



Pinellas County School Board

Regular School Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

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

Ann Simonetti

Tuesday, October 24, 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 4th 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	Absent	
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:	Carol J. Cook, Board Member
SECONDER:	Rene Flowers, Vice Chairperson
AYES:	Flowers, Long, Lentino, Cook, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

IV. Invocation: Pastor Joe Adams, Christ The King Lutheran Ministries, 11220 Oakhurst Road, Largo, Florida 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 Caitlyn Coleman, Macy Waller, Alexandra Hinton, Mitchell Johnson, Levi Ryder, and Evan Lanton, students from Countryside High School.

Video: Certificate of Distinction 2017: Support employees advance through specialized classes

The video highlighted the Certificate of Distinction professional development program. A ceremony was held last Monday evening to honor the 147 support employees who received the Certificate of Distinction I and II.

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; and, Cindy Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA. Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times, arrived after introductions were made.

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

Ms. Lisa Wolf, public information officer, introduced Kaitlin Fontana and Kon Lueth, student rights and responsibilities committee members from Countryside High School. They addressed the board to share information regarding programs and activities taking place at their school.

VIII. Special Order Agenda

(This item was added to the agenda without Dr. Grego's knowledge; therefore, it was not noted under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda.)

Recognition of the Florida Art Education Associations Superintendent of the Year, presented by Ms. Sue Castleman, PK-12 visual arts specialist

Ms. Castleman shared that Dr. Michael Grego, was recently honored by the Florida Art Education Association as Superintendent of the Year.

Dr. Grego thanked Ms. Castleman, and said that he dedicated his award to each and every art teacher in the district.

1. Recognition of National School Lunch Week (October 9-13, 2017), Presented by Lynn Geist, Director of Food Service

Ms. Lynn Geist, director, food service, spoke about the importance of school lunches. National School Lunch week was celebrated October 9-13, 2017. Board members were provided a school lunch in a box, demonstrating the healthy choices provided for students.

2. Presentation Recognizing National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week November 11-19, 2017, Presented by Christina Fields, District Homeless Liaison

Ms. Christina Fields, district homeless liaison, spoke of raising awareness on the homelessness issue during November 11-19, 2017, National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

Students from Countryside and Palm Harbor high schools spoke about student led activities to raise awareness about homelessness issues.

Mrs. Long thanked the HEAT team.

3. Presentation of Proclamation Recognizing Lights on Afterschool Presented by Isabella Torbert, Title I Specialist

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 Recognizing Lights on After School.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #171.)

4. Recognition of the 2016-2017 Five Star School Award, Presented by Valerie Brimm, Ed.D., Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships

Dr. Valerie Brimm, director, office of strategic partnerships, spoke about the requirements of the Five Star School Award and acknowledged the recipient schools.

5. Presentation of Nagano Exchange Teacher from Nagano, Japan, Presented by Pam Benton, Specialist, PreK-12 World Languages

Ms. Pam Benton, specialist, prek-12 world languages, introduced Mrs. Kobayashi, Nagano exchange teacher.

Mrs. Kobayashi was greeted by the board.

6. Introduction of Newly Appointed Administrators

Dr. Grego introduced the following newly appointed administrators:

Keila Victor, principal, Bay Vista Fundamental Elementary

Richard Knight, principal, Curtis Fundamental Elementary

William Durst, principal, Leila Davis Elementary

Tonya Mitchell, principal, Clearwater Intermediate

Michael Vasallo, principal, Dunedin Middle

Dallas Jackson, principal, John Hopkins Middle

Anthony Francois, principal, Morgan Fitzgerald Middle

Melissa Athanson, principal, Palm Harbor Middle

Deborah Thornton, principal, Paul B. Stephens ESE Center
 Heidi D'Ambrosio, principal, Richard Sanders ESE Center
 Marti Giancola, principal, Career Academies of Seminole
 Michael Hernandez, principal, Northeast High (unable to attend)
 Darlene Lebo, principal, St. Petersburg High
 Merlande Petit-Bois, assistant director, continuous improvement
 Autumn Frei, executive manager, evaluation, assessment, accountability, and research
 The administrators were greeted and congratulated by the board.

IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The following individuals addressed the board on specific agenda items:

1. Anthony Burney

Consent Agenda Item # 7: Request Approval of the Renewal of the Lease Agreement Permitting the Clearwater Martin Luther King Jr. Neighborhood Center Coalition, Inc. to Lease the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center Located on School Board Property Adjacent to Clearwater Intermediate School

Mr. Burney spoke about the many varied activities offered at the neighborhood center.

2. Mark Klutho

Consent Agenda Item # 12: Request Approval of the Renewal for Professional Services Continuing Contracts for Roofing Architectural Design for one Year Beginning October 13, 2017

Consent Agenda Item # 14: Request Approval of the Renewal for Professional Services Continuing Contracts for Structural Engineers for one Year Beginning October 13, 2017

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on the design of school buildings and the impact on environmental concerns.

X. Unfinished Business

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 October 10, 2017

Approved, as submitted.

2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Approved, as submitted.

3. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Mr. Jimmie L. Henderson, Jr., Plant Operator, Employed With Disston Academy

Approved, as submitted.

4. Request Approval to Create and/or Revise Job Descriptions

Approved, as submitted.

5. Request Approval of Renewal Agreement for Dropout Prevention Programs at the Department of Juvenile Justice Sites

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #171.)

6. Request Approval of School Improvement Grant 1003(g) - Cohort 4, Year 1 \$611,363

Approved, as submitted.

7. Request Approval of the Renewal of the Lease Agreement Permitting the Clearwater Martin Luther King Jr. Neighborhood Center Coalition, Inc. to Lease the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center Located on School Board Property Adjacent to Clearwater Intermediate School

Approved, as submitted.

8. Request Approval of the Renewal for Professional Services Continuing Contracts for Civil Engineers for one Year Beginning October 13, 2017

Approved, as submitted.

9. **Request Approval of the Renewal for Professional Services Continuing Contracts for Environmental Engineers for one Year Beginning October 13, 2017**

Approved, as submitted.

10. **Request Approval of the Renewal for Professional Services Continuing Contracts for Geotechnical Engineers for one Year Beginning October 13, 2017**

Approved, as submitted.

11. **Request Approval of the Renewal for Professional Services Continuing Contracts for Land and Topographical Survey for one Year Beginning October 13, 2017**

Approved, as submitted.

12. **Request Approval of the Renewal for Professional Services Continuing Contracts for Roofing Architectural Design for one Year Beginning October 13, 2017**

Approved, as submitted.

13. **Request Approval of the Renewal for Professional Services Continuing Contracts for Stormwater Recertification for one Year Beginning October 13, 2017**

Approved, as submitted.

14. **Request Approval of the Renewal for Professional Services Continuing Contracts for Structural Engineers for one Year Beginning October 13, 2017**

Approved, as submitted.

15. **Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Drainage and Traffic Circulation Improvement, Parking Addition With Lighting as of August 8, 2017, at Bay Vista Elementary School, Project No. 9231**

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #171.)

16. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Drainage and Sanitary Pipe Replacement Project as of August 7, 2017, at Safety Harbor Elementary School, Project No. 9053

Approved, as submitted.

(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #171.)

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

Approved, as submitted.

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

Approved, as submitted.

19. 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 #171.)

XII. Nonconsent

1. Request Approval of the 2018/2019 Instructional Calendar and Special Observance Days

Mr. Kevin Hendrick, associate superintendent, teaching and learning services, and Mr. Dave Richmond, managing officer, payroll operations, shared the work of the calendar committee and the considerations to develop the 2018/2019 calendars. They made note of the fact that hurricane make-up days are listed on the calendar.

Mrs. Krassner shared that she is in favor of the calendar being developed allowing for high school exams to be completed prior to winter break.

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

2. Request Adoption of the Proposed Pinellas County School Boards 2018 Legislative Program

Mr. Steve Swartzel, legislative consultant, spoke about the development of the legislative priorities.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Krassner, Board Member
SECONDER:	Rene Flowers, Vice Chairperson
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 recognized Mrs. Peggy O'Shea and Mrs. Carol Cook for being honored as finalists for the Green Garner Award from the Council of Great City Schools. The Council also gave a Trophy of Appreciation to their seven member districts in the state of Florida for their work in providing shelters during the recent hurricanes. He also acknowledged, Dr. Alicia Isaac, for receiving the Queen Smith Award from the Council of Great City Schools. These recognitions were given during the recent Council of Great City Schools fall conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

2) He stated that in the 2013 District Strategic Plan, a goal to build a science lab in every elementary school was a part of the plan. He announced that this has been achieved; and, he thanked Mrs. Julie Poth, K-5 science specialist, for her part in promoting the importance of a lab for third, fourth and fifth grade students to experience applied science.

3) He thanked the school board members for their support of the continued improvements and expansion at Pinellas Technical College-Clearwater. He also thanked Mr. Mark Hunt, executive director, career, technical, and adult education, for his leadership. The groundbreaking ceremony was held on October 12, 2017.

4) He attended the support employee Certificate of Distinction recognition on October 16, 2017. There were 147 employees who achieved COD I or COD II. He spoke of the importance of training for all district employees.

5) He shared that a 70 piece art exhibition "You Can Feel What We See," by visually-impaired students of Pinellas County Schools, was held September 20 through October 22, in the Risser Gallery at the Morean Arts Center.

6) He spoke about the upcoming District Application Program Information Sessions and Fairs at Boca Ciega High, on November 2, from 6:30-7:30 pm and November 9, from 6-8 pm. Also at Pinellas Park High, on November 6, from 6:30-7:30 pm and November 11, from 9 am-12 noon. Please check the district's website www.pcsb.org for details.

B. Items Introduced by School Board Attorney

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

C. Items Introduced by the Board

Mrs. O'Shea: She spoke about her recent experience at the Council of Great City Schools in Cleveland, Ohio. At the conference, Florida districts were recognized for their work in running shelter operations. She said that Pinellas County Schools' staff really stepped up and did a phenomenal job. She also acknowledged Dr. Alicia Isaac who won the prestigious Queen Smith Award from the Council. This award honors an individual's commitment to urban public education. Dr. Isaac is the AVID coordinator at Boca Ciega High School.

Ms. Lentino: 1) She shared that she attended the Annual Gulf Beaches Elementary Fish Broil on Saturday, October 14th. She noted that Principal Kalach and Mr. Bob Poth were in attendance. 2) On Thursday, October 19th she attended the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee meeting. She enjoyed attending the meeting. 3) She attended the Lakewood High School National Honor Society ceremony. 4) She met with the Pinellas Retired Educators Association. 5) Recently, Dr. Grego served on a forum for ASPEC (Academy of Senior Professionals Eckerd College). The topic was *Growing Educational Greatness, One Student at a Time*, on Thursday, October 12. Ms. Lentino has spoken with the group to foster involvement with Pinellas County Schools. 6) She spoke about PALMS (Pinellas Association of Library Information Specialists and how libraries are changing; more technology is involved today. 7) She spoke about the work of Project Prosper. This non-profit works with immigrants on how to be more engaged in the community and learn about banking and money management in our country.

Mrs. Lerner: 1) She said that she has attended many community events since the last meeting and there is a lot of collaboration across the county. 2) She attended the NOPE Vigil, Thursday, October 19th at Largo Central Park. Governor Scott has proposed legislation for the next session to commit \$50 million to fight opioid abuse. 3) She noted the work of Project Prosper that has financial literacy classes for immigrants; approximately 150 volunteers work with this organization. 4) She spoke about changes to some of the district application programs that review a student's academic profile, not just grades, to determine their entrance into programs. We are a District of Choice. 5) She spoke about the recent controversy over a tutoring program at Pinellas Park Middle School. She said there are six teachers involved in the tutoring and the program is going well. She knows Principal Dave Rosenberger, and he is the kind of leader we can be proud of.

Mrs. Cook: She spoke about the recent concerns from the public regarding the FSBA proposed legislative platform 2018. Mrs. Cook explained that FSBA receives legislative proposals from every county in the state; and they are placed on their proposed legislative platform. At the upcoming FSBA Legislative Committee meeting, representatives will meet to review the proposals; then the FSBA platform comes forward. School Board Members do not vote on the FSBA legislative platform. Ms. Rene Flowers is our legislative committee representative. Pinellas County School Board adopts their own legislative platform.

D. Review of Board Requests

Dr. Corbett stated that there were no board requests.

E. School Board Meeting Evaluation

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

Pluses:

-presentations!

Opportunities:

-sound at the beginning

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Chairperson

Superintendent and Ex-Officio Secretary

XV. Public Speakers

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

1. Lenore Faulkner

Ms. Faulkner thanked school board attorney, Mr. David Koperski, for his work in opposing HB 7069.

2. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho stated that charter school teachers don't need to be certified; that science says that high school students start too early; and, his viewpoint on environmental issues.

3. Mitch Incorvaia

Mr. Incorvaia spoke about the noise concern with the Tarpons Springs High School Band; and, that he feels the issue has not been resolved to his satisfaction.

4. Sonya Lucito

Ms. Lucito spoke about the noise concern with the Tarpon Springs High School Band; and, that she feels the issue has not been resolved.

5. James Wild

Mr. James Wild spoke about the noise concern with the Tarpon Springs High School Band; and, that he wants less intrusive noise; he does not want the band shut down.

6. Janet Cunningham

Ms. Cunningham, ESE teacher at Calvin Hunsinger, spoke about the great work being done at her school and invited board members to visit. She also thanked Principal Heidi D'Ambrosio for her outstanding leadership.

7. Karen Baldino

Ms. Baldino, kindergarten teacher at Skycrest Elementary, spoke about the issues with the new Clever software program. She said there are too many steps; and students have to logout and logoff; it is too much for young children.

(Mr. Kevin Hendrick, associate superintendent, teaching and learning services, stated that he is aware that there have been some issues with the program and he is working with TIS (technology information systems) at some options.

The session ended at 7:14 p.m.