process that includes stakeholder review and comment and would result in a slight majority of students passing the assessment with a Level 3 or higher. He said the State Board voted 6-1 to adopt. He added that it has been a tough year for state accountability. Schools will receive their official results in February, after the rule takes effect.

2) He said our district's high school graduation rate increased for 2014-15 to 78.3% and we have seen a 13.1% increase since 2010-11. Our district outperformed the state graduation rate of 77.8%. He said our graduation rate is second highest in the Tampa Bay area. He thanked Ms. Rita Vasquez, Executive Director, High School Education, for her involvement. Fifteen of our sixteen traditional high schools increased the number of students graduating on time. He shared some of the highlights: Clearwater HS achieved an 86.8% graduation rate, which was the largest improvement and an increase of 4.9% more students graduating in 2015; Boca Ciega HS increased to 88.8% from 84%; Dunedin HS improved to 85.3%, an increase of 3.7%; St. Petersburg HS improved by 2% to 88.5% and Gibbs HS improved 2% to 82%. Additionally, four high schools saw graduation rates in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile: East Lake HS, Osceola Fundamental HS, Palm Harbor University HS and Tarpon Springs HS.

3) He shared that our district will host the Ford Next Generation Learning 2016 Winter Conference, February 17-19 at the Tradewinds Resort at St. Pete Beach. He advised that each day of the conference, participants will visit district schools and academy programs.

4) He stated that the Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for January 12-14 to facilitate registration of kindergarten students for 2016-17. All the details are given on our website.

5) He said the application period for the district's choice programs is underway and will end on Friday, January 15. Application assistance is being offered at Gibbs HS on Wednesday, January 13, from 6-8 p.m. and at our administration building on Thursday, January 14 from 4:30-7 pm.

6) He shared that the Support Employee of the Year is Jeff Redett, head plant operator at Ponce de Leon Elementary. The Outstanding Educator of the Year will be named from the ten finalists at the Pinellas Education Foundation's Evening of Excellence on February 2 at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

7) He shared the success of the Ties and Tennis Shoes Gala and 5k fundraising event sponsored by the Pinellas Education Foundation. Donations totaled \$600,000. The amount is matched by the state; so a total of 1.2 million was raised for the Take Stock in Children scholarship program.

8) He said there is a new program benefitting Pinellas Technical College students; free transportation will be provided by PSTA. An agreement starting January 1, 2016 will allow PTC students or staff members a free bus ride by showing their ID. This could potentially impact 3,000 students. There is also a marketing campaign to promote PTC being run on the back of two buses whose routes run the length of the county and on the inside of 200 buses. PTC ran a four page insert in the Tampa Bay Times most recent Sunday edition.

9) He shared that Parent University is scheduled for Saturday, February 6 at Countryside HS from 8:00 am-12 noon. These free informational sessions are designed to support families in the academic life of their children.

10) He informed the Board that he will be attending the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. banquet in St. Petersburg, Friday evening, January 15. He will also ride in the parade on Monday, January 18.

**B. *Items Introduced by School Board Attorney***

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

**C. Items Introduced by the Board**

Mrs. Lerner- She wanted to respond to recent remarks about the district and wished to clarify a few points. She shared that student achievement and behavior concerns have seen a marked improvement. She said that several programs had been added to south county schools such as Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle and James B. Sanderlin IB World School . In addition magnet programs were added to Melrose, Lakewood, Maximo and Campbell Park elementary schools. Regarding transportation to fundamental programs; both she and Dr. Grego have supported that idea and Thurgood Marshall has transportation provided. She does want to revisit providing transportation to fundamental programs. She said that she supports the decrease in out of school suspensions. She stated that as we look at in-school suspensions, instructors in room is a better practice. She wants to note that we are making progress.

Ms. Flowers- 1) She shared that she serves on the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) committee which works in collaboration with JWB. She also wants to note that the data for students arrested at school for non-school offenses is included in the arrest data. Municipal police departments will be discussing standardization in practices to support decreasing juvenile arrests. 2) She is happy about the progress being made in our graduation rates. 3) The new PSTA program of offering bus passes for PTC students will remove barriers and afford access to education for many individuals in the community. 4) She said that regarding transportation to specific programs; she wanted to acknowledge that all our schools offer wonderful programs. 5) She said that at community forums, individuals are entitled to express their feelings; we are looking at discipline concerns, but students must be accountable for their actions. There are some good ideas being presented and she encourages individuals to become involved in the focus on solutions. She thanked those that have come forward to share their time as school volunteers and mentors. She thanked Dr. Brimm in Strategic Partnerships for helping with this process. 6) She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mrs. O'Shea- She asked about the traffic and safety issue surrounding Seminole schools. Information had been shared at a workshop and she asked Mr. Herbic to get updated information regarding the status of these projects.

**D. Review of Board Requests**

Dr. Corbett had no board requests to share.

**E. School Board Meeting Evaluation**

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

*Pluses*

- button (mic) worked
- Mrs. Lerner's clarifications
- well run meeting

*Opportunities*

-we do not need to defend ourselves

-allow singers to sing 2<sup>nd</sup> song

**XV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM.

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Chairperson

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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 some personal issues.

2. Ernest Wright

Ms. Ernest Wright shared a concern regarding the employment of her spouse.

3. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on environmental concerns.

**This session ended at 11:48 AM.**