

## Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 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, February 9, 2016 at the School Board Administration Building, 301 Fourth Street SW, Largo, Florida.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rene Flowers	Board Member	Late	10:08 AM
Ken Peluso	Board Member	Present	
Carol J. Cook	Board Member	Remote	
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 Asst. and Clerk to the Board	Present	

### II. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

### III. Invocation: Pastor Randy Morris, Gulf Coast Church, 13301 Walsingham Road, Largo, FL 33774

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Randy Morris.

#### IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a video of the Oak Grove "Jazzy Knights" Middle School Band playing the National Anthem was shown.

##### ***Video: Bear Creek Elementary Celebrates Reading Through One School, One Book Program***

The video highlighted a reading program at Bear Creek Elementary. It is the One School, One Book national program that encourages reading literacy. Each student will share in the experience of reading, "Charlie and The Chocolate Factory" at the same time through a grant received from this national program. Each student received a copy of the book to take home and read aloud with their family.

#### V. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps: Lisa Wolf, Public Information Officer

Lisa M. Wolf, Public Information Officer, introduced the following individuals: Nelly Henjes, PESPA; Judith Powers, Pinellas Arts for a Complete Education Coalition; Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times; Sara Belsole and Roger Johnson, Bay News 9.

#### VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities: Gibbs High School

Peyton McGuigan, Raven Riggins, and Shelby Pogue, Student Rights and Responsibilities representatives from Gibbs High School, addressed the Board to share information regarding programs and achievements taking place at their school.

Ms. Flowers spoke of her fondness for Gibbs High School and told the students to continue their good work and sense of community.

Mrs. O'Shea commented on the great history and tradition at Gibbs High School.

#### VII. Adoption of Agenda

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Janet R. Clark, Board Member
<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 the Proclamation for Career and Technical Education Month, February 2016, Presented by Mark Hunt, Executive Director, Career, Technical and Adult Education  
Mr. Mark Hunt, executive director, career, technical and adult education, introduced this proclamation from Governor Rick Scott by speaking about the importance of career exploration.

Mr. Bob McIntyre, Career Education Board, Pinellas Education Foundation spoke of the Ford NGL partnership and the increased opportunities for career education in Pinellas County Schools.

**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 February 2016 as Career and Technical Education Month.**

Linda Lerner and Peggy O'Shea thanked Mr. McIntyre for his support.

2. Presentation of the Proclamation of National African American History Month, February, 2016, Presented by Linda Whitley, Specialist, K-8 Social Studies

Ms. Linda Whitley, specialist, K-8 social studies, shared the opportunities provided Pinellas County School students to learn about black history and culture and introduce the proclamation from President Obama.

**Rene Flowers read the proclamation aloud.**

**It was moved by Janet Clark; seconded by Rene Flowers, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve February 2016, National African American History Month.**

3. Recognition of Student Services Employee of the Year Award Presented by Donna Sicilian, Executive Director, Student Services

Donna Sicilian, executive director, student services, spoke about the hard work of all student services employees. She introduced the Student Services Employee of the Year, Ms. MaryLynn Hagedorn, social worker, Skycrest Elementary.

Ms. Hagedorn was 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. Mark Klutho

*Consent Agenda Item #8: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation (Building 1, 10, 11 and 15) as of August 19, 2015, Which is a Portion of the Project at Pinellas Park Elementary School, Project No. 9185*

*Consent Agenda Item #9: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation (Building 3) as of January 8, 2016, Which is a Portion of the Project at Pinellas Park Elementary School, Project No. 9185*

*Consent Agenda Item #10: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation (Buildings 5 and 6) as of December 9, 2015, Which is a Portion of the Project at Pinellas Park Elementary School, Project No. 9185*

*Consent Agenda Item #11: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovations (Building 3) as of December 17, 2015 at Sawgrass Lake Elementary School, Project No. 9183*

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on the district strategic direction, effective and efficient use of resources, and his concern for the environment.

2. Mary Ann Baker

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Ms. Baker thanked for board for maintaining our schools.

## X. Unfinished Business

## XI. Consent

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

1. Request Approval of Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the School Board Workshop of January 19, 2016; and, the Regular School Board Meeting of January 26, 2016  
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 Assistant Principal, Lake St. George Elementary School  
Appointment approved-Stephanie N. Whitaker

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

4. Request Approval to Modify the Voluntary Retirement Plan Effective January 1, 2016  
Approved as submitted
  
5. Request Approval of the School Resource Officer Agreements with the Sheriff of Pinellas County, City of St. Petersburg, City of Clearwater, City of Gulfport and the City of Pinellas Park for the 2015-2016 Year  
Approved as submitted  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
6. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects:  
Approved as follows:
  - A. Amendment (additional funds) to the IDEA Part B Preschool Grant for \$40,239.12 (new total: \$799,064.12)
  - B. Amendment (additional funds) to the Carl D. Perkins and Technical Education Postsecondary Grant for \$31,377.00 (new total: \$581,963.00)
  - C. Amendment (increased allocation) to the Title I, Part D: Subpart 2: for the Neglected and Delinquent (N&D) Grant 2015-2016 for \$6,646.00 (new total: \$489,646.00)
  
7. Request Approval of the Agreement Between Publix Super Markets and the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida for Community Based Vocational Experience  
Approved as submitted  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
8. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation (Building 1, 10, 11 and 15) as of August 19, 2015, Which is a Portion of the Project at Pinellas Park Elementary School, Project No. 9185  
Approved as submitted  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
9. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation (Building 3) as of January 8, 2016, Which is a Portion of the Project at Pinellas Park Elementary School, Project No. 9185  
Approved as submitted  
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10. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation (Buildings 5 and 6) as of December 9, 2015, Which is a Portion of the Project at Pinellas Park Elementary School, Project No. 9185  
Approved as submitted  
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Approved as submitted  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
12. Request Approval to Grant St. Petersburg College a Permanent Easement for Ingress and Egress to Their Property Adjacent to Madeira Beach Fundamental School  
Approved as submitted  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)
  
13. Request Approval of Selling the District's Surplus Equipment on the PublicSurplus.com Internet Auction Site  
Approved as submitted
  
14. Request Approval to Recycle, Cannibalize, and/or Scrap Obsolete Fixed Assets  
Approved as submitted
  
15. 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. Nonconsent**

1. Request Approval to Authorize the Creation of the Pinellas School Board Leasing Corporation  
Mr. Kevin Smith, associate superintendent, finance and business services, stated the purpose of the leasing corporation is to oversee the bonding process.  
Dr. Peluso spoke of the importance of adequate facilities.  
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #162.)

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

2. Request Approval of the Reimbursement Resolution

Mr. Kevin Smith, associate superintendent, finance and business services, stated the purpose of the resolution.

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

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Ken Peluso, Board Member  
**SECONDER:** Rene Flowers, Board Member  
**AYES:** Flowers, Peluso, Cook, Clark, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

3. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendments to the Code of Student Conduct Policies to 5500.05 – STUDENT ATTENDANCE; 5500.08 – MISCONDUCT THAT REQUIRES SPECIFIC CONSEQUENCES; 5500.10 – DISCIPLINARY ACTION; AND 5500.12 – SUSPENSION/EXPULSION. (This is the first reading.)

Mr. Ward Kennedy, area superintendent, spoke about the changes to the code of student conduct. This topic was discussed at the January 19, 2016 school board workshop.

Ms. Flowers shared her perspective on the importance of these changes and thanked all involved.

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

### XIII. New Business

#### A. *Items Introduced by Superintendent*

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

- 1) He thanked the Pinellas Education Foundation for the Evening of Excellence and congratulated Sara Dobes, an eighth grade teacher at East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering for being named the Outstanding Educator of the Year. He recognized Dr. Alicia Isaac for winning the Outstanding Educator Fan Favorite Award by receiving the most votes on the Pinellas Education Foundation website.

- 2) He spoke about the Education Foundation's Business Partner of the Year winners; Double Tree Beach Resort, Franklin Templeton and Achieva Credit Union. He said that Thelma Rose Pearlman Rothman was inducted into the Hall of Honor at this event.
- 3) He said that Parent University was held on Saturday at Countryside High School. He thanked Lori Matway and Dr. Valerie Brimm for their involvement. More than 300 people attended; he also thanked board members who attended the event.
- 4) He said PCS ranked number seven of 100 districts in the 2015 Brookings Center on Children and Families annual Education Choice and Competition Index for the choice provided students. He thanked the transportation department for providing bus service which supports our choice programs.
- 5) He said the district will host the Ford Next Generation Learning Winter Conference, February 17-19 and invited board members to attend.
- 6) He said the district's inaugural Pinellas Hispanic Achievement Committee will hold its first meeting on February 15 to discuss how the district can better serve our Hispanic population. Mrs. Cook is on the committee.
- 7) He shared his congratulations to Samuel Joyce, St. Petersburg High School senior who was selected as a candidate for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program; this is one of the nation's highest honors.

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

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

**C. *Items Introduced by the Board***

Terry Krassner- 1) She shared that she attended the first two community meetings held yesterday concerning plans to rebuild Melrose Elementary and thanked Mr. Herbic for his work on this project. She said a feedback opportunity has been provided. 2) She stated that she is the parent of a high school senior; and, she received a letter regarding her student's status regarding graduation requirements. She thanked Rita Vasquez, high school education executive director, for her department's hard work in getting this information out to all families.

Rene Flowers-1) She stated the Mosley Hotel in St. Petersburg is closing and eighty-eight students reside there and will need to relocate. She asked for the district's student services department to reach out to these families and offer them assistance. 2) She thanked Mr. Herbic for the meetings regarding the rebuilding of Melrose Elementary; she attended the one at Gibbs High and it was very informative. She requested additional copies of the information shared at the meeting and she will place them out into the community. 3) She thanked all the work being done in the district to move students ahead. 4) She shared her experience at the FSBA Day in the Legislature held in Tallahassee. She attended the Education Committee meeting and it went well; she had positive meetings with legislators. Twelve of the representatives along with a few representatives from the Governor's Office came to the FSBA breakfast. She thanked the staff of FSBA and Steve Swartzel for his work with the legislature and shared that he has been selected as president of the lobbyists (Florida Education Legislative Liaisons).

Linda Lerner-1) She spoke of the agreement voted on today with Publix for community based vocational experience. It is an excellent program. She stated the state legislature did

away with the high school special diploma, but would like to workshop ideas to address the need for something to replace it. 2) She referenced working together for 100% student success and that she was disappointed with the Southern Poverty Law Center and FAST organization. They held a meeting on Monday evening; board members did not receive an invitation. She stated that she does not believe that it is defensive sharing current data with the public and in 2014 we initiated an MOU to collaborate with local law enforcement to reduce arrests and use civil citations. She asked for real conversation, real collaboration, that it is time to work together. She said that under Dr. Grego's leadership and with the current board we are making progress.

Rene Flowers-She stated that she was made aware of the FAST meeting on Monday night through a minister, but the district already had a meeting scheduled at Gibbs High School to discuss the Melrose Elementary project. She responded to Dr. Amir Whitaker, Southern Poverty Law Center, and clarified some misinformation.

Linda Lerner- She thanked Ms. Flowers for her response to the FAST organization and stated that respect means working together.

Janet Clark-1) She thanked Publix for their partnership and donations they provide Pinellas County Schools. 2) She shared that she is on the ESE Advisory Committee in November. She viewed a presentation by Cathy Huzar regarding the ESE diploma pathway. It is posted on the district website under ESE department. She wants to bring it to a board workshop.

Dr. Grego- He said that he would like to have further discussion on this topic and will plan to bring it to a future workshop.

Linda Lerner- She said thank you to Ms. Clark for her work with ESE students.

Peggy O'Shea- 1) She shared that Rene Flowers wants to be nominated for the position of treasurer with FSBA. She said with the agreement of the Board she will write a letter of support on her behalf; members were in agreement. 2) She attended the FSBA Day in the Legislature in Tallahassee and saw PCS students' artwork in some areas. 3) She shared that at the Health and Human Services Committee meeting, members were advised that there are 3,000 identified homeless students and our district will work with them and their families.

Rene Flowers- She said that the House and Senate have passed the bill to expunge non judicial criminal histories of minors; which was brought forward by Representative Chris Sprowls and Representative Chris Latvala. This new legislation will not be retroactive, but they will bring that forward at the next session.

#### **D. Review of Board Requests**

Dr. Corbett stated the following review of board requests:

1. The HEAT Team and other student services personnel will assist families currently residing at the Mosley Hotel.
2. Board members will receive copies of the information shared at the Melrose renewal project.
3. At a future workshop, special diploma options will be discussed.

**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
- microphone worked
- Gibbs presentation improvements
- Donna Sicilian's presentation

*Opportunities:*

- phone was noisy

**XIV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board; this meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM.

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Chairperson

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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 spoke of the importance of school spirit and her support of public education, not charters.

2. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho spoke about respect and environmental issues.

3. Mary Ann Baker

Ms. Baker shared her desire to assist students and spoke of her appreciation for teachers.

4. Linda Stoller

Ms. Stoller stated that she is a member of FAST and their upcoming event April 18, The Nehemiah Action.

**This session ended at 11:58 AM.**