



# Pinellas County School Board

## Regular School Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

301 Fourth Street SW  
Largo, FL 33770  
<https://www.pcsb.org>

Ann Simonetti

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

10:00 AM

School Administration Building

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., at the School Board Administration Building, 301 Fourth Street SW, Largo, Florida.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rene Flowers	Board Member	Present	
Ken Peluso	Board Member	Present	
Carol J. Cook	Board Member	Present	
Janet R. Clark	Board Member	Present	
Terry Krassner	Vice Chairperson	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 Assistant and Clerk to the Board	Present	

### II. Amendments to the Agenda

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

Updated Special Order Agenda Item # 1 - page 7 - Request Approval of Proclamation Recognizing Parental Involvement in Education Month, November 2016, Presented by Valerie Brimm, Ed. D., Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships

Added Consent Agenda Item # 3 - page 99 - Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Minority Achievement Officer

All pre-existing agenda items are renumbered accordingly.

Pulled Special Order Agenda Item # 5- page 13- Recognition of School Bus Driver of the Year, Ms. Davida Wimbley, Presented by Rick McBride, Director of Transportation.

Ms. Davida Wimbley had a death in the family and was unable to attend the meeting.

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

**III. Invocation: Pastor Chuck Engelhardt, Heritage United Methodist Church, 2680 Landmark Drive, Clearwater, Florida 33761**

Pastor Chuck Engelhardt delivered the Invocation.

**IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

***National Anthem***

The National Anthem was sung by the Largo High School Madrigal Singers.

***Video: Certificate of Distinction: Advancing support employees through specialized classes***

The video highlighted Pinellas County Schools more than 5,900 support professionals. November 16, 2016 is National Educational Support Professionals Day and we celebrate support staff for their dedication to our students. Recently, 141 support professionals were honored at the Certificate of Distinction breakfast. The Certificate of Distinction encourages goal-setting to develop professional and personal goals, build skills, and enhance an individuals opportunities for growth. Since its inception, 3,715 employees have earned this distinction.

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

Ms. Lisa Wolf, public information officer, introduced the following individuals: Nelly Henjes, PESPA; Mike Gandolfo, PCTA; Cindy Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA; Victoria Hagedorn, Arts for a Complete Education; Delia Miller, League of Women Voters of North Pinellas; and Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times.

**VI. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities: Largo High School**

Ms. Lisa Wolf, public information officer, introduced Sarina Patel, Bobby Roundtree and Johannah One, student rights and responsibilities committee members from Largo High School. They addressed the Board to share information regarding programs and achievements taking place at their school.

**VII. Adoption of Agenda**

Rene Flowers requested consent agenda item #12 be pulled for discussion.

# 12: Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Melrose Elementary School Replacement Facility for Project No. 9089 in the Amount of \$18,006,760, and the Agreement with Williamson Dacar Associates for Architectural Design Services

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

## VIII. Special Order Agenda

**1. Request Approval of Proclamation Recognizing Parental Involvement in Education Month, November 2016, Presented by Valerie Brimm, Ed.D., Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships**

Dr. Valerie Brimm spoke of the positive impact of parental involvement in a student's education.

**Rene Flowers read the Proclamation aloud.**

**It was moved by Rene Flowers and seconded by Janet Clark, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Proclamation Recognizing Parental Involvement in Education Month, November 2016.**

**2. Presentation of the Career Education Board Fall Report, Presented by, Bob McIntyre, Co-Chair, Career Education Board, Pinellas Education Foundation**

Mr. Mark Hunt, executive director, career, technical and adult education, introduced Mr. Bob McIntyre, co-chair, career education board, Pinellas Education Foundation. Mr. McIntyre spoke about the involvement of their board in the development of career academies and the Ford Next Generation Learning grant project. The district hosted the NGL conference in 2016 and will again in 2017.

Mrs. Krassner, Mrs. Lerner, and Mrs. O'Shea thanked Mr. McIntyre and the Pinellas Education Foundation for their partnership with Pinellas County Schools.

**3. Presentation of the Florida Society of Health and Physical Educators' Health Education Award, 2015-2016, Presented by Peggy Johns, Specialist, PK-12 Health Education**

Ms. Peggy Johns, introduced Ms. Kelley Jones, award winner.

Ms. Jones was greeted and congratulated by the board.

**4. Presentation of the Florida School Health Association's School Health Educator of the Year, 2015-2016, Presented by Peggy Johns, Specialist, PK-12 Health Education**

Ms. Peggy Johns introduced Mr. Doug Krieg, award winner.

Mr. Krieg was greeted and congratulated by the board.

**5. Recognition of School Bus Driver of the Year, Ms. Davida Wimbley, Presented by Rick McBride, Director of Transportation**

This item was pulled from the agenda by Dr. Grego under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda Ms. Wimbley was unable to attend the meeting due to a death in the family.

**IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

The following individual shared their comments on specific agenda items:

Mark Klutho

Consent Agenda Item # 11: Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Madeira Beach Fundamental School, Windows and Storefronts Replacement for Project No. 9116, in the Amount of \$1,219,706, and the Agreement With Renker Eich Parks Architect for Architectural and Engineering Design Services and Construction Administration

Consent Agenda Item # 12: Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Melrose Elementary School Replacement Facility for Project No. 9089 in the Amount of \$18,006,760, and the

Agreement with Williamson Dacar Associates for Architectural Design Services

Consent Agenda Item # 14: Request Approval of Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement With Ajax Building Corporation for Labor, Materials, Equipment, and Duration of Schedule Associated With Underground Utility Redesign. This change order will increase the Guaranteed

Maximum Price (GMP) by \$113,164 with a seventy-two (72) day time extension at Largo High School, Project No. 4511

Consent Agenda Item # 16: Request Approval of Room Condition Change Building Replacement/Raze (RCC - BRR) Form and Conceptual Permission to Raze/Replace Permanent Buildings at Tarpon Springs High School, Building 29

Mr. Klutho voiced his opinion about building construction, environmental impact, and costs.

**X. Unfinished Business**

**XI. Consent**

<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 School Board Workshop of October 18, 2016; the School Board Workshop of October 25, 2016; and, the Regular School Board Meeting of October 25, 2016**

Approved as amended.

Consent Agenda Item #1: Request Approval of Minutes, had the following corrections:

The word white was used in the minutes instead of the word non-black as specified in Policy 2130-DMAC. And Mrs. Carol Cook made the motion to approve Mr. White.

The board meeting minutes, October 25, 2016 under Items Introduced by the Board: (on page 33)

Mrs. O'Shea had two items to bring before the Board:

2. The school board appointment to the District Monitoring and Advisory Committee. The board must appoint one ~~white~~ non-black and one black member. Dr. Martin Shapiro will serve as the ~~white~~ non-black appointment. Mrs. O'Shea recommended Mr. Ron White as the black appointment.

**Mrs. O'Shea called for a motion and vote on this recommendation. It was moved by ~~Janet Clark~~ Carol Cook, seconded by Terry Krassner and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the appointment of Ron White to the District Monitoring and Advisory Committee (DMAC).**

This correction has been made to the minutes posted on the district website.

**2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations**

Approved, as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #167.)

**3. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Minority Achievement Officer**

This item was added to the agenda by Dr. Grego under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda Appointment approved- Lewis A. Brinson, Ed. D.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #167.)

**4. Request Approval of Agreement with Southern Regional Education Board for Learning-Centered Leadership Program**

Approved, as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #167.)

**5. Request Approval of Donation of Titled Vehicle to Pinellas County Schools**

Approved, as submitted

**6. Request Approval of the Title I School Improvement Grant (SIG) 1003(a) 2016-2017  
\$1,143,498.00**

Approved, as follows:

Title I School Improvement Grant (SIG) 1003(a) 2016-2017 \$1,143,498.00

**7. Request Approval of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Secondary  
Grant, Section 131, \$1,060,574.00**

Approved as follows:

Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Secondary Grant, Section 131, \$1,060,574.00

**8. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending August 31, 2016**

Approved, as submitted

**9. Request Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement With the School Board of Pasco  
County and the School Board of Pinellas County**

Approved, as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #167.)

**10. Request Approval for the Renewal of the Agreement With Palm Harbor Community  
Services Agency, Inc., for the Reciprocal Use of School Board and Agency Facilities**

Approved, as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #167.)

**11. Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Madeira Beach Fundamental School,  
Windows and Storefronts Replacement for Project No. 9116, in the Amount of \$1,219,706,  
and the Agreement With Renker Eich Parks Architect for Architectural and Engineering  
Design Services and Construction Administration**

Approved, as submitted

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**12. Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Melrose Elementary School Replacement Facility for Project No. 9089 in the Amount of \$18,006,760, and the Agreement with Williamson Dacar Associates for Architectural Design Services**

This item was pulled for discussion by Rene Flowers. Refer to XII. Consent Agenda-Items Pulled.

Approved, as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #167.)

**13. Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Public Use Swimming Pool at Tarpon Springs High School, Project No. 9082, in the Amount of \$1,691,839 and the Agreement With Hoffman Architects, P.A. for Architectural Services**

Approved, as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #167.)

**14. Request Approval of Change Order No. 1 to the Agreement With Ajax Building Corporation for Labor, Materials, Equipment, and Duration of Schedule Associated With Underground Utility Redesign. This change order will increase the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$113,164 with a seventy-two (72) day time extension at Largo High School, Project No. 4511**

Approved, as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #167.)

**15. Request Approval of First Quarter Submittal of Change Order Summaries**

Approved, as submitted

**16. Request Approval of Room Condition Change Building Replacement/Raze (RCC - BRR) Form and Conceptual Permission to Raze/Replace Permanent Buildings at Tarpon Springs High School, Building 29**

Approved, as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #167.)

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

Approved, as submitted

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

Approved, as submitted

**19. 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 #167.)

**XII. Consent Agenda-Items Pulled**

Consent Agenda Item # 12: Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Melrose Elementary School Replacement Facility for Project No. 9089 in the Amount of \$18,006,760, and the Agreement with Williamson Dacar Associates for Architectural Design Services

Rene Flowers pulled this item from the consent agenda to share background on the variety of community engagement sessions that were held in order to gather input on this project; thanked the district for building a new school in this community; and, asked that minority workers have an opportunity to participate in this large project provided they meet the legal requirements.

Linda Lerner shared that she attended the Architect Selection presentations for Melrose Elementary.

Mr. Herbic advised the board that if this item is approved today, a community meeting is scheduled at the school for Thursday, November 17 at 5:30 pm for Melrose elementary parents.

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

**XIII. Nonconsent****1. Request Approval of the Renewal of the Lease, Management & Operation Agreement Permitting Belle of the Ball, Inc. to Lease the Media Center (the "Premises") Located on the Former Curtis Fundamental School Property**

Charlene Beyer, real estate analyst, introduced Joe Marteski, chief operating officer, Belle of the Ball, Inc.

Mr. Marteski spoke about the positive impact this program has for students in need. He thanked the district for their support.

Carol Cook and Peggy O'Shea thanked him for this community service program.

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

## 2. Request Approval for the Submittal of the 2016 Florida Safe Schools Self-Assessment

Mr. Clint Herbic, associate superintendent, operational services, shared that the confidential information contained in this document drives the district's safety plans.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [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

## 3. Request Approval of the 2017/2018 Instructional Calendar and Special Observance Days

Dr. Grego shared the list of members serving on this committee to demonstrate the cross section of representation that develops the district's calendars. The board reviewed the calendar at October 25 workshop. He thanked Ms. Paula Texel, assistant superintendent, human resource services, and Mr. Dave Richmond, managing officer, payroll operations.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [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

## 4. Request Approval of Pinellas County Schools Proposed 2017 Legislative Program

Mr. Steve Swartzel, legislative consultant, made note of the five main areas addressed in the legislative platform: accountability, educational funding, capital outlay, tax credit schools and constitutional authority governance.

Ms. Flowers thanked him for his work with our legislators. Mrs. Cook thanked him for his support. Mrs. Krassner thanked him for the great relationships he has built in Tallahassee. Dr. Grego and Mr. Koperski thanked him for being pro-active.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [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

5. **Request Adoption of the Proposed Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards 2017 Legislative Program**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [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

## XIV. New Business

### A. *Items Introduced by Superintendent*

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

- 1) He said the Great American Teach-In is scheduled for tomorrow, November 16th and thanked the community for their participation.
- 2) He shared that Support Professionals Day is November 16, 2016 and thanked support staff for all they do.
- 3) He thanked the community for their support of the referendum. It passed by the largest margin ever; it was first approved by voters in 2004. He thanked PCTA and PESPA for supporting it.
- 4) He said there is a community meeting for input on the Bridging the Gap plan at 6 p.m. tonight at Tarpon Springs High School. He said the plan was shared with the Council of Great City Schools.

David Koperski took this opportunity to state the legal status of the alternative dispute resolution. Both COQEBs and Bradley asked for a meeting hiatus. The Bridging the Gap plan has been shared with both parties; we have not heard back from them at this time. The District has asked to meet with them and continue the discussion.

Dr. William Corbett said the goal managers have received specific plans for students who need additional support. This is being done along with the positive behavior support system; equity in discipline; family empowerment initiatives; and the recruitment and retention of minorities to our staff. All these initiatives are part of the BTG plan.

Peggy O'Shea noted that at the Council of Great City Schools conference, other districts had minority achievement plans, but they are not as comprehensive as our plan. Discussion will continue at the January workshop. She added that she wants it to be aligned with questions being raised by the District Monitoring and Advisory Committee (DMAC).

Terry Krassner asked about the metrics and measurement for the plan.

Dr. Dan Evans, executive director, assessment, accountability and research, said they are currently reviewing the strategies being used to determine the outcomes. His department is also capturing all the feedback from the community; currently there have been 852 comments. The district is challenging their earlier assumptions.

Linda Lerner said that early intervention is very important.

Rene Flowers thanked everyone who worked on the plan. She noted that the BTG plan and School Improvement plans are linked to the District Strategic Plan. She said rigor is relevant at all levels. Pre-school programs are reaching out to the district for information to assist them in preparing students for school.

Janet Clark said that DMAC should review the BTG plan and tie it in with their work.

Paula Texel said she will share the plan at their next meeting.

Ken Peluso said this plan was first discussed in the 2012-13 school year and he is happy with the progress being made.

Dr. Grego continued by saying the district needs the help of the community.

5) He congratulated Kevin Ford, director of Tarpon Springs High School's Leadership Conservatory for the Arts, for his selection of the Yamaha Master Educator Program and for the success of the marching band in the Bands of America competition in Indianapolis. They competed with 100 marching bands and they have been ranked #4 in the nation.

6) He said that Janet Clark is leaving the board after twelve years of service and Dr. Ken Peluso after two years of service. This is their last meeting.

Ken Peluso- He thanked the administration for doing a phenomenal job and increasing the contingency reserve.

Carol Cook- She said that it has been a pleasure working with both Ken Peluso and Janet Clark. She thanked Dr. Peluso for his assistance when the district moved to self-funding our health insurance and his focus on the budget. She thanked Janet Clark for her work serving on the Homeless Leadership Board and that it has been an honor to work with her.

Terry Krassner- 1) She thanked the community for their support in passing the referendum and demonstrating their support of public education. 2) She spoke about the clarification of processes used for interviewing and hiring applicants; she said it is an administrative decision and aware of the accountability.

Rene Flowers- She said that she met Ken Peluso during his campaign and he stayed firm to his convictions; she learned from him during workshop discussions and he will be missed. She shared that she has known Janet Clark for some time and is aware that she is going back into the classroom where she can advocate for persons with disabilities.

Linda Lerner- She said that she appreciated Janet Clark's classroom perspective and her work with the Homeless Leadership Board. She noted that Dr. Peluso came on the board with a lot of community involvement experience and thanked him for his service.

Janet Clark-She thanked everyone and told Dr. Grego that he has gotten us back on the right track.

7) He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

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

Mr. Koperski shared his comments during XIV. New Business A. Items Introduced by the Superintendent.

At this time he added his thanks for the service of both Ken Peluso and Janet Clark.

**C. Items Introduced by the Board**

Rene Flowers- 1) She mentioned National Educational Support Professionals Day and appreciates having paraprofessionals in classrooms and their contributions to student success. 2) She expressed her kudos for the passing of the referendum and its positive impact on students' ability to participate in the arts. 3) She is attending the SAC meeting at Doug Jamerson Elementary school tonight and will share all the wonderful things going on in the district. 4) She shared that this Thanksgiving she will be thinking about others.

Peggy O'Shea- 1) She thanked the community for voting in favor of the referendum. 2) She recently volunteered at Starting Right Now and helped paint the girls dormitory. 3) She advised the board that a joint meeting is being planned for late January with the Juvenile Welfare Board and Pinellas County Commission. The district will host the meeting here at the administration building. Homelessness will be one of the topics. 4) She thanked Ken Peluso and Janet Clark for their commitment to students.

Linda Lerner- 1) She attended the reception yesterday at the Stavros Institute for the US Dept. of State Edward R. Morrow program participants. This included 120 international journalists; this is a great cultural exchange program. She noted that representatives from over 100 countries have visited the Stavros Institute. She also shared that the international journalists also visited the Pinellas Technical College culinary program and the John Hopkins Middle School journalism program. 2) She said that she so enjoys the students who perform the National Anthem at our meetings; that she wants to suggest that they perform another song after the anthem. 3) She said that she is very thankful for the United States Constitution; the separation of powers and for our forefathers for creating this democracy. 4) She wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

**D. Review of Board Requests**

Dr. Corbett shared the following requests made by board members:

1. to include the Bridging The Gap plan at the next workshop
2. work with staff to add a song following the National Anthem

**E. School Board Meeting Evaluation**

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

*Pluses:*

- whole meeting
- well run

*Opportunities:*

- speakers should address business issues

## **XV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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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 spoke about Veteran's Day and her personal experiences.

2. Lance Monlux

Mr. Monlux distributed a copy of his research titled *Puberty-Addiction Connection*.

3. Mitch Incorvaia

Mr. Incorvaia spoke of the noise level in the neighborhood during Tarpon Springs High School's marching band practice.

4. James Wild

Mr. Wild spoke of the noise level in the neighborhood during Tarpon Springs High School's marching band practice.

5. Ken Stolte

Mr. Stolte spoke of the noise level in the neighborhood during Tarpon Springs High School's marching band practice.

(Mr. Ward Kennedy, area superintendent, was called upon by Dr. Grego. Mr. Kennedy said he is meeting with the school administration to look into some long term solutions to the problem.)

6. Cindy Ehrenzeller

Ms. Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA, thanked Dr. Ken Peluso and Ms. Janet Clark for their service on the school board.

7. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on environmental concerns.

8. Eliseo Santana, Jr.

Mr. Santana thanked the board members for their service. He congratulated Mrs. Cook on her re-election by an overwhelming majority. (Ms. Santana was her opponent in the election.)

**The session ended at 12:43 p.m.**