



Pinellas County School Board

Regular School Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

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

Ann Simonetti

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

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	Vice Chairperson	Present	
Eileen Long	Board Member	Present	
Joanne Lentino	Board Member	Present	
Carol J. Cook	Board Member	Present	
Terry Krassner	Board Member	Present	
Linda S. Lerner	Board Member	Present	
Peggy O' Shea	Chairperson	Present	
Michael A. Grego	Superintendent	Present	
David Koperski	Board Attorney	Present	
Kevin Smith	Associate Superintendent/Finance Business Services	Present	
William Corbett	Deputy Superintendent	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 amendments to the agenda:

Updated Special Order Item #2: (page 10) Added Governor Rick Scott's Florida First Responder Appreciation Week proclamation

Amended Consent Agenda Item #2: Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations (page 52) under Job Abandonment: Nikki V Best requested an administrative hearing

III. Adoption of Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol J. Cook, Board Member
SECONDER:	Rene Flowers, Vice Chairperson
AYES:	Flowers, Long, Lentino, Cook, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

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

Pastor Randy Morris delivered the Invocation.

V. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

National Anthem

The National Anthem was sung by Lindsey Collins, a student at Palm Harbor University High School.

Video: Teaming for Innovation at Bay Point Middle School

The video shown highlighted seventh grade students in the Center for Advancement of the Sciences and Technology Program at Bay Point Middle School. They recently participated in a two-day workshop called Innovate Together. Engineers from Cisco volunteered as advisors, guiding the student teams as they identified and researched a community problem to then create technology-based solutions. Among the problems chosen by students were proper nutrition for children, feeding the homeless and affordable transportation. The event culminated in an award ceremony where the top four groups pitched their ideas to their peers, teachers, school leaders, family members and a panel of judges.

VI. 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; and, Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times.

VII. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities: Palm Harbor University High School

Ms. Lisa Wolf, public information officer, introduced Ryan Regan and Anna Davis, student rights and responsibilities committee members representing Palm Harbor University High School. They addressed the board to share information regarding programs and activities taking place at their school.

Mrs. Lerner commented on the large number of volunteer hours students contribute and said it might be a good idea to track student volunteer hours.

VIII. Special Order Agenda

1. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing National Mentoring Month, January 2017

Ms. Michelle Roberge, district volunteer coordinator, office of strategic partnerships, spoke about the benefits of mentoring.

Rene Flowers read the proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Carol Cook; seconded by Rene Flowers and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Presidential Proclamation Recognizing National Mentoring Month, January 2017.

Ms. Joanne Lentino thanked Ms. Roberge for encouraging mentoring across our district.

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

Updated Special Order Item #2: (page 10) Added Governor Rick Scott's Florida First Responder Appreciation Week proclamation under II. Amendments to the Agenda

Mr. Mark Hunt spoke about the heroic efforts of first responders.

Carol Cook read the proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Carol Cook; seconded by Terry Krassner; and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Proclamation recognizing Florida First Responder Appreciation Week January 9-13, 2017.

Mr. Mark Hunt introduced local first responders and students from Pinellas Park High School's First Responder and Criminal Justice programs.

The first responders were greeted by the board.

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

Mr. Rick McBride introduced Ms. Davida Wimbley.

Ms. Wimbley was greeted and congratulated by the board.

4. Recognition of Kevin Ford for Being Named as a Yamaha Master Music Educator and Recognition of the Tarpon Springs Outdoor Performance Ensemble for Being Named the Bands of America Super Regional Champion, Presented by Jeanne Reynolds, Specialist, PK-12 Performing Arts

Ms. Jeanne Reynolds introduced Kevin Ford.

Mr. Ford was greeted and congratulated by the board.

IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The following individuals shared their comments on specific agenda items:

1. Mike Gandolfo (PCTA)

Nonconsent Agenda Item #2: Request Approval of the Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Application

Mr. Gandolfo suggested that this pilot program affords the district an opportunity for collaboration as it impacts working conditions.

2. Joseph Robinson

Consent Agenda Item # 9: Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Bardmoor Elementary School Permanent Wall Renovation for Project No. 9106 in the Amount of \$4,400,000, and the Agreement With Holmes Architects for Architectural Services

Consent Agenda Item # 10: Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for new Construction, Renovation, Remodeling, Site Work at Tarpon Springs High School, Project No. 9092, in the Amount of \$12,258,000, and the Agreement With Rowe Architects, Inc. for Architectural and Construction Administrative Services

Consent Agenda Item # 11: Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Walter Pownall Service Center (WPSC), Remove and Replace Roofing for Building 1 (A and C) for Project No. 9101, in the Amount of \$1,476,690, and the Agreement With Williamson Dacar Associates, Inc. for Architectural Design

Nonconsent Agenda Item # 3: Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for new Construction, Renovation and Remodel at Pinellas Park Middle School, Project No. 9090, in the Amount of \$26,189,250, and the Agreement With Harvard Jolly, Inc. for Architectural and Construction Administrative Service

Mr. Robinson spoke of the need to utilize minority owned businesses in the district's construction projects and asked if the district maintained data regarding this concern.

3. Mark Klutho

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Construction Administrative Services

Mr. Klutho noted the district strategic direction of effective and efficient use of resources and shared his viewpoint on environmental concerns.

X. Unfinished Business**XI. Consent**

The consent agenda was approved as amended under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol J. Cook, Board Member
SECONDER:	Joanne Lentino, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Long, Lentino, Cook, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

1. Request Approval of Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of December 6, 2016

Approved as submitted

2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Approved as amended under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda

Amended Consent Agenda Item #2: Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations (page 52) under Job Abandonment: Nikki V Best requested an administrative hearing; therefore her name was pulled from this item.

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

3. Request Approval of the School Resource Officer Agreements With the Sheriff of Pinellas County, City of St. Petersburg, City of Tarpon Springs and City of Pinellas Park for the 2016-2017 Year

Approved as submitted

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

4. Request Approval of Donation of Titled Vehicle to Pinellas County Schools

Approved as submitted

5. Request Approval of Student Services Agreement Between Carlton Manor, Inc., and the School Board of Pinellas County

Approved as submitted

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

6. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending September 30, 2016

Approved as submitted

7. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 1 (September 2016) to the District's 2016/17 Budget

Approved as submitted

8. Request Approval of the Investment Portfolio Financial Statements for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2016

Approved as submitted

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12. Request Approval of Selling the Districts Surplus Equipment on the PublicSurplus.com Internet Auction Site

Approved as submitted

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

Approved as submitted

14. 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. Nonconsent**1. Request Approval of the Principal Autonomy Pilot Program Application**

Dr. Grego stated that Pinellas County Schools is one of seven Florida school districts participating in this pilot program. The principals at Lealman Avenue Elementary, Maximo Elementary and Seventy-Fourth Street Elementary are participating.

Ms. Rene Flowers shared that she is in favor of the opportunity to participate in this program. She also asked if Maximo Elementary was still considered a turnaround school and how that would impact participation. It was stated that Maximo is no longer in turnaround status; the principal can participate in this pilot program; and, the district can continue with supports for students at the school.

Mrs. Lerner referenced district policy 1115-Decentralized Decision-Making. She suggested it be reviewed. She also voiced her support for this pilot program.

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MOVER:	Carol J. Cook, Board Member
SECONDER:	Eileen Long, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Long, Lentino, Cook, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

2. Request Approval of the Apprenticeship Training Program Agreement With the Masonry Contractors Association of Florida, Inc.

Mr. Mark Hunt, executive director, career, technical and adult education, shared the benefit for students participating in apprenticeship programs. During apprenticeship, individuals are paid by the employer and there is no tuition cost for the student.

Ms. Donna Hinson, apprenticeship coordinator, Masonry Contractors Association of Florida,

Inc., was introduced to the board.

Mrs. Krassner asked if ESE students are able to participate in apprenticeship programs. Mr. Clint Herbic responded that there is currently a job training program with Disston Academy students and Walter Pownall Service Center. Mrs. Krassner also asked about dual enrollment programs at Pinellas Technical College. Mr. Mark Hunt shared that February 18, 2017 there will be the first annual National Letter of Intent Signing Day at Pinellas Technical College.

Mr. Koperski did make note that there are Florida laws that address hiring for projects which use state funds.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rene Flowers, Vice Chairperson
SECONDER:	Terry Krassner, Board Member
AYES:	Flowers, Long, Lentino, Cook, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

3. Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for new Construction, Renovation and Remodel at Pinellas Park Middle School, Project No. 9090, in the Amount of \$26,189,250, and the Agreement With Harvard Jolly, Inc. for Architectural and Construction Administrative Services

Mr. Clint Herbic, associate superintendent, operational services, spoke briefly about the scope of the project.

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XIII. New Business

A. Items Introduced by Superintendent

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

1) He shared with board members that the Friday Update is sent to them to help keep them informed.

2) He spoke about the Alternative Dispute Resolution Process and asked Mr. Koperski to share an update with the board.

Mr. Koperski said that in the federal court *Bradley* and state court *COQEBS* cases, all parties have agreed to utilize the services of former state court judge John Lenderman as a mediator. Mr. Lenderman is very highly regarded as an impartial mediator and is also so regarded in his former post as a state court judge in Pinellas County. This will assist the board, and he asked the board for consent to move forward, and stated that their silence suggests consent.

- 3) He shared some good news about Midtown Academy; the district plans to purchase the building. They are moving forward with assessing the building spec requirements that are necessary for it to qualify as a public school.
- 4) He distributed the Florida Association of District School Superintendents 2017 Legislative Platform. It is consistent with the platform proposed by the Florida School Boards Association and Pinellas County School Board.
- 5) He said he is going to Tallahassee tomorrow to speak with the Senate Education Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12 Assessments Policy and Funding. He and other superintendents will speak about assessments, teacher evaluations, reducing the testing window and the large number of assessments that are currently administered.
- 6) He attended the Support Employee of the Year luncheon on Friday. Mr. Melnick, food service manager at Lake St. George Elementary School, was named the 2016-17 Support Employee of the Year. Mr. Melnick will represent the district for the Florida School-Related Employee of the Year. He also thanked Mr. Gary Regoli, Achieva Credit Union, for sponsoring the event.
- 7) He distributed a copy of PCS January 2017 Data Snapshot and advised that it is posted on our website.
- 8) He said the District Application Programs application period opened January 4 and closes January 13. There are two parent events remaining; one is tomorrow evening at Gibbs High School and one is Thursday at the administration building. Details are available on our website.
- 9) He shared that the district will again host the Kindergarten Roundup. Open houses will be held at elementary schools from January 10-12 so parents can register their children for kindergarten. He said it is all about opening our doors. Details are on our website.
- 10) He said the NCAA Foundation's Extra Yard for Teachers has awarded Bronwyn Main, a media specialist at Carwise Middle School, with a Classroom Makeover.
- 11) He said that the Joseph L. Carwise Minority Achievement Awards have acknowledged student success in north county for many years. Now there will be a new awards program for African-American student achievement in south county. It will honor Vyrle Davis; the late Pinellas administrator. The inaugural event is scheduled for Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 am at the St. Petersburg Coliseum.
- 12) He shared that the Transformation Zone Schools are offering new extended learning opportunities for students this semester. This extended learning is to reinforce reading and math concepts. Campbell Park, Melrose and Fairmount Park elementaries will have Saturday Academy. High Point elementary will have 4th and 5th grade students will come in fifteen minutes early.
- 13) He advised that the Ford Next Generation Conference hosted by the Pinellas Education Foundation and PCS is scheduled for February 21-23. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit Largo, Seminole, Northeast and Gibbs High Schools and Pinellas Technical College, St. Pete.
- 14) The district's strategic direction of Equity and Excellence for All is embraced by the opportunity to increase access to ACT and SAT testing. These exams will be offered to 11th and 12th grade students in-school. This makes it more accessible to students.
- 15) He discussed the conflict with Florida School Boards training for new school board members

scheduled for March 28 and a scheduled school board meeting. He proposed that the board meeting be moved to Tuesday, March 21; which was previously scheduled as a workshop date. A workshop may be held if the superintendent and board decide it is necessary on another day that month.

B. Items Introduced by School Board Attorney

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

C. Items Introduced by the Board

Peggy O'Shea- 1) She shared a concern that the Ford NGL conference date conflicts with the February 21 school board workshop. 2) She mentioned that Friday evening, January 13, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Awards Banquet has requested a school board member bring greetings. She has a scheduling conflict and asked if any other board member was available. Board members were unable to commit as most have scheduled that date. 3) She reminded everyone about the joint workshop meeting scheduled for January 31 at 10:30 a.m. with the Juvenile Welfare Board and the Board of County Commissioners. 4) She noted that the Legislative Breakfast at PTC-Clearwater is Tuesday, January 17th. Doors open at 7:30 am.

Carol Cook- She also spoke about the Legislative Breakfast and thanked board members for the willingness to participate. The program and legislative priorities have been printed.

Rene Flowers- 1) She spoke about the Heritage Lecture Series at the Greater Mt. Zion Church in St. Petersburg. She said they are also having a youth program at the SPC Allstate Center. She shared that the sponsors of this event are hosting an invitation only luncheon and board members may be receiving an invite. 2) On Friday, the United Way Suncoast and Duke Energy are announcing the award of a \$1 million grant at the Cross and Anvil church for the Campbell Park Neighborhood program. Board members have been invited. 3) She attended a SAC meeting at Sanderlin and they have requested mentors. She asked the public if they are available to assist to please contact the school or the district. 4) She wants to reach out to State Representative O'Toole and invite her back to Pinellas County Schools to see all the improvements and thank her for her support. 5) She thanked Dr. Grego for his work with the Vyrle Davis Student Achievement Award. 6) She said that her heart goes out to the officers who recently lost their lives. 7) To end on a positive note she mentioned the Pinellas Education Foundation scholarships for students and how beneficial they are.

Linda Lerner- 1) She mentioned the passing of Ray Neri; he was a wonderful community leader and will be greatly missed. 2) She thanked Linda Balcombe for her service in the district. 3) She said that the Lunch Pals mentoring program has become a model program. She asked for a little flexibility in the schedule when the Lunch Pals mentors are meeting with students. 3) She said that there is so much happening in our district. All the information is posted on our website.

Joanne Lentino- 1) She thanked all district staff who have provided support to her in her new position. 2) She attended the Support Employee of the Year luncheon and was inspired by the videos highlighting what individuals do in this district. 3) She said that it is her privilege to serve the community on the school board.

D. Review of Board Requests

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

E. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary

F. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses:

- good items on non-consent
- questions led to workshop topics
- discussion on Legislative Breakfast

Opportunities:

- slipping chair

XIV. Public Speakers

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

1. Joseph Robinson

Mr. Robinson spoke of the disparity in hiring minority owned companies for construction projects and provided documents to be shared with the board. The documents are: *Robinson, Honer, Giliberto, RHC and Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers, Statement of Qualifications RHC and Associates, Inc.; PCS Policy 6320.01-Non-Discrimination in Purchasing and Contracting; press release: The Southern Florida Minority Supplier Development Council (SFMSDC) Changes Name to Reflect Expanded Service Area of the Entire State of Florida-Miami- January 19, 2016; Hillsborough County Schools Office of Supplier Diversity; and, Hillsborough County Public Schools Policy Manual-Policy 6320.02-Supplier Diversity.*

2. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho shared that the Pinellas Geological Society is having an event at the Largo Cultural Center this weekend; then, shared environmental concerns.

The session ended at 12:46 p.m.