

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 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. 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	Clerk to the Board and Administrative Assistant	Present	

II. Amendments to the Agenda

At this time, Dr. Grego shared the following additions or changes made to the agenda subsequent to its publication seven days ago:

Consent Agenda Item #5: Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Ms. Cynthia Snow, Teacher, Employed at Bay Point Middle School

Recommend Alternative #2: If an administrative hearing is requested, suspend Ms. Snow without pay effective May 18, 2016 until the conclusion of the hearing process and direct the Staff Attorney to submit the request to the Division of Administrative Hearings.

Updated Nonconsent Agenda Item #3: Request Approval of Issuance of a Ninety (90) Day Notice to Terminate the Charter Agreement with Windsor Preparatory Academy

Updated Nonconsent Agenda Item #4: Request Approval of Issuance of a Ninety (90) Day Notice to Terminate the Charter Agreement with East Windsor Middle Academy

Updated Nonconsent Agenda Item #5: Request Approval of Issuance of a Ninety (90) Day Notice to Terminate the Charter Agreement with Florida Virtual Academy at Pinellas

Updated Nonconsent Agenda Item # 6. Request Approval of Issuance of a Ninety (90) Day Notice to Terminate the Charter Agreement with Newpoint Pinellas Academy

Nonconsent Agenda Items # 3-6 reflect additional information that was obtained since the May 10, 2016 school board workshop. In an effort to be more comprehensive these items were updated.

Mrs. O'Shea shared the following change to VIII. Special Order Agenda.

Item #5: Recognition of the School Resource Officer (SRO) of the Year for the 2015-16 School Year, Presented by Chief Rick Stelljes, Pinellas County Schools Police

This recognition will follow IV. Pledge of Allegiance, prior to V. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

Mrs. O' Shea stated that, as Chairperson, she has found good cause to amend the agenda accordingly.

III. Invocation: Pastor Patrice Curtis, Unitarian Universalists Church of Clearwater

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Curtis.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

National Anthem

The National Anthem was sung by Brittany Douglas, student from Northeast High School.

Video: Students create online emergency preparedness tool

The video highlighted students in Lakewood High School's Center for Advanced Technologies who collaborated to create an online tool for emergency preparedness in Pinellas County. The students shown in the video will be recognized during the VIII. Special Order Agenda.

A. (VIII.) Special Order Agenda

1. Recognition of the School Resource Officer (SRO) of the Year for the 2015-16 School Year, Presented by Chief Rick Stelljes, Pinellas County Schools Police

Chief Rick Stelljes was called upon to introduce Officer Catherine Long, Clearwater Police Department. She serves as School Resource Officer at Countryside High School.

Officer Long was congratulated and greeted by the Board.

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; Randi Hilleso and Victoria Hagedorn, Pinellas Arts for a Complete Education Coalition; Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times; Mark Douglas and Maurice Capobianco, News Channel 8; Cathy Carter, WUSF; Chad Cromwell, 10 News; Craig Cross, Fox News; and Cait McVay and Matt Apthorp, Bay News 9.

VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities: Northeast High School

At this time, Ms. Lisa Wolf, public information officer introduced the Student Rights & Responsibilities Committee representatives from Northeast High School.

Abby Cunningham, Selena Jochumsen, and Connor McNally, Student Rights and Responsibilities representatives from Northeast High School, addressed the Board to share information regarding programs and achievements taking place at their school.

Mrs. Krassner shared that she is a Northeast High graduate; and said "Once a Viking Always a Viking." She praised Principal Hendrick for his outstanding work and the support of Achieva Credit Union for the Academy of Finance.

VII. Adoption of Agenda

The action taken by the Board to adopt the agenda reflects the amendments or changes provided by the Superintendent and School Board Chair during Item II. Amendments to the Agenda

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

VIII. Special Order Agenda

1. Presentation of the Proclamation Recognizing May as Better Hearing and Speech Month, Presented by Sherry Aemisegger, Executive Director, Exceptional Student Education

Ms. Sherry Aemisegger, executive director, exceptional student education, spoke about the work of speech-language pathologists and audiologists in our schools.

Terry Krassner read the proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Janet Clark, seconded by Rene Flowers, and carried with a 7-0 vote

to approve May as Better Hearing and Speech Month.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

2. Presentation of Clearwater High School Students Civil Rights Ambassadors Program, Presented by Keith Mastorides, Principal, Clearwater High School
Mr. Keith Mastorides, principal, Clearwater High School, spoke of the outstanding work done by Clearwater High School students in the development of this project based learning experience. A video was shown highlighting the six day tour of sites which were historically important in the civil rights movement.
Five student participants were congratulated and greeted by the Board.

3. Recognition of Lakewood High School Center for Advanced Technologies Teacher and Students for Their Efforts in the Development of a Web-based Communications Portal, Presented by Clint Herbic, Associate Superintendent, Operational Services
Mr. Clint Herbic, associate superintendent, operational services, spoke of the work of Mr. Lou Zulli in gathering a team of outstanding students, along with the collaboration of Microsoft executives, in the development a web-based communications portal used to manage vital data that supports emergency shelter management.
The students and Mr. Zulli were greeted and congratulated by the Board.

4. Recognition of Pinellas County Schools as the Recipient of the Distinguished Service Award at the 30th Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference, Presented Clint Herbic, Associate Superintendent, Operational Services
Mr. Clint Herbic, associate superintendent, operational services, stated that Pinellas County Emergency Management nominated the school district for this award. The district provides shelters and shelter staffing.
The plaque was presented to the Board.

5. Recognition of the 2014/2015 Five Star Schools, Presented by Valerie Brimm, Ed.D., Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships
Dr. Valerie Brimm, director, office of strategic partnerships recognized the twenty-three Five Star Schools.
Principals and school staff were greeted and congratulated by the Board.

IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The majority of speakers addressed the following nonconsent agenda items as noted beside their name.

Nonconsent Agenda Item # 3: Request Approval of Issuance of a Ninety (90) Day Notice to Terminate the Charter Agreement with Windsor Preparatory Academy

Nonconsent Agenda Item # 4: Request Approval of Issuance of a Ninety (90) Day Notice to Terminate the Charter Agreement with East Windsor Middle Academy

Nonconsent Agenda Item # 6: Request Approval of Issuance of a Ninety (90) Day Notice to Terminate the Charter Agreement with Newpoint Pinellas Academy

The following individuals addressed the Board on specific agenda items:

1. Veronica Fly (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Fly, principal Windsor Prep/East Windsor Middle, cited good things happening at those schools.

2. Melissa Gross-Arnold (nonconsent items 3, 4 & 6)

Ms. Gross-Arnold, attorney representing Windsor School Inc., requested the board not approve the 90 day termination notice.

3. Yvonne DeAntoneo (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. DeAntoneo, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

4. Abbey Mills (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Mills, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

5. Angela Lecrone (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Lecrone, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

6. Paige Jackson (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Jackson, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

7. Ralph Megill (nonconsent item 6)

Mr. Megill, parent, spoke in favor of Newpoint Pinellas Academy.

8. Kim Spivey Diaz (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Spivey Diaz, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

9. Robert Pergolizzi (nonconsent items 3 & 4 & 6)

Mr. Pergolizzi, former board chair Windsor School Inc., spoke in favor of Windsor.

10. Ruza Richardson (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Richardson, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor but will visit schools in her neighborhood.

11. Thomas Beaton (nonconsent items 3 & 4 & 6)

Mr. Beaton, Newpoint Pinellas Academy administrator, expressed concerns he had with the

former management company but in favor of the school.

12. Tiffany Henry (nonconsent item 3)

Ms. Henry, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

13. Lisa Mosall (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Mosall, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

14. Chris Wenzel (nonconsent items 3 & 4 & 6)

Mr. Wenzel, parent and new board chair Windsor School Inc., spoke in favor of Windsor.

15. Megan Smith (nonconsent items 3 & 4 & 6)

Ms. Smith spoke in favor of Windsor.

16. Mindy Hoston (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Hoston read a letter written by Mr. Fleming, teacher at Windsor.

17. Jessica Ismoilov (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Ismoilov, parent, said there were 1,576 signatures on a petition in support of Windsor.

18. Lucas Tucker (nonconsent item 4)

Mr. Tucker, student, East Windsor Middle Academy, spoke of his positive experiences at the school.

19. Lakeisha Smith (nonconsent item 3)

Ms. Smith, parent, spoke in support of Windsor and shared a recorded message from her daughter.

20. Kimberly Doyle (nonconsent item 4)

Ms. Doyle, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

21. Dorothy Dulau (nonconsent item 3)

Ms. Dulau, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

22. Joseph Holbrook (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Mr. Holbrook, parent, spoke in favor of East Windsor Middle Academy.

23. Ellen Mosall (nonconsent item 3)

Ms. Mosall, grandparent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

24. Theresa Jacobowitz (nonconsent items 3 & 4 & 6)

Ms. Jacobowitz, parent, presented the petition Save Windsor Preparatory Academy East

Windsor Middle Academy to the Board.

25. Jesse Jacobowitz (nonconsent items 3 & 4 & 6)

Mr. Jacobowitz, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

26. Bruce McWilliams (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Mr. McWilliams, grandparent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

27. Ashley Zazzaro (nonconsent item 4)

Ms. Zazzaro, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

28. Chris Bateman (nonconsent item 3)

Mr. Bateman, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

29. Tonya Hanson (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Hanson, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

30. Sherry Johnson (nonconsent item 3)

Ms. Johnson, parent and substitute teacher at Windsor, spoke in favor of Windsor.

31. Rick Tra (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Mr. Tra, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

32. Mark Klutho (consent items 20, 22, and Nonconsent items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6)

Consent Agenda Item # 20: Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Pinellas Technical College, St. Petersburg Campus, Electrical Distribution Replacement for Project No. 9047, in the Amount of \$246,770, and the Agreement With Long & Associates Architects/Engineers for Electrical and Contract Administration Services

Consent Agenda Item # 22: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation (Buildings 2 and 8) as of April 12, 2016, Which is a Portion of the Project at Pinellas Park Elementary School, Project No. 9185

Nonconsent Agenda Item # 1: Request Approval of the Amendment to the Charter School Contracts for Plato Academy Clearwater, Largo, Palm Harbor, Pinellas Park, Seminole, St. Petersburg and Tarpon Springs Schools to Change the Primary Curriculum

Nonconsent Agenda Item # 2: Request Approval of the Amendment to the Charter School Contract for University Preparatory Academy to Change the Primary Curriculum

Nonconsent Agenda Item # 5: Request Approval of Issuance of a Ninety (90) Day Notice to Terminate the Charter Agreement with Florida Virtual Academy at Pinellas

Mr. Klutho shared his concern with energy usage and spoke against charter schools.

33. Felicia Strysick (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Strysick, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

34. Cinder McDonald (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. McDonald, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

35. Nevena Gundy (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Gundy, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

36. Lisette Barton (consent item 2)

Consent Agenda Item #2: Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Ms. Barton spoke of her experience teaching in Pinellas County Schools and the teacher evaluation process.

37. Heather Cole (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Cole, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

38. Alison Schorger (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Schorger, grandparent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

39. Amber Burkham (nonconsent item 3)

Ms. Burkham, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

40. Barbara Rummell (nonconsent item 4)

Ms. Rummell, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

41. Yale Walker (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Mr. Walker, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

42. Stephanie Adelson (nonconsent item 3)

Ms. Adelson, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

43. Zoe Wilkinson (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Wilkinson, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

44. Toy Walker (nonconsent item 3)

Ms. Walker, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

45. Joann Fernandez (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Ms. Fernandez, grandparent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

46. Paul Naprstek (nonconsent items 3 & 4)

Mr. Naprstek, parent, spoke in favor of Windsor.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. Consent

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Krassner, Vice Chairman
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 Regular School Board Meeting of April 26, 2016
Approved as submitted
2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)
3. Request Approval of the Appointment of the Vehicle Maintenance Specialist
Appointment approved-Brian K. Lowe
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)
4. Request Approval to Create and/or Revise Job Descriptions Which Will Be Effective May 18, 2016
Approved as submitted
5. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Ms. Cynthia Snow, Teacher, Employed at Bay Point Middle School
The action taken by the Board reflects the amendment provided by the Superintendent during Item II. Amendments to the Agenda
Approved Alternative #2: If an administrative hearing is requested, suspend Ms. Snow without pay effective May 18, 2016 until the conclusion of the hearing process and direct the Staff Attorney to submit the request to the Division of Administrative Hearings.
6. Request Approval to Extend the Johns Eastern Company (JECO) Service Agreement for Third Party Claims Administration and Managed Care Services Through June 30, 2021, with an Option to Negotiate Renewals in Subsequent Years
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

7. Request Approval of Renewed Employment Agreement with Heather J. Wallace as Assistant School Board Attorney
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

8. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects:
Approved as follows:
 - A. 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant iclass \$2,202,538.00
 - B. Florida First Start SR 16-01 \$239,220.00
 - C. Title I, Part D. Neglected and Delinquent Grant \$70,341.00 additional funds new total: \$559,987.00
 - D. Healthy Schools for Healthy Children Project \$670,385.00
 - E. Agreement with Advanced Reasoning in Education, LLC \$105,000.00
 - F. Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System (FDLRS) \$1,209,227.00(Copy/copies to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

9. Request Approval for Renewal of Student Services Agreements Between Bay Area Youth Services, Camelot Community Care, Inc., Families First of Florida, Family Enrichment Services aka Adoption Related Services, InterCultural Advocacy Institute Hispanic Outreach Center, Kinship Services, Inc., Partnership for Children and Families and the School Board of Pinellas County.
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

10. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 6 (February 2016) to the District's 2015/16 Budget
Approved as submitted

11. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending February 29, 2016
Approved as submitted

12. Request Approval of Renewal Agreement Between the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, and the School Board of Seminole County, Florida
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

13. Request Approval of the Operational Compliance Audit Reports of the District's Property Inventory, Schools' Payroll, Schools' Internal Fund Accounts for Fiscal Year 2014/2015; and the Financial Audit Reports of the Schools' Internal Fund Accounts for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015
Approved as submitted

14. Request Approval of RFP 16-946-151 Request for Proposals: Underwriting Service
Approved as submitted

15. Request Approval of RFP 16-946-152 Request for Proposals: Trustee Services
Approved as submitted

16. Request Approval of a new Agreement for Athletic Trainers With PT Solutions, LLC, and Renewal Agreements Between All Florida Orthopaedic Associates, St. Anthony's Hospital, Inc., Morton Plant Mease Health Care, Inc., and the School Board of Pinellas County
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

17. Request Approval of the Internship Agreement with the City of St. Petersburg
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

18. Request Approval to Renew Both the Joint Use Agreement and the Bicentennial Park Agreement with the City of Madeira Beach and the School Board
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

19. Request Approval of the Interlocal Agreement Between the School Board and Pinellas County for a Temporary Emergency Management Staging Area
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

20. Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Pinellas Technical College, St. Petersburg Campus, Electrical Distribution Replacement for Project No. 9047, in the Amount of \$246,770, and the Agreement With Long & Associates Architects/Engineers for Electrical and Contract Administration Services
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

21. Request Approval of the Third 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
22. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Lighting Renovation (Buildings 2 and 8) as of April 12, 2016, 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 #164.)
23. Request Approval of Selling the District's Surplus Equipment on the PublicSurplus.com Internet Auction Site
Approved as submitted
24. Request Approval to Recycle, Cannibalize, and/or Scrap Obsolete Fixed Assets
Approved as submitted
25. 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 #164.)

XII. Nonconsent

1. Request Approval of the Amendment to the Charter School Contracts for Plato Academy Clearwater, Largo, Palm Harbor, Pinellas Park, Seminole, St. Petersburg and Tarpon Springs Schools to Change the Primary Curriculum
Approved as submitted
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

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

2. Request Approval of the Amendment to the Charter School Contract for University Preparatory Academy to Change the Primary Curriculum
Approved as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #164.)

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

3. Request Approval of Issuance of a Ninety (90) Day Notice to Terminate the Charter Agreement with Windsor Preparatory Academy

The action taken by the Board reflects the amendment provided by the Superintendent during Item II. Amendments to the Agenda

Ms. Heather Wallace, assistant school board attorney, spoke to the topic of the ninety day notice to terminate. She shared that the charter agreement is made with the governing board, they are to provide oversight. The governing board hired the management company, Newpoint Education Partners, LLC. There continue to be significant concerns with the schools' budgets, lack of curriculum, exceptional student education services, and other areas. The governing board is not in compliance with the original charter agreement.

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

4. Request Approval of Issuance of a Ninety (90) Day Notice to Terminate the Charter Agreement with East Windsor Middle Academy

The action taken by the Board reflects the amendment provided by the Superintendent during Item II. Amendments to the Agenda

Ms. Heather Wallace, assistant school board attorney, spoke to the topic of the ninety day notice to terminate. She shared that the charter agreement is made with the governing board, they are to provide oversight. The governing board hired the management company, Newpoint Education Partners, LLC. There continue to be significant concerns with the schools' budgets, lack of curriculum, exceptional student education services, and other areas. The governing board is not in compliance with the original charter agreement.

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

5. Request Approval of Issuance of a Ninety (90) Day Notice to Terminate the Charter Agreement with Florida Virtual Academy at Pinellas

The action taken by the Board reflects the amendment provided by the Superintendent during Item II. Amendments to the Agenda

Ms. Amy Hayes, senior coordinator, charter schools and home education, spoke to the topic of the ninety day notice to terminate. They have not met the requirements of the

corrective action plan issued in November 2015. The school is in violation of its charter agreement for board governance violations and inaccurate reporting.

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

6. Request Approval of Issuance of a Ninety (90) Day Notice to Terminate the Charter Agreement with Newpoint Pinellas Academy

The action taken by the Board reflects the amendment provided by the Superintendent during Item II. Amendments to the Agenda

Ms. Heather Wallace, assistant school board attorney, spoke to the topic of the ninety day notice to terminate. She shared that the charter agreement is made with the governing board, they are to provide oversight. The governing board hired the management company, Newpoint Education Partners, LLC. There continue to be significant concerns with the schools' budgets and governance. The school has failed to provide a sufficient corrective action plan. The governing board is not in compliance with the original charter agreement.

A summary of remarks made by Dr. Grego and board members regarding Windsor Preparatory Academy, East Windsor Middle Academy and Newpoint Pinellas Academy:

Dr. Grego stated that within the ninety days he hopes to see the appropriate corrections; board members have a responsibility to the taxpayers; there has to be oversight.

Ms. Flowers clarified a statement made by a speaker that the district held the lease on the Windsor school buildings; they do not. She asked for a clarification regarding the process of the notice to terminate. The governing board has fourteen days to appeal the notice and if they do, a hearing must be held within sixty days.

Mrs. Lerner thanked the speakers, but the district needs documentation and show her what that looks like legally and financially.

Dr. Peluso said speakers made compelling arguments but he is responsible to the taxpayers.

Mrs. Cook thanked the speakers for attending, but it would be irresponsible of the Board to not move forward with the termination notice since the district has not received proof from the governing board. She said that district staff will work with them.

Mrs. Krassner expressed compassion toward the families and stated that she has faith in public schools.

Ms. Clark communicated her agreement with the Board in issuing the ninety day notice, but also stated that the district would work with them.

Mrs. O' Shea stated that she also agreed with the ninety day notice and that she hopes they are able to comply in ninety days.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Peluso, Board Member
SECONDER:	Rene Flowers, 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 stated that this school board meeting was the last one for the 2015-2016 school year. He thanked all district personnel. He said it is an exciting time of year for families, especially for those who have children graduating from high school. He will attend several commencement ceremonies and looks forward to celebrating this accomplishment with them. It is a great time to reflect on what motivates us as educators.

2) He said that Ponce de Leon elementary started a wonderful new tradition. The elementary students will host the graduating seniors from Largo High that attended Ponce de Leon to participate in a parade down the school halls. This is a great way for seniors to motivate elementary students; sharing their success in graduating high school.

3) He shared that a senior at Clearwater High School, Jose Becerra, has been chosen for the prestigious 2016 Dell Scholars Program Class of 2016. He is the only student in Pinellas County and one of only ten in the state. He plans to attend the University of North Florida, majoring in Biology, with a concentration in Biotechnology and Molecular Biology. The Dell Scholars program is an initiative of the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation which recognizes students who have overcome significant obstacles to pursue their education.

4) He said that Northeast High School Principal Kevin Hendrick was one of ten educators recognized by Governor Rick Scott with the Governor's Shine Award. The Shine Award is presented to teachers and administrators in the state who make significant contributions to the field of education. In addition to this award, Principal Hendrick is the recipient of the Pinellas County Music Educators Association "High School Principal of the Year" and the Pinellas County Mathematics Teachers "Principal of the Year". Congratulations to Mr. Hendrick.

5) He shared information about the summer initiative Fill the Bus which supports the Summer Reading Initiative. The bus was at Tropicana Field recently for PCS Spirit Night with the Rays and there was a lot of community support. Contributions can still be made by donating books to schools, at Barnes and Noble stores or online. Details are on our website at pcsb.org/fillthebus.

6) He spoke about the Pinellas Education Foundation's 13th annual Walker's Rising Stars Scholarship Competition held last week. Approximately \$60,000.00 in scholarships and prizes were awarded that evening. A big thank you to Dr. Jeffrey Walker and the Foundation for another fantastic event. Attendance 700 people attended. More than 200 juniors and seniors from Pinellas County Schools applied to this seven-month competition. Congratulations to all who participated and to our winners.

7) He said that Parent University, recently held at Gibbs High School, offered a variety of

services, workshops, and activities for students and families. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it a success.

8) He commented on the STEM Expo at USF St. Petersburg, which is an amazing event, and continues to become a bigger and better event each year. There are now 220 STEM Academies in the district with more than 4,500 students participating.

9) He shared the success of the Transformation Zone Job Fair. There was positive feedback from principals and teachers with over 150 prospective teachers attending. He thanked Dr. Antonio Burt for his role.

B. *Items Introduced by School Board Attorney*

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

C. *Items Introduced by the Board*

Mrs. Lerner- She spoke about transgender students and accommodations for them. She stated that the district has done a lot to work with these students and their families. She asked that this topic be addressed in an upcoming workshop.

Ms. Flowers-1)She thanked the administration for the opportunity to attend the Transformation Zone Job Fair at Melrose Elementary. Teachers in attendance were there because they are excited about what is happening at the Transformation Zone Schools. 2) She responded to comments made by some of the speakers about supportive teachers and she stated that she is aware of many educators in this district that are caring and go out of their way to support families. 3) She also spoke about the many active PTA groups at our schools; this is not only found at charter schools. 4) She spoke about the legislation surrounding charter schools. Tallahassee makes the rules of law and school boards must address them. 5) She gave a shout out to Cheryl Thomas, school bus driver, who is lending her assistance at Campbell Park Elementary. 6) She said that she is so excited about upcoming high school graduations. If students have not yet decided on post secondary education, Pinellas Technical College is an excellent choice. She said that part of the City of St. Petersburg's vision statement says "where the sun shines on all". Pinellas Technical College should be "where education shines on all".

Mrs. O'Shea- 1) She announced that tonight is the School Board Student Recognition Event at Pinellas Park High School, beginning at 7 pm. 2) She reminded board members to keep their calendars up-to-date as there are many events at this time of the year.

D. *Review of Board Requests*

Dr. Corbett stated there were no board requests.

E. *School Board Meeting Evaluation*

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

Pluses:

-Heather well prepared and ready

-Speakers had a chance to be heard

Opportunities:

-Inability to verify speakers' comments

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board; this meeting adjourned at 1:49 PM

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary

XV. Public Speakers

The following individuals addressed the Board to share their comments:

1. Tracy Bates

Ms. Bates stated that her grandson attends Pinellas County Schools and has experienced bullying. (Dr. Grego requested an area superintendent speak with Ms. Bates and investigate this issue.)

2. Lenore Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner gave the Board copies of pages 58-59 from the Pinellas Park Middle School yearbook 2000, where she was mentioned.

3. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on environmental concerns.

4. Jean Urban

Ms. Urban made note of the May 14, 2016 letter to the editor and shared data on dyslexia.

5. Sherwood White

Mr. White gave a copy of "The War on Poverty: 50 Years Later A House Budget Committee Report" dated March 3, 2014.

6. Freddie Mitchell

Mr. Mitchell spoke about the impact of stress in the workplace, specifically impacting

teachers.

7. Tonya Proffer

Ms. Proffer shared data on dyslexia and gave the board a document titled "Dyslexia Matters".

8. Alan Conner

Mr. Conner spoke about the contamination issue at Sawgrass Lake.

9. Jayson James

Mr. James shared two concerns he had heard about regarding treatment of students in our schools. (Dr. Grego requested an area superintendent speak with Mr. James and investigate these issues.)

10. Megan Smith

Ms. Smith spoke in favor of Windsor Preparatory Academy.

11. Stephanie Adelson

Ms. Adelson spoke in favor of Windsor Preparatory Academy.

This session ended at 2:26 PM.