

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 10:00 AM

School Administration Building

301 Fourth Street SW
Largo, FL 33770

~ Minutes ~

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 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 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 Asst. and Clerk to the Board	Present	

II. Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

III. Invocation: Pastor Daphne Johnson, First United Methodist Church, 411 Turner Street, Clearwater, FL

Pastor Daphne Johnson was unable to attend due to illness. Mrs. O'Shea led a moment of silent reflection.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the moment of silent reflection.

National Anthem

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem was sung by Madison Fullarton, student at St. Petersburg High School.

Video: Dunedin High School student Michaela Polmann honored as state essay winner

The video shown highlighted Michaela Polmann, a student at Dunedin High. She was named the state's 2016 Black History Month student contest winner. We learned about Michaela's student essay that won the contest at the high school level and how she plans to use the four-year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation that she was awarded.

V. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

Lisa M. Wolf, Public Information Officer

Lisa Wolf, Public Information Officer, introduced the following individuals: community organizations- Nelly Henjes, PESPA; Mike Gandolfo, PCTA; Cindy Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA; Judith Powers, Pinellas Arts for a Complete Education Coalition, and members of the media- Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times; and Richard Rowley, Divided Films.

VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities: St. Petersburg High School

There was no presentation 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. Presentation of the Proclamation Designating March as Youth Art Month, Presented by Jonathan Ogle, Coordinator, Technology Integration Pk-12 Visual Arts

Jonathan Ogle, coordinator, technology integration PK-12 visual arts, presented the proclamation since Sue Castleman, PK-12 visual arts specialist, was unable to attend. She is attending the National Art Education Association Convention. At the convention she will be honored with the 2016 Southeastern Supervision/Administration Art Educator of the Year Award.

Ken Peluso read the proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Rene Flowers, seconded by Janet Clark, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve March as Youth Art Month.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

2. Presentation of the Proclamation Designating April as National Library Month and National Library Week, April 10-16, 2016, Presented by Laura Woods, Library Media, Program Coordinator

Ms. Laura Woods, library media program coordinator, introduced this proclamation and some highlights that surround national library week and school library media month.

Terry Krassner read the proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Rene Flowers, seconded by Terry Krassner, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve April as School Library Media Month and National Library Week, April 10-16, 2016.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

3. Presentation of the Proclamation Designating March as Music in Our Schools Month, Presented by Jeanne Reynolds, PK-12 Performing Arts Specialist

Ms. Jeanne Reynolds, PK-12 performing arts specialist, spoke of the outstanding work being done by students and staff in performing arts programs across the district and the amazing performances being delivered.

Janet Clark read the proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Terry Krassner, seconded by Janet Clark, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve March as Music in Our Schools Month.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

4. Recognition of the 2016 Family and Community Engagement Award Winners

Dr. Valerie Brimm, director, office of strategic partnerships, introduced the principals from two schools that have been awarded the Florida 2015-2016 Family and Community Involvement Award. Mrs. Kristy Moody, principal, Douglas L. Jamerson Elementary, and Mr. Keith Mastorides, principal, Clearwater High School came forward to receive their awards.

IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

Mark Klutho

Consent Agenda Item #16: Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for the Dixie Hollins High School Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Controls Replacement for the Entire School and the Replacement of HVAC Chillers, Project No. 9079 and 9064, in the Amount of \$1,455,000, and the Agreement With Engineering Matrix, Inc. For Engineering and Contract Administration Services

Consent Agenda Item # 18: Request Approval of Change Order No. 1 With Air Mechanical and Service Corporation for the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation. This change order will decrease the current contract amount by \$55,402.44, with no time extension, at Oakhurst Elementary, Project No. 9083

Consent Agenda Item # 19: Request Approval of Change Order No. 2 With Air Mechanical and Service Corporation for the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation. This change order will decrease the current contract amount by \$93,400.04,

with no time extension, at Sawgrass Lake Elementary, Project No. 9183

Nonconsent Agenda Item # 3: Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 5120 - ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT (This is the first reading.)

Mr. Klutho referenced our district strategic direction, Effective and Efficient Use of Resources, and shared his viewpoint on the impact of our buildings on the environment.

X. Unfinished Business

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

1. 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 second reading. There are no changes since the first reading.)

Dr. Grego spoke about these policy changes and the reduction of out-of-school suspensions and reduction in number of days for suspension. He stated that it is important to keep students in school. He acknowledged area superintendents who are taking the lead. He commended Mr. Ward Kennedy and Ms. Pat Wright, for their work with committees and Ms. Flowers, for serving on the community discipline committee. He said that civil citations are being utilized and reducing arrests. He thanked police officers for their cooperation with the MOU and its practices. Out-of-School suspensions year-to-date reduction is 31%, and in the months of January and February, out-of-school suspensions data reflects a 43% decrease. We are making progress. Dr. Grego shared that Countryside HS has had no arrests this year. Information was shared by Chief Stelljes at the March 8, 2016 school board workshop concerning disparities in the reporting of arrest data. The Department of Juvenile Justice was reporting referrals that did not turn into arrests. Thank you to the States Attorney and Chief Stelljes, who worked together to review and implement change in reporting practices. Mr. Kennedy shared that we are looking at alternatives to suspensions.

The following individuals addressed the Board to share their comments:

1. Amir Whitaker

Mr. Whitaker (Southern Poverty Law Center Staff Attorney) commended the district for quick action in taking steps in the right direction. He wants reasons for suspension addressed, some infractions are minor. Arrests are still problematic; we need to keep students in the classroom.

2. Linda Stoller

Ms. Stoller (FAST) suggested supervised programs in school for students with behavior issues instead of out-of-school suspensions.

3. Johnny Watson

Mr. Watson (FAST) shared his concern that out-of-school suspension does not allow for class time; students need more behavior support and should remain in school with supervision. He advised the board that FAST members have written notes inviting them to the April 18 event at Tropicana Field. The notes were delivered to the dais.

4. Jen Daysa

Reverend Daysa (FAST) shared her concern for her own special needs child who has behavior issues when it is time for him to attend school.

5. Kathleen Walter

Ms. Walter (FAST), retired school psychologist, provided the following document for the board: Florida Association of School Psychologists *Position Statement on Ending the School-to-Prison Pipeline*, dated 092915.

6. Terry Jones

Mr. Jones (FAST) shared his viewpoint that out-of-school suspensions are ineffective and the loss of class time is problematic; he suggested a supervised in-school program.

7. Ashley Green

Ms. Green (Dream Defenders) believes that punishment can be counterproductive; children often demonstrate childish behavior. The district needs to do more to reduce arrests. She shared an invitation to the Restorative Justice BBQ, March 19th.

8. Jayson James

Mr. James, a St. Petersburg native, stated that out-of-school suspensions should not exist and the school-to-prison pipeline has to stop. He believes in restorative justice.

9. Maria Jose Hays

Ms. Hays (Dream Defender) shared her concerns surrounding racial issues and need for uncomfortable conversations; she spoke about the correlation between poverty and at risk students. She feels the district should invest in teachers, social workers, and behavior specialists.

Ms. Flowers thanked Mr. Amir Whitaker for acknowledging the work of the district. She stated that we agree on keeping students in school. She spoke to the reference of a recent fight at the gate to John Hopkins Middle School and shared that parents were involved in groups against one another; it was not school based. The St. Petersburg Police came out to protect children leaving school. She attended the Rethink Discipline Conference in Atlanta and learned that when addressing discipline issues, all agencies involved need to be collaborative and use the same processes/methods. Restorative justice would need to be implemented across the board to be effective. This takes time. The idea that we eliminate out-of-school suspension is not shared by the victim's parents, they want consequences for those behaviors. She addressed the references to Broward County public schools use of a discipline matrix and said that some of our policies are better and we are incorporating support for students; social workers, behavior specialists and support in the classroom. More serious behaviors need to be addressed. The district is providing ongoing professional development for staff to improve how discipline is being handled so it is equitable across the district. Ms. Wright is bringing in Dr. Mara Schiff, Florida Atlantic University, to speak about restorative justice. The Greenwood area of Clearwater and their community is doing some good work supporting student learning. We are making changes. She is meeting with the FAST Education Committee on March 31, at their invitation, and plans to attend the Restorative Justice BBQ on March 19. She stated that she applauds the fact that we have moved more to a dialogue across the community and students need to be involved in the conversation.

Dr. Peluso thanked the speakers for attending and stated that it is essential for him to hear from administrators and teachers to share their viewpoint. He is calling for feedback from all

stakeholders.

Mrs. Lerner said that she agrees with Ms. Flowers remarks. She also shared her concerns with the FAST Nehemiah Action meeting format of yes or no responses. She believes that solutions come from working together. She also spoke about the positive relationships that School Resource Officers and Campus police have with students and staff in our schools; they are an important part of the many student services the district provides. They serve as mentors and guides and are part of a safe environment.

XI. Consent

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janet R. Clark, Board Member
SECONDER:	Ken Peluso, 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 Tuesday, February 16, 2016; and, the Regular School Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Approved as submitted
2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)
3. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Countryside High School
Appointment approved- Robyn C. Oyer
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)
4. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Sanders Exceptional Student Education Center
Appointment approved- Jacqueline M. Edwards
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)
5. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Administrator, Department of Juvenile Justice/Educational Alternative Services
Appointment approved - Christina J. Fields
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)
6. Request Approval to Create and/or Revise Job Descriptions Which Will Be Effective March 16, 2016
Approved as submitted

7. Request Approval of the School Resource Officer Agreements with the City of Largo and City of Tarpon Springs for the 2015-2016 Year
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)
8. Request Approval of Field Trip Bid Selections
Approved as submitted
9. Request Approval for Name Change of Hamilton Disston School to Disston Academy
This item was pulled by Ms. Flowers. Please refer to XII. Consent Agenda-Items Pulled.
10. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects:
Approved as follows:
 - A. Agreement with Dell/dbSys - Connect for Success Maintenance \$304,200.00
 - B. Agreement with Scholastic FACE Professional Learning \$100,000.00(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)
11. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No.4 (December 2015) to the District's 2015/16 Budget
Approved as submitted
12. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending December 31, 2015
Approved as submitted
13. Request Adoption of the Investment Portfolio Financial Statements for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2015
Approved as submitted
14. Request Approval of the Health Agreement Between Bay Pines VA Healthcare and the School Board of Pinellas County
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)
15. Request Approval of the Second 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
16. Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for the Dixie Hollins High School Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Controls Replacement for the Entire School and the

Replacement of HVAC Chillers, Project No. 9079 and 9064, in the Amount of \$1,455,000, and the Agreement With Engineering Matrix, Inc. for Engineering and Contract Administration Services

Approved as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

17. Request Approval of Change Order No. 1 With A. D. Morgan Corporation for the Stadium Field House Renovations. This change order will decrease the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$136,800.23, with no time extension, at Clearwater High School, Project No. 9203

Approved as submitted

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Approved as submitted

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19. Request Approval of Change Order No. 2 With Air Mechanical and Service Corporation for the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation. This change order will decrease the current contract amount by \$93,400.04, with no time extension, at Sawgrass Lake Elementary, Project No. 9183

Approved as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

20. Request Approval of Vehicle Use Agreements to Non-Profit Organizations for a Period of one Year

Approved as submitted

21. Request Approval of Selling the District's Surplus Equipment on the PublicSurplus.com Internet Auction Site

Approved as submitted

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

Approved as submitted

23. 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 #163.)

XII. Consent Agenda-Items Pulled

Consent Agenda Item #9: Request Approval for Name Change of Hamilton Disston School to Disston Academy

This item was pulled by Ms. Flowers. She asked Dr. Barbara Hires, area superintendent, to share with the public the reasons for the name change.

Dr. Hires shared that Hamilton Disston previously served students with severe emotional disabilities. The school is now an alternative high school offering rigorous and relevant curriculum and the name change more accurately reflects the culture of the school community.

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

XIII. Nonconsent

1. Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on the Recommended Instructional Materials

Ms. Pam Moore, associate superintendent, teaching and learning services, stated that this public hearing is part of the process required by state statute for instructional materials adoption.

The following individual addressed the board to share their comments:

Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho referenced the district strategic direction-Effective and Efficient Use of Resources; but did not share any specific objection to the materials posted on the district website.

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

2. Request Approval of the Healthcare Bluebook Transparency Tool Through December 31, 2018

Mr. Ted Pafundi, director, risk management and insurance, spoke of the benefits of this tool to help our insured in making more informed decisions, keeping quality while reducing cost. This was part of the March 8, 2016 school board workshop agenda.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #163.)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol J. Cook, 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 Amendment to Policy 5120 – ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT (This is the first reading.)

Dr. Grego asked if any board members had questions about this policy; they did not.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rene Flowers, Board Member
SECONDER:	Janet R. Clark, 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 stated that on March 10 he attended a FAST (Faith and Action for Strength Together) meeting of 200 members. He provided a Community Update with the district's graduation rate, school grades, and innovative solutions for improving student performance.
- 2) He spoke about upcoming Parent Nights designed to share resources for SAT preparation including the free Khan Academy in partnership with the College Board. The meetings start at 6:30 p.m.; tonight it is at St. Petersburg High, March 29 at Pinellas Park High, and March 30 at Countryside High. He stated that if students have the desire to advance themselves there is opportunity for them to do so. He thanked Mrs. Judith Vigue for spear heading these programs.
- 3) He said that Pinellas County Schools and the City of Tarpon Springs will hold an official groundbreaking ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on March 31 at Tarpon Springs High School for the community pool project. Tarpon Springs Mayor Archie will be in attendance. The Jacobson Culinary Arts Academy will host the reception.
- 4) He shared that Gibbs High held a "Destructive Decisions Week." An Indy Car Driver was in Pinellas County for the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg. He spoke at the school to share the perils of distracted driving of any kind. A mangled car from a DUI incident was placed in the schools' courtyard. On Friday of that week, students were asked to sign a pledge to not drive while distracted.
- 5) He said that Tarpon Springs High "Syndicated Sound" Show Choir competed in New York City, March 2-6 in the FAME NYC National Show Choir Competition at Lincoln Center. They earned several awards including; Best Combination Band (for their accompanying band), Best Crew (for their stage hands and techs), First Runner Up for Show Performance, and Best Overall FAME Award (the most coveted award of the event). He said the 36 student show choir, under the direction of choral director, Charles Cheeseman, was the only Florida Show Choir to compete. The choir is invited to the national championship in Chicago at the end of April.
- 6) He spoke about Clearwater High's Project Based Learning Civil Rights Tour. Thirty-six CHS students researched and designed this experience that encompasses occurrences of the Civil Rights movement. They will visit Atlanta, Georgia and Montgomery and Selma, Alabama. They will conclude their tour in Washington D.C. They will meet with key stakeholders, and active participants or spectators of historic events. There are no professional tour guides. Upon their return, the CHS Freedom Ambassadors will lead an experience for the entire student body. You can follow them at pcsb.org/chscivilrightstour .

7) He wished everyone a restful and enjoyable spring break.

8) He thanked the board for keeping an open mind to improvements. He shared data reports with them which are posted on our website.

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 thanked John Skinner for being a passionate speaker surrounding the current issues. 2) She attended the All County 5th Grade Honors Concert and it was fabulous. 3) She stated that all board members advocate for teachers and students or they would not be serving on the board.

Linda Lerner-1) She thanked Mrs. Krassner for her remarks. 2) She attended the Middle and High School Choruses and Orchestra performance. It was outstanding and the finale amazing. She commended our art and music departments; they are exemplary. 3) She spoke about the development of the School Leadership/Transformation Team and the work begun by TNTP (The New Teacher Project). She feels positive about this plan. Our own team will now continue the work begun with the 5 Scale Up for Success schools plus another two elementary schools. She asked Dr. Corbett for the information gathered at recent focus groups held in conjunction with this project. 4) She continues to visit schools and finds the work being done uplifting. Staff is trying very hard to meet the needs of every student; as board members we are trying to support that.

Rene Flowers-1) She congratulated Lakewood High for their FBLA win. 2) A Positive Walking Event will be at Campbell Park Elementary, March 16 at 7:30 a.m. Each student will receive a book. 3) She will speak on Friday evening at the Kappa Delta Pi induction ceremony; she delivers cultural competence training for them. 4) She thanked Representative O'Toole for being our champion on the Education Committee and through her support \$400,000 was appropriated for the Lastinger Institute. 5) She thanked Representative Rouson for his work. 6) She attended several staff appreciation cook outs at the Scale Up for Success Schools sponsored by area superintendents. She enjoyed them and thanked staff for all they do. 7) She thanked the board, Dr. Grego, and Mrs. Cook for their letters of support in her nomination to serve as the FSBA Treasurer; although she was not appointed she appreciated their recommendation. 8) She thanked the Tampa Bay Times for their accurate reporting of the Lastinger Institute "Winning Reading Boost" program. She has data on the success of the program overall, but she asked Dr. Corbett for individual student data in order to review learning gains.

D. Review of Board Requests

Dr. Corbett stated the following board requests:

-to provide Ashley Green (Dream Defenders) an invitation for Dr. Mara Schiffs presentation on restorative justice

-to provide individual student scores from the Lastinger Institute's Reading Winning Boost program

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses:

- good information meeting
- presentations went well
- mics worked
- good give and take

*Opportunities:***XV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board; this meeting adjourned at 12:11 PM.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary

XVI. Public Speakers

The following individuals addressed the Board to share their comments:

1. Lenore Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner thanked the board for their service and shared her objection to Common Core.

2. Carl Hansen (FAST)

Mr. Hansen shared his appreciation for the board's openness and spoke of his concern for students who read below grade level. He provided a letter for Dr. Grego and the Board.

3. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on environmental issues.

4. John Skinner

Mr. Skinner stated that he is a former educator from Harrisburg, PA, a very impoverished area. He and other professional educators at his school handled discipline issues among themselves.

This session ended at 12:25 PM