



Pinellas County School Board

Regular School Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

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

Ann Simonetti

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

5:00 PM

School Administration Building

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.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	
William Corbett	Deputy Superintendent	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 stated that there were no amendments to the agenda.

III. Adoption of Agenda

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

IV. Invocation: Captain Michael Harris, Salvation Army, 1625 N. Belcher Road, Clearwater, Florida 33765

Captain Michael Harris delivered the Invocation.

V. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

National Anthem

The National Anthem was performed by Strings of Sparta Guitar Ensemble from Lakewood High School.

Video: Celebrating Excellence: The 2016-2017 Outstanding Educator of the Year

The video highlighted the Evening of Excellence held on January 31, 2017, at the Mahaffey Theater to honor the nominees for the Outstanding Educator Award and the 2017 winner, Ms. Vanessa Ko, teacher at Palm Harbor Middle School. This event is a true celebration of educators.

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

Ms. Lisa Wolf, public information officer, introduced the following individuals: Ms. Nelly Henjes, PESPA; Mr. Mike Gandolfo, PCTA; Ms. Linda Crawley, Arts for a Complete Education; and Ms. Cara Fitzpatrick, Tampa Bay Times.

VII. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities: Lakewood High School

Ms. Lisa Wolf, public information officer, introduced Jazmin McCants and Diante Henry, student rights and responsibilities committee members from Lakewood 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 the Proclamation Designating March as Youth Art Month-United Through Art, Presented by Jonathan Ogle, Coordinator, Technology Integration PK-12 Visual Arts**

Mr. Jonathan Ogle, coordinator, technology integration PK-12 visual arts, shared information about student art events.

Rene Flowers read the proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Terry Krassner; seconded by Rene Flowers; and, carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the proclamation designating March as Youth Art Month-United Through Art.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #168.)

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

Ms. Jeanne Reynolds spoke about the outstanding music programs in our school district.

Joanne Lentino read the proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Carol Cook; seconded by Rene Flowers; and, carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the proclamation designating March as Music in Our Schools Month.

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3. Presentation of the Proclamation Designating March 6 – 10, 2017, as “Newspaper in Education” Week, Presented by Pamela T. Moore, Associate Superintendent, Teaching & Learning Services

Ms. Pam Moore, associate superintendent, teaching and learning services, introduced Sue Bedry, Newspaper in Education Development Specialist, Tampa Bay Times.

Eileen Long read the proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Terry Krassner; seconded by Rene Flowers; and, carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the proclamation designating March 6-10, 2017 as "Newspaper in Education" Week.

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4. Recognition of Finalists for the 2016-2017 Outstanding Educator Recognition Program, Presented by Paula Texel, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Services

Ms. Paula Texel, assistant superintendent, human resources services, introduced the finalists and winner for 2016-2017 Pinellas County Schools Outstanding Educator.

Finalists William Black, Alison Blanco, Karen Cangemi, Kali Kopka, Angela Pitts, Brandon Rader, David Reid, Zanetta Robison, and Michelle Zajac, along with the winner, Vanessa Ko, were greeted and congratulated by the board.

5. Recognition of the 2016/2017 Outstanding Volunteer Winners, Presented by Valerie Brimm, Ed.D., Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships

Dr. Valerie Brimm introduced the following individuals who were recipients of the outstanding volunteer recognition for 2016-2017 school year:

Tessa McGrew, Madison Porter, Robert Towner, Spencer Davis, Joseph Canfield, Michelle Hernandez, Megan Grant, Kara Oberer, Vicki Ann Sullivan, and Anna Louise Milone.

These individuals were greeted and congratulated by the board.

IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The following individual addressed the board to share their comments on specific agenda items:

-Mark Klutho

Consent Agenda Item # 14: Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Palm Harbor Middle School, Air Handler Unit and Exhaust Fan Replacements for Project No. 9100, in the Amount of \$1,500,000, and the Agreement With Engineering Matrix, Inc. for Engineering and Construction Services

Consent Agenda Item # 15: Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for Palm Harbor

University High, Renovation of Entire Exterior Envelope for Project No. 01700381-00, in the Amount of \$1,200,000, and the Agreement With Hoffman Architects, P/A for Design Services

Consent Agenda Item # 16: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Air Handler Replacement (Building 4, Room 100D) as of January 3, 2017, at Carwise Middle School, Project No. 9093

Nonconsent Agenda Item # 1: Request Approval of the Total Project Cost for new Construction, Renovation, Remodeling at Career Academies of Seminole, Project No. 9141, in the Amount of \$10,500,000, and the Agreement With Ranon & Partners, Inc. for Architectural and Construction Administration Services

Nonconsent Agenda Item # 2: Request Approval of the Amendment to Plato Academy St. Petersburg Charter School Agreement Increasing Term to Fifteen Years

Mr. Klutho spoke against air handler replacement and the cost of construction projects; he referenced district strategic directions #2 and #5, and shared his viewpoint on environmental issues.

X. Unfinished Business

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

1. **Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 5120 – ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT and adding Policy 5120.01 – CONTROLLED OPEN ENROLLMENT PLAN. (This is the second reading and there have been no changes since the first reading.)**

There was one public speaker to address the board regarding the public hearing to consider the amendment to Policy 5120-ASSIGNMENT WITHIN DISTRICT and Policy 5120.01-CONTROLLED OPEN ENROLLMENT PLAN.

-Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on the impact schools of choice have on the environment due to the increased transportation of students.

Ms. Flowers thanked Mr. Lawrence for his work on Policy 5120 in permitting students to remain at schools for consistency due to special circumstances; active-duty military, foster care placements, and certain changes in parent custody.

XI. Consent

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carol J. Cook, Board Member
SECONDER:	Terry Krassner, 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 February 14, 2017

Approved as submitted

2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Approved as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #168.)

3. Request Approval of the Appointment of the K-5 Mathematics Specialist

Appointment approved- Lukas J. Hefty

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #168.)

4. Request Approval to Create or Revise Job Descriptions

Approved as submitted

5. Request Approval of the Eckerd Youth Alternatives Cooperative Agreement

Approved as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #168.)

6. Request Approval of Title III, Part A - English Language Acquisition Roll Forward Funds in the Amount of \$242,558.82 (new Total \$1,096,663.10)

Approved as submitted

7. **Request Approval of Title II, Part A - Teacher and Principal Training and Recruitment Roll Forward Funds in the Amount of \$1,533,259 (new Total \$5,690,824)**

Approved as submitted

8. **Request Approval of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Secondary Grant, \$34,674 (new Total \$1,095,248)**

Approved as follows:

-Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Secondary Grant: amount of project:
\$34,674.00 (new total \$1,095,248)

9. **Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 3 (November 2016) to the District's 2016/17 Budget**

Approved as submitted

10. **Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending November 30, 2016**

Approved as submitted

11. **Request Approval for 2017-2018 Instructional Materials Adoption**

Approved as submitted

12. **Request Approval of the Health Agreement Between Assured Rx and the School Board of Pinellas County**

Approved as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #168.)

13. **Request Approval of Agreement With Creative Contractors, Inc., for Construction Management (CM) Services in Connection With the Replacement Facility in the Amount of \$68,868 at Melrose Elementary School, Project No. 9089**

Approved as submitted

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- 17. Request Approval of the Student Assignment Procedures Manual**

Approved as submitted

- 18. Request Approval of a Vehicle use Agreement to a Non-Profit Organization for a Period of one Year**

Approved as submitted

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #168.)

- 19. Request Approval of Selling the Districts Surplus Equipment on the PublicSurplus.com Internet Auction Site**

Approved as submitted

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

Approved as submitted

21. 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 Total Project Cost for new Construction, Renovation Remodeling at Career Academies of Seminole, Project No. 9141, in the Amount of \$10,500,000, and the Agreement With Ranon & Partners, Inc. for Architectural and Construction Administration Services**

Dr. Grego stated that this project was reviewed at the February 21, 2017 school board workshop.

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XIII. New Business

A. Items Introduced by Superintendent

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

1) He spoke of the recent Ford Next Generation Learning Winter Conference held at the TradeWinds in partnership with the Pinellas Education Foundation. More than 400 persons attended; 8 Florida districts and 7 states were represented. Participants visited Largo High, Seminole High, Northeast High, Gibbs High and Pinellas Technical College- St. Petersburg. Students from our career programs showcased projects during the event. Dr. Grego thanked board members for attending.

2) He said that Boca Ciega High has been designed an Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) National Demonstration School. Northeast High School previously received this designation; these are the only two in the Tampa Bay area and one of five statewide.

3) He shared details about the Super Scientist Science Competition held in Pinellas County. Fifth grade students from approximately 45 elementary schools are participating. Students take part in timed tests, a question and answer speed round, and showcase a science experiment. The event was held on Saturday, February 25, at McMullen Booth Elementary and will continue on Saturday, March 4, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at New Heights Elementary.

4) He spoke about the Pinellas History Day competition, held February 24-25, for students in grades 6-12. About 600 students participated in this global event which is a project-based contest where students demonstrate their historical research skills. Fifty-one students from the Pinellas competition will attend the state competition in Tallahassee, May 7-9; the theme is *Taking a Stand in History*.

5) He shared that students from Clearwater Fundamental Middle School won first place awards at the Pinellas MATHCOUNTS competition. Half of the students in the top 10 were from Clearwater Fundamental. The state championship will be held in March.

6) He said that Pinellas Virtual School Administrator, Mandy Perry, was re-elected as the legislative liaison for the Florida District Virtual Instruction Program Network. The announcement was made at the organization's annual symposium.

7) He said that Florida Hospital donated \$26,000 to the Center for Wellness and Medical Professions Magnet Program at Palm Harbor University High School. The check was presented to the program's booster club last week.

8) He spoke about Pinellas Technical College (PTC) hosting its first annual National Letter of Intent Signing Day on February 16th, at both St. Petersburg and Clearwater campuses. This event is modeled after the NCAA collegiate athletic signing celebrations. More than 100 Pinellas County high school seniors participated in this nationwide event, signing letters of intent to enroll in a career technical training program at PTC.

9) He mentioned the annual celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday, Read Across America, on Thursday, March 2nd. Several schools will be hosting events for this special day.

10) He said that three eleventh-grade STEM students will take part in the 2017 Sunshine State Scholars Program; they are, Andrew Whigham, Seminole High School; Virginia Weaver, Boca Ciega High School; and, alternate Jacob Siegel, Countryside High School. This event is a

partnership between the Florida Department of Education and Lockheed Martin. It will occur in May.

11) He shared that PCS Food Services Department received a perfect audit from the administrative review team from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

12) He distributed a one page summary with a side by side comparison of SB964 and SB926. He said the legislative session begins next Tuesday, March 7, 2017. He called upon Mr. Steve Swartzel, legislative liaison, who shared that we have a good relationship with our delegation as evidenced by the outstanding attendance at our legislative breakfast in January.

B. Items Introduced by School Board Attorney

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

C. Items Introduced by the Board

Terry Krassner: She gave kudos to Dr. Grego who has been very proactive with the legislature to affect change regarding laws that impact school districts. She said he was on a panel at the House PreK-12 Appropriations Committee in January to discuss key issues.

Eileen Long: 1) She thanked Mr. Mark Hunt and Ms. Joni Jonas with the career, technical and adult education department, for their work with educators and businesses to address the need for promoting career and technical education beginning at the middle school level. By promoting these educational opportunities at the middle school level, it will excite students and they will be encouraged to enroll in academy programs we offer. 2) She spoke about current legislation that includes student scores in a teacher's evaluation that the teacher does not instruct. She has real concerns about these VAM scores and how it impacts educators.

Joanne Lentino: 1) She visited Lealman Innovation Academy and was pleased to see the good things happening there. Students are involved in a vegetable gardening project and they also demonstrated a culinary piece. 2) She shared that she is supportive of the increase in apprenticeship opportunities. 3) She participated in Read Across America, honoring Dr. Seuss' birthday, at Eisenhower Elementary. 4) She attended the Community Meet and Greet for candidates for the position of Dean at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg College of Education on February 27th. Two more sessions will be held. 5) She attended the Tiger Bay Club Suncoast luncheon today. The speaker was Paul Tash, chairman and CEO of Tampa Bay Times/Times Publishing Company. 6) She said that she has been out visiting schools.

Linda Lerner: 1) She spoke about the importance of teaching social studies at the elementary level. 2) She stated that the district has over 500 student services personnel and she wants them to be working directly with students. She would like to see more of the budget allocated for school psychologists, social workers, and guidance counselors. 3) She spoke about "teachable moments" and commitment to character education; she feels that we need to look at what is being done in schools. 4) She stated that she appreciates all the volunteers. She referenced the Speakers Bureau, which is managed by the office of strategic partnerships. Some programs/speakers require approval by the Family Life Education Committee. She said that following the presentations and departure of the speaker, some teachers may feel the need to take time for "teachable moments" surrounding the topics or speakers remarks. This may not happen often, but when needed, it may provide an opportunity to have meaningful discussion.

5) She thanked Mr. Mark Hunt, Ms. Joni Jonas, and the Pinellas Education Foundation Career Education Board, on which she serves, for the great things they are doing to promote career education.

D. Review of Board Requests

Dr. Corbett shared the following board requests:

-to follow up on the concern of student services staff being utilized for tasks that could be managed by other staff to allow them more time for student contact time

Mrs. Krassner said to look at the number of contracts the district has with community agencies that provide services to support students.

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses:

- response to speakers with help
- Lakewood HS music and speakers
- quick review of unfinished business items

Opportunities:

- need to review processes
- emails
- surveys
- manual

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary

XV. Public Speakers

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

1. Dwayne Shepherd (art teacher, Osceola Middle School)

Mr. Shepherd spoke about the outstanding arts programs in our district. He also asked the board to look at the numbers of students enrolled in art electives; some teachers have told him that they have high numbers in class.

2. Alonzo Sullivan (First 25)

Mr. Sullivan said he is the co-founder of First 25 with Mr. Todd Hoover, and they are offering this program at the Ridgecrest Y. This reading program promotes racial literacy equality.

3. Todd Hoover (attorney)

Mr. Hoover stated that he has filed a lawsuit against the District.

(Mr. Koperski stated that once the documents are received, he will review them.)

4. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint regarding the negative impact school buildings have on our environment.

5. Karen Tobin

Ms. Tobin spoke about the difficulty she experienced being hired as a school substitute.

(She was directed to speak with Ms. Paula Texel, assistant superintendent, human resources services.)

6. Michael Gandolfo (PCTA)

Mr. Gandolfo spoke in favor of the district's legislative platform and said schools need funding from Tallahassee. He also commented on the Class Size Amendment and asked administration to follow the law.

7. Dave Rothschild

Mr. Rothschild, grandparent, shared a concern he has about his grandson being truant. He is

aware that due to his not being legal guardian the district is unable to share confidential information regarding his grandson's case.

(He was directed to speak with Ward Kennedy, area superintendent.)

The session ended at 7:21 p.m.