



# Pinellas County School Board

## Regular School Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

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

Ann Simonetti

Tuesday, October 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	
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 amendments to the agenda:

Special Order Agenda Item # 5: (page 17) Introduction of Newly Appointed Administrators, is moved to the end of the Special Order Agenda;

Updated Consent Agenda Item # 6: (page 129) Request Approval of USI Insurance Services as Property and Casualty Insurance Broker and Consultant, January 1, 2018, Through December 31, 2020, the attachment has been removed;

Added Consent Agenda Item # 7: (page 131) Request Approval of The Standard Life Insurance Policy Through December 31, 2020;

Added Nonconsent Agenda Item #3: (page 420) Request Approval of the Tentative Agreement With the SEIU/ Florida Public Services Union (SEIU/FPSU);

Added Nonconsent Agenda Item #4: (page 427) Request Approval of the Tentative Agreement With the Sun Coast Police Benevolent Association, Inc. (PBA) ;

Added Nonconsent Agenda Item #5: ( page 431) Request Approval of the Salary Increase for Administrators, Professional/Technical/Supervisory, Non-Represented Support Staff, and Substitute Teachers;

And, all pre-existing agenda items are renumbered accordingly.

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

### III. Adoption of Agenda

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED AS AMENDED [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 Randy Morris, Gulf Coast Church, 13301 Walsingham Road, Largo, Florida 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 students from Dixie Hollins High School under the direction of Jack Henderson.

#### *Video: Bridging the Gap by Growing Greatness at Every School*

The video highlighted Pinellas County Schools' Bridging the Gap plan, which principals discussed with their staff at the beginning of the school year. School leaders were given tools to help with their presentations and personalize the information for their school. The goal of this exercise was to inspire teachers and staff to help them identify strategies they will use to narrow achievement gaps.

### 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; Sonya Roundtree, FPSU/SEIU; and Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times.

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

Ms. Lisa Wolf, public information officer, introduced Veronica Clanzy, and Morgan Buchanan, student rights and responsibilities committee members from Dixie Hollins High School. They addressed the board to share information regarding programs and activities taking place at their school. The students gave school board members a handout with highlights from their presentation.

Ms. Flowers shared that she visited Dixie Hollins High and is aware of the great things that are happening at the school. She said she is an alumni.

Ms. Lentino referenced the handout and noted information that students had films that won awards at the Sunscreen Film festival and the Seminole Emmys.

## **VIII. Special Order Agenda**

- 1. Presentation of Proclamation Observing Disability History and Awareness Weeks During the First two Weeks in October, Presented by Julie Bush, President, Council for Exceptional Children**

Rene Flowers read the proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Terry Krassner; seconded by Carol Cook; and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Proclamation Observing Disability History and Awareness Weeks During the First two Weeks in October.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #170.)

- 2. Presentation of Proclamation Designating October as Dyslexia Awareness Month, Presented by Sherry Aemisegger, Executive Director, Exceptional Student Education**

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 October as Dyslexia Awareness Month.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #170.)

- 3. Presentation of Proclamation Designating October as National Physical Therapy Appreciation Month, Presented by Jody Becker, Coordinator, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Services**

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 October as National Physical Therapy Appreciation Month.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #170.)

- 4. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing Florida Principals Month, October 2017, Presented by Robert Poth, Area 3 Superintendent**

Joanne Lentino read the proclamation aloud.

It was moved by Terry Krassner; seconded by Eileen Long; and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve Florida Principals Month, October 2017.

**5. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing School Bus Safety Week, Presented by Rick McBride, Director of Transportation**

Linda Lerner read the proclamation aloud.

**It was moved by Rene Flowers; seconded by Terry Krassner; and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve October 16-20, 2017, as School Bus Safety Week.**

Mrs. Krassner thanked the bus drivers who assisted in transporting people during the Hurricane Irma evacuation.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #170.)

**6. Recognition of School Bus Drivers with Safe Driving Records, Presented by Rick McBride, Director of Transportation**

Mr. Rick McBride, director, transportation, stated that there are 78 school bus drivers who have proven abilities with 10 or more years of safe driving; 22 of these drivers have 15 or more years of safe driving.

The following school bus drivers were greeted and congratulated by the board:

Yvonne Taylor

Joann Pierce

Stephanie Holmes

Calandra Jones

Lissa Youmans

Valita Jackson

Sonya Roundtree

Lashang Simmons

Annie Bethune-Walker

Carolyn Rogers

Monique Knowles

**7. Recognition of School Bus Driver of the Year - Ms. Gena Brown, Presented by Rick McBride, Director of Transportation**

Mr. Rick McBride, director, transportation, introduced Ms. Gena Brown, school bus driver of the year.

Ms. Brown was greeted and congratulated by the board.

**8. Introduction of Newly Appointed Administrators**

The order of this item was changed on the agenda under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda.

Dr. Grego introduced the following newly appointed administrators.

Tzregoraw Sahadeo, director, school transformation

Jennifer Dull, director, strategic planning and policy

Stephanie Woodford, assistant director, school leadership

Lindsey Craven, 9-12 science specialist

Mariana Leslie, apprenticeships and work-based learning specialist

Ellen Truskowski, district application program specialist

They were greeted and congratulated by the board.

## IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

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

### 1. Dr. Asante-Korang

*Unfinished Business Item # 2: Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment Policy 5410.01 - REQUIRED CORE CURRICULUM/PROMOTION/RETENTION/ACCELERATION - ELEMENTARY, Policy 5410.02 - REGULAR PROGRAM CORE CURRICULUM/PROMOTION/RETENTION/ACCELERATION - MIDDLE SCHOOL, Policy 5420.02 - REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS - MIDDLE SCHOOL, Policy 5420.03 - REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS AND CLASS RANKING - HIGH SCHOOL, Policy 5430 - CLASS RANK, Policy 5455 - FLORIDA'S BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (This is the second reading and there have been changes since the first reading.)*

At the will of the chair, due to the doctor's time constraints, he was permitted to address the board at this time.

Dr. Asante-Korang thanked the board for supporting the addition of CPR and AED components to graduation requirements. As a cardiologist, he noted that these practices greatly impact a person's chance of survival of a heart incident. He represented the American Heart Association.

### 2. Mark Klutho

*Consent Agenda Item # 4: Request Approval of the Appointment of the Executive Manager, Evaluation, Assessment, Accountability, and Research*

*Consent Agenda Item # 13: Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 9 (May 2017) to the District's 2016/17 Budget*

*Consent Agenda Item # 24: Request Approval of Change Order No. 2 With Allstate Construction Inc. for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Replacement. This change order will decrease the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$61,861.87, with no time extension, at Clearwater Fundamental Middle School, Project No. 9227*

*Consent Agenda Item # 25: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Ceiling, Lighting and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Renovation as of July 25, 2017, at Curlew Creek Elementary School, Project No. 9031*

*Consent Agenda Item # 26: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Lighting Upgrade as of July 31, 2017, at Lakeview Fundamental Elementary School, Project No. 9030*

*Consent Agenda Item # 27: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Media Center Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Upgrade, as of August 8, 2017, at Lealman Avenue Elementary School, Project No. 9099*

*Consent Agenda Item # 30: Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Chiller Replacement, as of August 7, 2017, at Tarpon Springs High School, Project No. 9178*

*Nonconsent Agenda Item # 1: Request Approval of the Tentative Agreement With the Pinellas Classroom Teachers Association (PCTA)*

*Nonconsent Agenda Item # 2: Request Approval of the Tentative Agreement With the Pinellas Educational Support Professionals Association (PESPA)*

*Nonconsent Agenda Item # 3: Request Approval of the Tentative Agreement With the SEIU/Florida Public Services Union (SEIU/FPSU)*

*Nonconsent Agenda Item # 4: Request Approval of the Tentative Agreement With the Sun Coast Police Benevolent Association, Inc. (PBA)*

*Nonconsent Agenda Item # 5: Request Approval of the Salary Increase for Administrators, Professional/Technical/Supervisory, Non-Represented Support Staff, and Substitute Teachers*

Mr. Klutho cited the district strategic directions and shared his viewpoint on the use of HVAC.

## **X. Unfinished Business**

- 1. Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment Setting a Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 2250 – FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOLS, MAGNET PROGRAMS, and CAREER ACADEMIES. (This is the second reading and there has been one change since first reading).**

The following individual addressed the board regarding the public hearing to consider the amendment to Policy 2250:

Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho spoke about the language "removal of redundancy" that was noted in the agenda item.

Ms. Flowers spoke about the change allowing magnet students, who had been reassigned or expelled, the opportunity to return to the program at the discretion of the principal in consultation with the area superintendent. She believes it is important to allow students to get back on track after making a mistake.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Terry Krassner, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eileen Long, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Flowers, Long, Lentino, Cook, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

2. **Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment Policy 5410.01 - REQUIRED CORE CURRICULUM/PROMOTION/RETENTION/ACCELERATION - ELEMENTARY, Policy 5410.02 - REGULAR PROGRAM CORE CURRICULUM/PROMOTION/RETENTION/ACCELERATION – MIDDLE SCHOOL, Policy 5420.02 - REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS – MIDDLE SCHOOL, Policy 5420.03 – REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS AND CLASS RANKING – HIGH SCHOOL, Policy 5430 – CLASS RANK, Policy 5455 – FLORIDA'S BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (This is the second reading and there have been changes since the first reading.)**

The following individual addressed the board regarding the public hearing to consider the amendments to Policies 5410.01, 5410.02, 5420.02, 5420.03, 5430, and 5455:

Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho spoke about the language "corrections to outdated language and terminology" in the agenda item.

Mr. Hendrick, associate superintendent, teaching and learning services, noted that the new laws enacted this last legislative session resulted in the need to make some of the changes contained in the policy updates.

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

## XI. Consent

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Terry Krassner, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Carol J. Cook, Board Member
<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 September 19, 2017; the Regular School Board Meeting of September 19, 2017; and, the Public Hearing on 2017/18 Millage Rates and District Budget**

Approved, as submitted.

2. **Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations**

Approved, as submitted.

**3. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Osceola Middle School**

Appointment approved-Dustin Adams.

**4. Request Approval of the Appointment of the Executive Manager, Evaluation, Assessment, Accountability, and Research**

Appointment approved-Autumn M. Frei

**5. Request Approval of the 2018 Self-Insured Health Insurance Plan with Humana, Inc. as Third-Party Administrator**

Approved, as submitted.

**6. Request Approval of USI Insurance Services as Property and Casualty Insurance Broker and Consultant, January 1, 2018, Through December 31, 2021**

This item was updated under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda. The attachment was removed.

Approved, as amended.

**7. Request Approval for The Standard Life Insurance Policy Through December 31, 2020**

This item was added under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda

Approved, as submitted.

**8. Request Approval to Extend the Humana Dental DHMO Insurance Policy Through December 31, 2020**

Approved, as submitted.

**9. Request Approval to Extend the MetLife Dental Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Insurance Policy**



Approved, as submitted.

**10. Request Approval to Extend the MetLife Voluntary Benefits Program Through December 31, 2018**

Approved, as submitted.

**11. Request Approval of the Revisions to the 2017/2018 Instructional Calendar**

Approved, as submitted.

**12. Request Approval to Create and/or Revise Job Descriptions**

Approved, as submitted.

**13. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 9 (May 2017) to the District's 2016/17 Budget**

Approved, as submitted.

**14. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending May 30, 2017**

Approved, as submitted.

**15. Request Approval of the Principals' Yearly Financial Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2017**

Approved, as submitted.

**16. Request Approval of the 2016/17 Annual Financial Report**

Approved, as submitted.

**17. Request Approval of the Investment Portfolio Financial Statements for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2017**

Approved, as submitted.

**18. 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 #170.)

**19. Request Approval of the 2017-2018 Student Assessment Calendars**

Approved, as submitted.

**20. Request Approval of the 2017-18 School Improvement Plans**

Approved, as submitted.

**21. Request Approval of a Parking Lot Use Agreement with Clearview Baptist Church**

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #170.)

**22. Request Approval of the Agreement With the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida, Inc. Permitting the use of School Board Facilities for Meetings**

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #170.)

**23. Request Approval of Change Order No. 2 to the Agreement With Biltmore Construction Co. Inc. This change order will increase the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$92,870 with a thirty (30) day time extension at Clearview Adult Center, Project No. 9087**

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #170.)

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- 27. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Media Center Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Upgrade, as of August 8, 2017, at Lealman Avenue Elementary School, Project No. 9099**

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #170.)

- 28. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Replacement of Welding Fume Hood Exhaust System at Welding Lab as of August 9, 2017, at Pinellas Technical College, St. Petersburg, Project No. 7015**

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #170.)

- 29. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for General Construction, Door and Frame Replacement, as of August 9, 2017, at Ponce de Leon Elementary School, Project No. 9035**

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #170.)

**30. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Chiller Replacement, as of August 7, 2017, at Tarpon Springs High School, Project No. 9178**

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #170.)

**31. Request Approval to Authorize the Florida Fair Housing, Corp. to Extend the Closing Date for the Sale of Norwood Secondary School**

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #170.)

**32. Request Approval of Selling the District's Surplus Equipment on the PublicSurplus.com Internet Auction Site**

Approved, as submitted.

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

Approved, as submitted.

**34. Request Approval of USI Insurance Services as Property and Casualty Insurance Broker and Consultant, January 1, 2018, Through December 31, 2021**

Approved, as submitted.

## **XII. Nonconsent**

**1. Request Approval of the Tentative Agreement With the Pinellas Classroom Teachers Association (PCTA)**

Dr. Grego thanked everyone for a very collaborative bargaining process; including Laurie Dart, staff attorney, and Kevin Smith. The average salary increase is 2.65% with no major changes to the health insurance design plan. The minimum base salary for instructional staff was raised to \$43,000. Ms. Nelly Henjes, PESPA, also voiced her appreciation for the collaborative process. Mr. Mike Gandolfo, PCTA, was unable to attend the meeting.

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

**2. Request Approval of the Tentative Agreement With the Pinellas Educational Support Professionals Association (PESPA)**

Dr. Grego shared that the approximate increase in salary for support professionals is 3.25%. The lowest tier A was eliminated from the scale and the minimum hourly rate for each pay grade was raised by 3.25%.

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

**3. Request Approval of the Tentative Agreement With the SEIU/Florida Public Services Union (SEIU/FPSU)**

This item was added to the agenda under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda.

Dr. Grego shared that the approximate increase in salary for this group is 3.25%. The lowest tier A was eliminated from the scale and the minimum hourly rate for each pay grade was raised by 3.25%.

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

**4. Request Approval of the Tentative Agreement With the Sun Coast Police Benevolent Association, Inc. (PBA)**

This item was added to the agenda under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda.

Dr. Grego shared that the approximate increase in salary for this group is 3.25%. The lowest tier A was eliminated from the scale and the minimum hourly rate for each pay grade was raised by 3.25%.

Ms. Flowers spoke about the wonderful collaboration among all work groups to reach consensus and for the increase in teacher's starting salary. She also thanked the bus drivers for their assistance during Hurricane Irma and for transporting students involved in extra-curricular activities. She thanked support professionals for their dedication to our students.

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

**5. Request Approval of the Salary Increase for Administrators, Professional/Technical/Supervisory, Non-Represented Support Staff, and Substitute Teachers**

This item was updated under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda.

Dr. Grego shared that the approximate increase in salary for this group is 3.25%.

Ms. Flowers praised our administrators and applauded the increase in substitute pay.

Ms. Lentino thanked substitutes for their valuable contribution.

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

**6. Request Adoption of the Proposed Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards 2018 Legislative Program**

Dr. Grego noted that the contents of this agenda item were discussed at the last workshop on September 19, 2017.

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

**7. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 2510 – INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING TEXTBOOKS (This is the first reading.)**

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

### **XIII. New Business**

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

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

1) He thanked Nelly Henjes (PESPA), Sonya Roundtree (SEIU/FPSU), and Mike Gandolfo (PCTA), for their collective work on the bargaining agreements. Since the state only increased our budget by 1% he is very pleased with the outcome. Mr. Kevin Smith was called upon to share some details. He stated that the pay raises will be retroactive to July 1, 2017; supporting services will receive it in their October 10, paycheck, instructional in their October 27, paycheck, and administrative and professional technical will receive it in their November 10, paycheck.

2) He distributed a copy of the District Strategic Plan 2017-2018 to the board and noted that it contains highlights from highlights from 2016-2017 that can be used as talking points.

3) He shared that the district's school choice programs are recognized nationally. Parents may make application to programs January 10-19, 2018. Information sessions will be held in November. Detailed information is shared on the district website [www.pcsb.org/choice](http://www.pcsb.org/choice).

4) He spoke about the improved student attendance. He thanked Dr. Biddleman with JWB. The Juvenile Welfare Board and PCS have partnered to improve student attendance. The JWB campaign is focused on grades k-2 and promotes parent responsibility. Recently, Mt. Vernon Elementary School, with Principal Rob Ovalle, was acknowledged for having the most improved student attendance.

5) He thanked the calendar committee for their work in coming together to decide on student make-up days necessary due to school closure during Hurricane Irma. October 16, January 8, and March 12; schools will be in session. This was a very collaborative process and there were no changes to the grading periods. He also thanked the strategic communications department for communicating with all stakeholders throughout the entire ordeal.

6) He spoke about the Healthy Schools program and how successful it has been in our district. Rawlings Elementary School, with Principal Moore, has been recognized as one of the top 10 healthy schools in America.

7) He spoke about the recent ESE College, Career, and Life Fair, which was held at Pinellas Park High School on September 19, 2017. It was very well attended. He thanked the ESE department for orchestrating this event. It is extremely helpful for students and their families to have the opportunity to explore a variety of options for the future.

8) He noted that a College and Career Fair was held at Countryside High School, the evening of Monday, October 2nd. A large number of post-secondary opportunities were represented; and, students and families received a wealth of information at the fair. He thanked Andrew Weatherill for his commitment to this event; every Florida public university was represented.

9) He said that East Lake High School senior Anne Bauer is bringing together young women and successful female entrepreneurs at a Career Café. The Career Café is a free event and will be hosted in the USF St. Pete Ballroom on Saturday, October 28.

10) He shared information about the upcoming ground breaking ceremony at Pinellas Technical College, Clearwater, on Thursday, October 12, at 9:00 am. He thanked Mr. Mark Hunt, and the board for their support of the plan to modernize the school, and for the work that will be done to create the new Technical High School at Seminole.

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

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

**C. Items Introduced by the Board**

Eileen Long: 1) She advised that a parade, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is scheduled in Tarpon Springs for Saturday, January 13, 2018. She plans to participate and assist in building a float for the parade. She encourages everyone to come out for this multi-ethnic event. It has been 50 years since the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 2) She said that she serves on the Homeless Leadership Board and there is an upcoming "point in time" five hour survey to assess the numbers in the homeless population. She shared that people in the 18-24 age bracket are growing in homeless status. She shared that the Homeless Leadership Board is now using the district's definition of homeless; which includes temporary housing situations, as opposed to the HUD definition. She asked Dr. Grego if some district staff would be permitted to participate in the survey; and, if it could be discussed at the workshop.

Rene Flowers: 1) She said Spectrum Communications had coloring books available for shelters; and, the ones that were not used were donated to Fairmount Park Elementary. 2) She spoke about her visit to Dixie Hollins High School. 3) She attended the Countywide Graduation Ceremony on the evening of Thursday, September 28, at Ruth Eckerd Hall; it was fabulous. 4) She spoke about today's proclamation observing disability awareness. She has a nephew who became disabled as a result of an injury; and, he attended Nina Harris exceptional education center. Through these programs he has made wonderful progress and has become an accomplished artist; he is involved with Creative Clay. 5) She attended the Open House at Pinellas Technical College, St. Petersburg. She said the food was fabulous and it was well attended. Many people there were signing up for classes, which is wonderful. Pinellas Technical College-Clearwater will have their Open House on October 18<sup>th</sup>. 6) She serves on the Pinellas Community Foundation board and they are targeting hunger. They have raised funds for those victims of Hurricane Irma that need food assistance. 7) She spoke about Hurricane Maria and the effect on Puerto Rico and how everyone is suffering there. Some families will be relocating to Florida as a result of the damage to their areas. She asked if the district has a plan and if it might be shared at a workshop.

Joanne Lentino: 1) She attended a seminar at St. Petersburg College-Tarpon Springs on Human Trafficking. She said that it is important for teachers to be aware of signs of abuse and to protect children and give them the help they need. 2) She attended the COQEBS meeting. There was discussion about the importance of supporting new teachers working at schools with challenging populations. 3) She attended the art exhibition in the administration building. It was very well attended with families coming out to see their students' art displayed. 4) She attended the Countywide Graduation Ceremony on the evening of Thursday, September 28, at Ruth Eckerd Hall. The accomplishments of so many people who have overcome obstacles and gone on to graduate high school is inspiring. 5) She complimented staff that assisted with the shelter operations. 6) She acknowledged Mrs. Linda Lerner, who was recognized at the Suncoast Center's Success Breakfast for her twenty year involvement with their board.



Terry Krassner: 1) She shared that she is excited about the labor agreements and wants the collaboration to continue. 2) She shared her recommendation for school staff to speak with their school leaders and area superintendents regarding their concerns; area superintendents are empowered with a budget to address specific school based needs. Staff should come forward in a professional and caring way in the interest of working together to solve issues.

Linda Lerner: 1) She noted the proclamation on disability history and awareness. She said that it is important to remember they are an individual first; the disability is secondary. 2) She said that she approved the consent agenda item on page 310 with the 2017-18 student assessment calendars; but she would like some conversation at a workshop about assessments. She wants to discuss district mandated tests versus a site based decision to continue with instructional time in some situations.

Carol Cook: 1) She echoed congratulations to Mrs. Lerner for her recognition. 2) She stated that board members have made requests for workshop topics that may not be following the agreed upon process; and, that the board should discuss this moving forward.

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

Dr. Corbett shared the following board requests:

There were 3 potential workshop topics mentioned during the meeting.

-to discuss district personnel serving as survey takers during the "point in time" count of the homeless population

-to discuss district mandated tests versus benefits of instructional time

-to discuss the district's plan to accept students relocating from Puerto Rico

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

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

*Pluses:*

-good meeting

-good reading of resolutions

-good not reacting to speaker

*Opportunities:*

-reinforce process for workshop topics

### **XIV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary

## **XV. Public Speakers**

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

1. Lenore Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner shared her personal experiences.

2. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on environmental concerns.

3. Monica Adams

Ms. Adams advised the board that she was terminated as a teacher and did not fully understand the reasons; and, feels that she was not given the opportunity to improve.

**The session ended at 12:33 p.m.**