



Pinellas County School Board

Regular School Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

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

Ann Simonetti

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

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
Nicole Carr	Board Member	Present	
William Dudley	Board Member	Present	
Lisa Cane	Board Member	Present	
Carol J. Cook	Board Member	Present	
Rene Flowers	Chairperson	Present	
Joanne Lentino	Board Member	Present	
Eileen Long	Board Member	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 shared the following amendment to the agenda:

Pulled Consent Agenda Item # 10: Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Mr. Ernest Williams, Bus Driver, Transportation Department

Ms. Flowers stated that she found good cause to amend the agenda.

III. Adoption of Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Eileen Long, Board Member
SECONDER:	Nicole Carr, Board Member
AYES:	Carr, Dudley, Cane, Cook, Flowers, Lentino, Long

IV. Invocation: Pastor Becky Robbins-Penniman, The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 639 Edgewater Dr., Dunedin, FL 34698

Pastor Becky Robbins-Penniman delivered the Invocation.

V. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

National Anthem

The National Anthem was sung by the mixed audition group from Pinellas Park High School *Showtime*. They performed a second song, *Oh Earth*, a poem from Archibald Lampman, arranged by E.K.R. Hammell, which was introduced by their choral director, Helen Twinam.

Video: Teacher of the Year Finalists

The video highlighted the top ten finalists for Pinellas County School's Teacher of the Year. The district partners with the Pinellas Education Foundation to honor our teachers. The video captured the nominees, as they were informed, that they had made it as one of the top ten finalists for this prestigious award. All nominees will be honored at the Evening of Excellence celebration at the Mahaffey Theater on January 28, 2019.

VI. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

Lisa M. Wolf, Public Information Officer

Ms. Lisa M. Wolf, public information officer, introduced the following individuals: Nelly Henjes, PESPA; Mike Gandolfo, PCTA; Talmadge Andrews and Rebecca Dean, SEIU/FPSU; Raegan Miller, PCCPTA; Dr. Victoria Hagedorn, Arts for a Complete Education; and, Megan Reeves, Tampa Bay Times.

VII. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities: Pinellas Park High School

Ms. Lisa M. Wolf, public information officer, introduced Bojan Milojevic and Amya Ellison, student rights and responsibilities committee members from Pinellas Park High School. They addressed the board to share information regarding programs and activities taking place at their school.

VIII. Special Order Agenda

1. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing January 2019 as National Mentoring Month, Presented by Valerie Brimm, Ed.D., Director, Strategic Partnerships

Dr. Valerie Brimm, director, strategic partnerships, spoke about the positive impact a mentor has on student outcomes. There are more than 3,000 mentors serving students in our district. Two students from Azalea Middle School spoke about their mentor experiences.

Nicole Carr read the proclamation aloud. It was moved by Carol Cook; seconded by Joanne Lentino; and, carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the proclamation to observe the month of January 2019 as National Mentoring Month.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #177)

2. Recognition of First Responder Appreciation Week, Presented by Mark Hunt, Executive Director, Career, Technical and Adult Education

Mr. Mark Hunt, executive director, career, technical, and adult education, spoke of the exemplary and continuous service our community receive from first responders. He acknowledged these first responders that were in attendance:

Pinellas County Schools Police - Sargent Jim Rexroad

Pinellas Park Fire Department - Operations, Chief Rob Angell

Seminole Fire Department - Chief Heather Burford

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office - Lt. Joni Goodley

Clearwater Police Department - Corporal Brad Starks

Largo Fire Department - Public Educator, Summer Mahr and Firefighter, Ralph Washington

3. Presentation of the 2017-2018 Independent Citizens Referendum Oversight Committee (ICROC) Annual Report to the Pinellas County School Board and Citizens of Pinellas County, Presented by Melissa Honeycutt, Chairperson, Independent Citizens Referendum Oversight Committee

Mr. Kevin Hendrick, associate superintendent, teaching and learning services, introduced Ms. Melissa Honeycutt, with the Pinellas Realtors Association, who serves as the ICROC chairperson.

The referendum has been approved by Pinellas taxpayers since 2004. The funds are divided with 80% going toward teachers' salaries; each instructor received \$4,400 this year. Twenty percent is spent to support instruction, which includes field trips, literacy supports, new band uniforms for three schools, and some discretionary funds for every art teacher in the district.

Ms. Honeycutt shared that ICROC meets quarterly.

IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The following individual shared their comments on specific agenda items:

-Mark Klutho

Consent Agenda Item # 14: Request Approval of Amendment to the Agreement With Gaetz Aerospace Institute, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Consent Agenda Item # 16: Request Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement With Rañon & Partners, Inc. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection With New Construction in the Amount of \$255,585 at Richard O. Jacobson Technical High School at Seminole (Formally Known as Pinellas Technical High School), Project No. 9141

Consent Agenda Item # 17: Request Approval of Agreement With Creative Contractors, Inc. for Construction Management (CM) Services in Connection With the New Construction, Renovation, Remodeling and Site Work in the Amount of \$81,321.32 at St. Petersburg High School, Project No. 9188

Consent Agenda Item # 18: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for New Construction, Remodel and Renovations (Building 3) as of November 9, 2018, Which is a Portion of the Project at Richard O. Jacobson Technical High School (Formally Known as Pinellas Technical High School) at Seminole, Project No. 9141

Consent Agenda Item # 20: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for the New Storefront Replacement (Windows) as of April 8, 2018, at Safety Harbor Elementary School, Project No. 9225

Mr. Klutho cited the district strategic direction noted in these agenda items and his viewpoint on the how these items affect the environment.

X. Unfinished Business

1. Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 1590 PERSONNEL FILES, 3590 PERSONNEL FILES and 4590 PERSONNEL FILES. (This is the second reading. There have been no changes since the first reading.)

There were no public speakers on this second reading of policies 1590, 3590, and 4590.

Ms. Jennifer Dull, director, strategic planning and policy, stated that there were no changes since the first reading.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol J. Cook, Board Member
SECONDER:	William Dudley, Board Member
AYES:	Carr, Dudley, Cane, Cook, Flowers, Lentino, Long

2. Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 2130 DISTRICT MONITORING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DMAC). (This is the second reading. There have been no changes since the first reading.)

There were no public speakers on this second reading of Policy 2130.

Mr. Koperski spoke about the need to amend Policy 2130. NAACP South had their charter restored and they requested to continue as part of this committee. The policy amendment also adjusts the number required for a quorum due to an additional organization.

Ms. Lentino clarified a statement from a previous board meeting. She was under the impression that Summer Bridge data had not been shared with DMAC; but, in fact, the data had been shared. She wanted to make that correction publicly.

Carol Cook stated that she supports the amendment to the policy, but the NAACP branch names need to be accurate. NAACP-North is actually NAACP Clearwater Upper Pinellas County Branch and NAACP-South is actually NAACP St. Petersburg Branch.

Carol Cook moved to amend the policy to read NAACP Clearwater Upper Pinellas County Branch and NAACP St. Petersburg Branch throughout the entire document. It was seconded by Nicole Carr; and, carried with a 7-0 vote to approve this language.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Eileen Long, Board Member
SECONDER:	Carol J. Cook, Board Member
AYES:	Carr, Dudley, Cane, Cook, Flowers, Lentino, Long

3. Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 8141 MANDATORY REPORTING. (This is the second reading. There have been no changes since the first reading.)

There were no public speakers on the second reading of policy 8141.

Ms. Jennifer Dull, director, strategic planning and policy, stated that there were no changes since the first reading.

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XI. Consent

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol J. Cook, Board Member
SECONDER:	Eileen Long, Board Member
AYES:	Carr, Dudley, Cane, Cook, Flowers, Lentino, Long

1. Request Approval of Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of December 4, 2018; and, the School Board Workshop of December 4, 2018

Approved, as submitted.

2. Request Approval of the Personnel Appointments

Approved, as submitted.

3. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Plumb Elementary School

Appointment approved-Holly L. Del Duca.

4. **Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Safety Harbor Middle School**
Appointment approved- Dionisios "Danny" Boulhieris.
5. **Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Skycrest Elementary School**
Appointment approved-Lisa M. Pierzchalski.
6. **Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Carwise Middle School**
Appointment approved- Jason Obara.
7. **Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, John Hopkins Middle School**
Appointment approved - Dominique D. Clarkson.
8. **Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, John Hopkins Middle School**
Appointment approved - Monica E. McIntosh.
9. **Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Managing Officer, Workforce Innovation, Pinellas Technical College**
Appointment approved - Kyesha V. Robinson.
10. **Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Mr. Ernest Williams, Bus Driver, Transportation Department**
This item was pulled during Item II. Amendments to the Agenda, due to the employee's resignation.
11. **Request Approval of Florida Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education - \$391,456**

Approved, as submitted.

12. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 1 (September 2018) to the District's 2018-2019 School Year Budget

Approved, as submitted.

13. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending September 30, 2018

Approved, as submitted.

14. Request Approval of Amendment to the Agreement With Gaetz Aerospace Institute, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #177)

15. Request Approval of the Agreement With Mason Blau and Associates, Inc. for Architectural Services in the Amount of \$147,814 to Renovate the Restrooms and Replace the Sanitary Systems at Starkey Elementary School, Project No. 9200

Approved, as submitted.

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Approved, as submitted.

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- 19. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Exterior Staircase Renovations as of August 8, 2017, at Safety Harbor Elementary School, Project No. 9225**

Approved, as submitted.

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- 20. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for the New Storefront Replacement (Windows) as of April 8, 2018, at Safety Harbor Elementary School, Project No. 9225**

Approved, as submitted.

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- 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.

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XII. Consent Agenda-Items Pulled

During Item II. Amendments to the Agenda, Dr. Grego stated that consent agenda item #10 was being pulled because the employee resigned.

Consent Agenda Item # 10: Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Mr. Ernest Williams, Bus Driver, Transportation Department

XIII. Nonconsent

1. Request Approval of the Schools of Hope, Whole School Transformation Grant - \$2,994,000

Dr. Felita Grant, director, Title I, spoke about the Florida Department of Education, Schools of Hope grant. Pinellas County Schools has three schools that were eligible for the grant, and all three grants were awarded. They are for Campbell Park, Ponce de Leon, and Sandy Lane elementaries.

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2. Request Approval of Pinellas County Schools Mental Health Awareness Training Program - \$124,715

Ms. Donna Sicilian, executive director, student services, shared that these grant funds will be used for staff Mental Health Awareness Training. This training satisfies the recommendation in accordance with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Act.

She stated that the district has trained 1,971 staff in mental health awareness and 3,958 received trauma informed training.

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3. Request Approval of the Community Intern Partnership Agreement With Pinellas County Government

Mr. Mark Hunt, executive director, career, technical and adult education, stated that this partnership agreement is with Pinellas County Government, Fleet Maintenance Department. It provides real-world experience for students. CTAE affords over 600 students annually with some form of work-based experience.

Ms. Lentino asked if these are paid opportunities.

Mr. Hunt shared that typically they are not; but, the determination to pay a student intern comes from the employer.

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XIV. New Business

A. *Items Introduced by Superintendent*

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

- 1) He wished everyone a Happy New Year, 2019.
- 2) He stated that our 2017-18 high school graduation rate rose 3.1% to 86%, representing the highest graduation rate in district history. Pinellas County Schools has eliminated the graduation gap between Hispanic and Non-Hispanic students. In the past year, the graduation rate among Hispanic students rose 3.7 percentage points to 85%, which matches the state. Since 2012-13, the Pinellas graduation rate for Hispanic students has increased 22.4%. The graduation rate among black students increased 6.9% to 76.2 percent. Pinellas further reduced the gap between black and non-black students by 4.6 percentage points, which outpaced other subgroups. Exceptional Student Education students increased by 5.4 percentage points to 72.5%. In the last six years, Pinellas outpaced the state in increasing the graduation rate for black students, Hispanic students, Exceptional Student Education students and English Learners.
 - 3) He said at the next board workshop on January 22, 2019, graduation rates will be a topic. The goal is to reach 90% graduation rate by 2020.
- 4) He shared that at the Leadership meeting on Thursday, January 10, he spoke with administrators about education encompassing preK through 12th grade.
- 5) He spoke about the District Application Programs. The choice application process opened January 9th and closes on Friday, January 18th.
- 6) He stated that Ready, Set, Kindergarten will be happening across the district on January 15, 16, and 17. Every elementary school will have an open house on one of the dates for families to familiarize themselves with their public school kindergarten programs.
- 7) He thanked Achieva Credit Union for supporting the annual support employee of the year celebration for twenty-five years. He thanked Mr. Gary Regoli, CEO, Achieva, and congratulated Mr. Tony Langhorne, Transportation Field Operations Supervisor, for being named Support Employee of the Year.
- 8) He spoke of the support of the Pinellas Education Foundation for the Evening of Excellence scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2019, at 7 p.m., Mahaffey Theater. This evening is set aside to honor teachers and all 128 schools are invited to participate.

9) He noted the opening at The Studio@620 on Friday evening, January 11. Journeys in Journalism, Through Our Eyes: Midtown and Beyond. This student photographic exhibit will run through January 28th. He encouraged the community to get out and see this exhibit.

10) Madeira Beach Fundamental, won a national grand prize, with the Sandy Hook Promise, Start With Hello program. Congratulations to Principal Ateek.

11) He said the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Commission report has been released and is a topic at the next board workshop. Board members have been given a copy of the report.

12) He shared that we have reached a tentative agreement with the Pinellas Classroom Teachers Association (PCTA) on a new three-year collective bargaining agreement including pay raises. PCTA will be taking the agreement forward for ratification by the end of January. We anticipate bringing the agreement to the board for approval at the February 12 meeting. He thanked our negotiating team, led by assistant superintendent, human resource services, Paula Texel and staff attorney, Laurie Dart. They did an outstanding job representing the district. He also thanked Mike Gandolfo, PCTA.

13) He shared that he and Chief Williams, Pinellas County Schools Police, met with Sheriff Gualtieri, Pinellas County Sheriff. It was a successful meeting. They discussed investing in what is best for safety. He thanked the Sheriff.

14) He advised that the Florida Association of District Superintendents (FADSS) plan to meet with law enforcement to discuss safety.

15) He is scheduled to meet with FADSS this week to prepare for the upcoming legislative session.

B. Items Introduced by School Board Attorney

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

C. Items Introduced by the Board

Joanne Lentino: 1) She said that she attended Representative Ben Diamond's Open House. 2) She volunteered this week at Happy Workers PreK program in St. Petersburg. 3) She attended Representative Wengay Newton's barbecue gathering in Pinellas Park. 4) She attended the Lunch Pals Summit on January 8th at Raymond James. Ron Diner, Lunch Pals Founder, shared some very encouraging words. 5) She visited Pinellas Central Elementary and noted that they have a large number of prek and kindergarten students at the school. 6) She attended the COQEBS meeting on January 9th; there was good conversation and discussion about the Bridging The Gap plan. 7) She met with Pastor Williams, Greater Mt. Zion AME Church, St. Petersburg. He spoke with her about the Women on the Move and Men on the Move initiatives. They meet at the Allstate Center. They assist young people with public speaking and had a vision board activity. 8) She shared that she volunteers at Gulfport Elementary. 9) She attended the YMCA PreK Open House, breakfast and tour. 10) She is a mentor with Take Stock in Children. 11) She volunteers at the Eckerd Connects on Ulmerton Road, assisting with foster care children. 12) She attended the Through Our Eyes, art opening at Studio@620. It was a great event.

Carol Cook: 1) She encouraged everyone to attend the Through Our Eyes, Journeys in Journalism exhibit at Studio@620. She said it is an outstanding exhibition. 2) She attended the Florida Music Education Association conference in Tampa to see Dr. Grego receive his award

on Friday, January 11. He was named Superintendent of the Year by the organization. She said Dr. Grego's remarks to the group, about the importance of the arts in education, received a standing ovation. She shared that Mrs. Lisa Cane was also in attendance.

Eileen Long: She reminded everyone about the MLK, Jr. Day events planned in Tarpon Springs on Saturday, January 19th. It begins with a breakfast, catered by Jacobson Culinary Arts students, 8:00 am, at the First United Methodist Church on Tarpon Avenue, followed by the parade. The parade includes three high school marching bands. A family friendly event will follow in the park after the parade. She encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy the celebration of this great man.

Bill Dudley: He spoke about athletic programs and other extra-curricular activities. They are so numerous across this district. These activities are great teaching tools; coaches serve as mentors to their players. He encouraged everyone to get out and attend these events. Students need your support.

Nicole Carr: 1) She thanked Mr. Dudley for promoting sports. 2) She thanked the district's student services team; they are doing a great job. 3) She thanked the teachers for rolling out the life skills that they are learning from attending the student services training. 4) She thanked all support staff for the relationships they develop with students, and for encouraging them.

Rene Flowers: 1) She spoke about Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is actually on January 15th, though it is celebrated on January 21st. She said that he received the Nobel Peace Prize. A portion of his remarks on the occasion of the award were "I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality." 2) On Monday, January 21, The National Council of Negro Women will host the leadership breakfast at The Coliseum in St. Petersburg. They advise that MLK, Jr. Day shall be "a day on, not a day off"; encouraging community efforts. 3) On Sunday, January 20, the MLK Jr. Interfaith event will take place at the Congregation B'Nai Israel in St. Petersburg, from 4-5:30 p.m. 4) She shared that she met with Dr. Ricardo Davis (COQEBS), Ms. Maria Scruggs (NAACP-St. Petersburg Branch), and, Ms. Lisa Wheeler-Bowman (council member, City of St. Petersburg) to discuss solutions to issues in the community. 5) She shared that a young lady named Lauren, student at Lakewood High, decided she wanted to help government workers in need (due to the federal government shutdown) with a food pantry. She worked with Principal Savage. They established a gofundme account. It was very respectfully done. 6) She shared that she reached out to the Florida House Education Committee Chair, Ms. Jennifer Sullivan. Representative Chris Latvala is Vice-Chair on the same committee; and, serves on the PreK-12 Appropriations Committee. He is part of our legislative delegation. 7) She shared that COQEBS is sponsoring another Baby Talk conference at John Hopkins Middle School, on February 28, 2019, from 6-8 p.m. R 'Club will have free day care available for children ages 2-12 so parents can attend. 8) She told students to stay focused during second semester to attain graduation.

Lisa Cane: 1) She attended the Florida Music Education Association conference in Tampa to see Dr. Grego receive his award for Superintendent of the Year. 2) She will attend the PTA/PTSA Reflections event at Pinellas Park HS, 6 p.m. tonight, "Heroes Around Me".

D. Review of Board Requests

Dr. Corbett stated that there were no board requests made during the meeting.

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses:

- Student presentations
- Connection of PPHS and 1st responders
- Mics worked

*Opportunities:***XV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary

XVI. Public Speakers

Following the adjournment of the meeting, these individuals presented their comments:

1. Talmadge Andrews (SEIU/FPSU)

Mr. Andrews shared two personnel concerns with the board; one bus driver issue and one plant operator concern.

2. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on the labor union, taxpayer funding, and environmental concerns.

The session ended at 12:06 p.m.