



# Pinellas County School Board

## Regular School Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

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

Ann Simonetti

Tuesday, March 21, 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	
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:

Updated Consent Agenda Item #5: Request Approval of the Investment Portfolio Financial Statements for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2016 (page 71)- an updated attachment was added.

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

### III. Adoption of Agenda

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

### IV. Invocation: Pastor Joe Adams, Christ The King Lutheran Ministries, 11220 Oakhurst Road, Largo, FL 33774

Pastor Joe Adams delivered the Invocation.

## V. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

### ***National Anthem***

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

### ***Video: Pinellas Park High School Students Benefit From New Success Lab***

The video shown highlighted the Learning Success Lab at Pinellas Park High School. Students have access to the lab for tutoring, homework help, and assistance with college applications and entrance exams. There are online resources and some Saturday sessions. High schools throughout the county are finding new, creative ways to help students. Several Pinellas Park High School students shared how the lab has helped them.

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

Ms. Lisa Wolf, public information officer, introduced the following individuals: Cindy Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA; and, Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times.

## VII. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities: Northeast High School

Ms. Lisa Wolf, public information officer, introduced Abbie Cunningham, Connor McNally, and Cheyenne Lee, student rights and responsibilities committee members from Northeast 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 April as School Library Media Month and April 9-15, 2017, as National Library Week, Presented by Laura Woods, Library Media, Program Coordinator

Ms. Laura Woods, library, media program coordinator shared some activities scheduled for April.

**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 designation of April as School Library Media Month and April 9-15, 2017, as National Library Week.**

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

### 2. Presentation of the Proclamation Designating April as National Autism Awareness Month Presented by Sherry Aemisegger, Executive Director, Exceptional Student Education

Ms. Sherry Aemisegger, executive director, exceptional student education, spoke about autism.

Linda Lerner read the proclamation aloud.

**It was moved by Terry Krassner; seconded by Rene Flowers; and, carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the designation of April as National Autism Awareness Month.**

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

**3. Presentation of the Proclamation Designating April as National Occupational Therapy Month Presented by Sherry Aemisegger, Executive Director, Exceptional Student Education**

Ms. Sherry Aemisegger, executive director, exceptional student education, spoke about the positive work of occupational therapists.

**Carol Cook read the proclamation aloud.**

**It was moved by Terry Krassner; seconded by Rene Flowers; and, carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the designation of April as National Occupational Therapy Month.**

Dr. Grego thanked the exceptional student education staff for their service to students in conjunction with both proclamations brought forward by Ms. Aemisegger.

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

## **IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

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

1. Lenore Faulkner

*Consent Agenda Item # 9: Request Approval of Agreement With Walbridge Aldinger LLC for Construction Management (CM) Services in Connection With new Construction, Renovation and Remodel in the Amount of \$112,520.73 at Pinellas Park Middle School, Project No.9090*

Ms. Faulkner spoke of her personal experience as an employee at Pinellas Park Middle School.

2. Mark Klutho

*Consent Agenda Item # 9: Request Approval of Agreement With Walbridge Aldinger LLC for Construction Management (CM) Services in Connection With new Construction, Renovation and Remodel in the Amount of \$112,520.73 at Pinellas Park Middle School, Project No.9090*

*Consent Agenda Item # 10: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Shade Structure as of February 15, 2017, at Northeast High School, Project No. 4512*

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on the projects and their environmental impact.

## **X. Unfinished Business**

**1. Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment Policy 7511 – FACILITY LEASING (This is the second reading. 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 7511-FACILITY LEASING.

-Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho referenced the District Strategic Direction-Effective and Efficient Use of Resources.

## XI. Consent

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

1. **Request Approval of Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the School Board Workshop of February 21, 2017; and, the Regular School Board Meeting of February 28, 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 Managing Officer, Workforce Innovation, PTC**

Appointment approved- Carl R. Lavender, Jr.

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

4. **Request Approval of the First Extension Agreement to Co-Location License Agreement with T-Mobile South**

Approved as submitted

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

5. **Request Approval of the Investment Portfolio Financial Statements for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2016**

Amended under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda

Updated Consent Agenda Item #5: Request Approval of the Investment Portfolio Financial Statements for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2016 (page 71)- an updated attachment was added (pages 73-84)

Approved as amended

**6. Request Approval of Donation of Titled Vehicle to Pinellas Technical College, St. Petersburg**

Approved as submitted

**7. Request Approval of Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Certification of Facilities Data**

Approved as submitted

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

**8. Request Approval of the Second Fiscal Quarter 2016/2017 Report of the Facility Leases, Joint-Use Activities, and Other Community Uses Processed by the Real Estate Department**

Approved as submitted

**9. Request Approval of Agreement With Walbridge Aldinger LLC for Construction Management (CM) Services in Connection With new Construction, Renovation and Remodel in the Amount of \$112,520.73 at Pinellas Park Middle School, Project No.9090**

Approved as submitted

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

**10. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Shade Structure as of February 15, 2017, at Northeast High School, Project No. 4512**

Approved as submitted

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

**11. 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.)

**12. Request Approval of Selling the Districts Surplus Equipment on the Public Surplus.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

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

## **XII. Nonconsent**

## **XIII. New Business**

### **A. *Items Introduced by Superintendent***

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

1) He spoke about the honor the district received being named a Great Districts for Great Teachers recipient by the National Council for Teacher Quality (NCTQ). The announcement was made March 7 at the South by Southwest EDU conference. Pinellas is among the first eight school districts to receive this recognition.

2) He congratulated Douglas L. Jamerson Elementary, and Principal Brandi Williams-Macon; and, Sanderlin World IB School and Principal Denise Miller, for being named a Magnet Schools of America School of Distinction. More than 300 schools made application. He said these schools have a positive impact on the community they serve.

3) He said that on Saturday, March 11, high achieving seventh grade students were invited to sit for the SAT exam through the Pinellas Talent Identification Program. During the testing time a parent information session was led by school counselors to review information on preparing for high school and college.

4) He attended the YES I Can awards prior to spring break. Each of the 81 students recognized during this event received a plaque and a folder containing their nomination and

recommendation letters. This program recognizes exceptional student education students for their achievements.

5) He shared that student Carson McGrail, a seventh grader at Clearwater Fundamental Middle School, has been named a 2017 National Geographic State Bee semifinalist. The format is similar to the Scripps Spelling Bee competition, except the questions are about geography. Carson will compete at the state level.

6) He thanked David Haines, who serves as director of Special Olympics Pinellas. He was recently inducted into the Special Olympics Florida Hall of Fame. The announcement was made March 4 during the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics Area VI games at Lakewood High School. Mr. Haines has served as director of Special Olympics Pinellas for 17 years. This is the highest honor Special Olympics Florida bestows upon an individual or entity and is given to an athlete, volunteer, staff member, organization or corporation that has made substantial contributions to the lives of people with intellectual disabilities.

7) He reminded the board that the Vyrle Davis Achievement Awards are scheduled for Saturday, April 8, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., at the St. Petersburg Coliseum. The event is being organized by the City of St. Petersburg and the Pinellas Education Foundation. This is a scholarship awards program for African American students at all levels that are not included in the Joseph L. Carwise Awards.

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

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

**C. Items Introduced by the Board**

Mrs. Lerner- 1) She shared her positive experience at Pinellas Park Middle School and complimented the students of the culinary arts program. They made the best quiche she ever tasted. She also visited Oak Grove Middle School where she saw students wood crafting and working with lego design; they were highly engaged. 2) She attended the Yes, I Can! Awards ceremony on March 10th. She said the program booklet described the accomplishments of the students; there are wonderful things happening with a whole spectrum of achievement. We need to do a better job with PR for ESE by demonstrating the successes many students experience in these programs.

Mrs. Long- She said the district does a great job identifying students early for exceptional student education. Early intervention is very important in a student's success. She is speaking from personal experience. She also attended the Yes, I Can! Awards ceremony, there were 81 recipients. She thanked Dr. Grego for handing out the awards.

Ms. Lentino- 1) She attended the 3rd annual LGBTQ conference, March 15th, at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, which was attended by numerous school districts. 2) She attended the Friends of Johnson Library Festival on March 18th; the library is located near the Enoch Davis Center. She encouraged the use of our public libraries for family enrichment.

3) She attended the HACKPCS coding competition on March 20th at Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School. She said it was very well attended and complimented Ms. Laura Spence, K-12 STEM specialist for coordinating the event. 4) She noted that the Pinellas County Schools STEM Expo is scheduled for April 29th at University South Florida St. Petersburg.

Mrs. O'Shea- 1) She asked about the plans for the book bus this summer. (Dr. Grego advised that the plans are in the works and details will be shared at a future date.) She also added that

public libraries have many outstanding programs and summer reading initiatives.

Mrs. Cook- She suggested that we work with our public libraries to share information about summer reading programs, and that perhaps information could be available for distribution when students visit the book bus.

#### **D. Review of Board Requests**

Dr. Corbett stated the following board requests:

1. to look into possible methods of publicizing some of our ESE services
2. to look at options to partner with neighborhood libraries during the summer to improve summer reading and family engagement activities and connect it to our other summer reading programs

#### **E. School Board Meeting Evaluation**

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

##### *Pluses:*

- compelling report outs
- good job on proclamations

##### *Opportunities:*

### **XIV. Public Speakers**

These individuals shared their comments prior to the adjournment of the school board meeting:

1. Lenore Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner spoke against Common Core and shared her personal experiences.

2. Alonzo Sullivan

Mr. Sullivan acknowledged that there are many good things happening in the district and spoke about his reading program First 25 and the success he is having working with students at the Y.

3. Todd Hoover

Mr. Hoover, attorney, shared that he has filed a lawsuit against the district regarding his inability to continue his First 25 reading program at Pinellas County Schools.

4. Andrew Phillips

Mr. Phillips introduced himself as representing the PikMyKid software program.

5. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on environmental issues.



**XV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary