



Pinellas County School Board

Regular School Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

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

Ann Simonetti

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

10:00 AM

School Administration Building

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.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	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 Consent Agenda Item # 2: Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations (page 49 of the online agenda) -added a new name under "Resignations"

Added Special Order Agenda Item (#2): Presentation of Proclamation Observing National Education Support Professionals Day, Presented by Paula Texel, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Services- it will be Special Order Agenda Item # 2; existing Special Order Agenda Items 2-3 will be renumbered accordingly.

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

III. Adoption of Agenda

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

IV. Invocation: Pastor Bob Scott, Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, 110 S. Fort Harrison Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33756

Pastor Bob Scott delivered the Invocation.

V. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

A. *National Anthem*

The National Anthem was sung by the A Cappella audition ensemble from Pinellas Park High School led by Helen E. Twinam, director of choral studies.

B. *Video*

The video highlighted Restorative Practices being used at schools. Beginning this past summer, a team of educators from every school participated in Restorative Practices training and created implementation plans for their schools. Restorative Practices is a framework to support positive relationships building and restorative dialogue. On the video, principals and teachers spoke about their experiences using restorative practices as a proactive way to build community. The International Institute of Restorative Practices, which certified the district's trainers, plan to use this same video to highlight the work being done in Pinellas County Schools.

VI. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

Lisa M. Wolf, Public Information Officer

Ms. Lisa M. Wolf, public information officer, introduced the following individuals: Nelly Henjes, PESPA; Mike Gandolfo, PCTA; Maria Jose Chapa, SEIU-FPSU; and Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times.

VII. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities: Pinellas Park High School

Ms. Lisa M. Wolf, public information officer, introduced Randy Rivero, Mariah Laber, and Darien Desir-Thompson, student rights and responsibilities committee members from Pinellas Park 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 Proclamation Recognizing Family Engagement In Education Month, November 2017, Presented by Valerie Brimm, Ed.D., Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships**

Dr. Valerie Brimm, spoke of the importance of family engagement and the efforts being made to increase family participation.

Rene Flowers read the proclamation aloud. It was moved by Rene Flowers ; seconded by Terry Krassner ; and, carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Proclamation Recognizing Family Engagement in Education Month, November 2017.

- 2. Presentation of Proclamation Observing National Education Support Professionals Day, Presented by Paula Texel, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Services**

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

Ms. Paula Texel spoke about the important role of the education support professionals in our district.

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 Proclamation Observing National Education Support Professionals Day, November 15, 2017.

- 3. Recognition of the 2017 Florida Association of Partners in Education Community Engagement Volunteer Award, Presented by Valerie Brimm, Ed.D., Director, Office of Strategic Partnerships**

Dr. Valerie Brimm introduced award winners Susan Schneck, Lunch Pals Coordinator, and Ron Diner, Director, Strategic Community Partnerships, for their work with the Lunch Pals program.

Ms. Schneck and Mr. Diner were greeted and congratulated by the board.

- 4. Recognition of Dr. Alicia Isaac, Recipient of the 2017 Annual Queen Smith Award, Presented by Michael Vigue, Principal, Boca Ciega High School**

Principal Vigue introduced Dr. Alicia Isaac.

Dr. Isaac was greeted and congratulated by the board.

IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The following individuals shared their comments on specific agenda items:

1. Joe Marteski

Consent Agenda Item # 12: Request Approval of the Renewal of the Lease, Management &

Operation Agreement Permitting Belle of the Ball, Inc. to Lease the Media Center (the "Premises") Located on the Former Curtis Fundamental School Property

Mr. Marteski, COO, Belle of the Ball, spoke about the program; he shared that in 2017, 547 dresses (58% of their distribution) were provided for Pinellas County Schools' students.

2. Gina Fisher

Consent Agenda Item # 12: Request Approval of the Renewal of the Lease, Management & Operation Agreement Permitting Belle of the Ball, Inc. to Lease the Media Center (the "Premises") Located on the Former Curtis Fundamental School Property

Ms. Fisher, Belle of the Ball volunteer, spoke of the wonderful experiences students have had as a result of this program.

3. Mark Klutho

Consent Agenda Item # 10: Request Approval of a Distribution Easement to Duke Energy Florida, LLC on the Site of Clearwater High School

Consent Agenda Item # 11: Request Approval of a Distribution Easement to Duke Energy Florida, LLC on the Site of Pinellas Technical College (PTC) St. Petersburg

Consent Agenda Item # 14: Request Approval of Change Order No. 1 With Lema Construction & Developers, Inc. for Technology Building Renovations. This change order will decrease the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$86,657.70, with no time extension, at Dunedin High School, Project No. 4520

Consent Agenda Item # 16: Request Approval of Change Order No. 2 to the Agreement With Wharton Smith, Inc. This change order will increase the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$102,810.38 with a one hundred twenty-six (126) day time extension at Safety Harbor Elementary School, Project No. 9225

Nonconsent Agenda Item # 1: Request Approval of the Apprenticeship Training Program Agreement With the Associated Builders and Contractors

Mr. Klutho spoke of the strategic direction: effective and efficient use of resources. He shared his viewpoint on the work of builders and contractors.

X. Unfinished Business

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Flowers, Long, Lentino, Cook, Krassner, Lerner, O' Shea

1. Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 2510 – INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING TEXTBOOKS (This is the second reading. There have been no changes since the first reading.)

Mrs. Cook called for an amendment to Policy 2510, page 4 of 7, line # 7 to add "parent or 'resident' " instead of just "parent." The sentence will now read, " The parent, or resident, must file with the Board within thirty (30) days after the Board's adoption of specific instructional material a petition on form 2-3185 (Objection to Instructional and/or Media Material).

The legislature added resident to the language; this will reflect the new law; it is an editorial change.

Mrs. O'Shea called for a motion to the amendment. It was moved by Ms. Flowers; seconded by Mrs. Krassner; and, carried with a 7-0 vote.

Public comments on the public hearing:

1. Mark Klutho

He shared his viewpoint on the content of curriculum.

Approved, as amended.

XI. Consent

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rene Flowers, Vice Chairperson
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 School Board Workshop of October 17, 2017; and, the Regular School Board Meeting of October 24, 2017

Approved, as submitted.

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

2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Updated under Item II. Amendments to the Agenda

Added a new name (Sakevich, Bradley) under "Resignations" on page 49 of the online agenda.

Note: page number changed following the addition of Special Order # 2.

3. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Director, Community Schools Model (Grant-Funded)

Appointment approved-Jennifer Hykes

4. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Sawgrass Lake Elementary School

Appointment approved- Phyteria Proctor

5. **Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Mr. Jose Gutierrez, Bus Driver, Employed with the Transportation Department**
Approved, as submitted.

6. **Request Approval of Commemorative Items Bid Selections**
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #171.)

7. **Request Approval of the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant \$765,261.00**
Approved, as submitted.

8. **Request Approval of First Quarter Submittal of Change Order Summaries**
Approved, as submitted.

9. **Request Approval of the Inter-Local Agreement With the City of Clearwater for the Restoration of Allen's Creek at Plumb Elementary School, Project No. 9236**
Approved, as submitted.

10. **Request Approval of a Distribution Easement to Duke Energy Florida, LLC on the Site of Clearwater High School**
Approved, as submitted.

11. **Request Approval of a Distribution Easement to Duke Energy Florida, LLC on the Site of Pinellas Technical College (PTC) St. Petersburg**
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #171.)

12. **Request Approval of the Renewal of the Lease, Management & Operation Agreement Permitting Belle of the Ball, Inc. to Lease the Media Center (the "Premises") Located on the Former Curtis Fundamental School Property**

Approved, as submitted.

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- 13. Request Approval of Amendment No. 6 to Agreement With Harvard Jolly, Inc. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection With Football Field and Track Improvements in the Amount of \$21,840, Resulting in a Total Project Architect/Engineer (PA/E) fee of \$3,659,996.30 at Largo High School, Project No. 4511**

Approved, as submitted.

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- 14. Request Approval of Change Order No. 1 With Lema Construction & Developers, Inc. for Technology Building Renovations. This change order will decrease the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$86,657.70, with no time extension, at Dunedin High School, Project No. 4520**

Approved, as submitted.

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- 15. Request Approval of Change Order No. 1 With Creative Contractors, Inc. for New Athletic Track and Football Field. This change order will decrease the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$51,012.62, with no time extension, at Gibbs High School, Project No. 9054**

Approved, as submitted.

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- 16. Request Approval of Change Order No. 2 to the Agreement With Wharton Smith, Inc. This change order will increase the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$102,810.38 with a one hundred twenty-six (126) day time extension at Safety Harbor Elementary School, Project No. 9225.**

Approved, as submitted.

- 17. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Controls System Replacement as of October 5, 2017, at Jamerson Elementary School, Project No. 9065**

Approved, as submitted.

- 18. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Stucco Soffit Replacement at Building 1 as of August 18, 2017, Which is a Portion of the Project at Madeira Beach Fundamental School, Project No. 9116**

Approved, as submitted.

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

- 19. Request Approval of Substantial Completion for Wall and Ceiling Repairs as of October 11, 2017, at Woodlawn Elementary School, Project No. 9186**

Approved, as submitted.

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

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

Approved, as submitted.

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

Approved, as submitted.

- 22. Request Approval of Bids to Vendors at Prices in Bid Documents in Accordance with Bid Policies and Statutes**

Approved, as submitted.

XII. Nonconsent

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 the Apprenticeship Training Program Agreement With the Associated Builders and Contractors**

Mr. Mark Hunt spoke of the wonderful benefits of apprenticeship programs; they are exempt from tuition, they are paid, and the student learns a valuable trade.

Mr. Hunt introduced Mr. Steve Cona, III, President and CEO, Associated Builders and Contractors.

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XIII. New Business

A. Items Introduced by Superintendent

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

1) He thanked all of the schools who had Veteran's Day celebrations across the district; Palm Harbor Middle School and Osceola High School to name two. He thanked staff for taking the time to honor the true meaning of Veteran's Day. He thanked all staff who worked on these programs.

2) He spoke about the Lunch Pals Summit for Leadership Development which was attended by Lunch Pals Mentors. The topic was humility and listening. Paul Tash, chairman and CEO of the Tampa Bay Times and Eckerd College Leadership Conservatory members were in attendance.

3) He said the Book Giveaway was held at John Hopkins Middle School; 40,000 new books were given away. He thanked the partnerships with United Way, JWB, and Melissa Erickson of The Alliance for Public Schools.

4) He shared that Clearwater High School seniors captured top honors last month at the 21st Annual National Career Academy. The school's Freedom Ambassadors won Best in Show for their Civil Rights Tour presentation that was exhibited. Bob McIntyre, the Pinellas Education Foundation's Career Education Board chairperson, was presented with the Exemplary Partnership Award.

5) He said the district is examining school start times. Mr. Clint Herbic, associate superintendent, operational services, brought together a task force. At the January school board workshop, recommendations will be shared. Mr. Herbic explained that in March 2017, he began to utilize Edulog software to gather data regarding adjusting start times and optimal utilization of the fleet. Edulog has revealed that the fleet is being used efficiently and the length of time for runs is directly related to traffic congestion. Also, the district covers 2,500 bus stops due to our extensive Choice Programs; with a total of 441 routes. They were compared to other Council of Great City Schools member districts and found to be in the top 25% in efficiency. He thanked Mr. Herbic and the task force; and, noted that it is a complicated issue; and, that he is very proud of the Choice programs offered in our district.

6) He gave a shout out to our bands. He said that Ms. Jeanne Reynolds, PreK-12 performing arts specialist, does a tremendous job. On November 4th, the Florida Bandmasters Association, District IX, 2017 MPA was held at Dunedin High School. There is a tremendous amount of work and practice that goes into this type of exemplary performance; congratulations to everyone.

7) He said that the Tarpon Springs High School band was named a Super Regional champion; this is the sixth time since 2011. Seminole High School won the US Bands Group V Open competition at the 2017 Southern States competition. There is a lot of work involved; lots of practice. He said "We rock."

B. Items Introduced by School Board Attorney

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report.

C. Items Introduced by the Board

Mrs. Krassner: She spoke to Mr. Herbic's comments. She shared that when board members met with the student rights and responsibilities committee last week, they spoke about their participation in sports clubs, after school jobs, and dual-enrollment. She also asked if Mr. Herbic would consider allowing some of the bus drivers to take their busses home; which she believes may be more efficient.

Ms. Lentino: 1) She shared that she went to the Head Start celebration at High Point Elementary. Dr. Ric Davis was in attendance. She commended High Point Principal Feeny for his leadership. 2) She attended the Pinellas Association of Office Professionals annual auction at Walter Pownall Service Center. The money raised is used for scholarships for students in PCS. 3) She attended the DMAC meeting and has seen structured changes to the meeting. They will be reporting out soon. 4) She attended the Lake St. George Veteran's Day program; their 29th or 30th anniversary. It was phenomenal. There was live music, a parade, and all five branches of the military were represented. She thanked Principal Wolcott and Assistant Principal Whitaker 5) She attended the Festival of Reading on November 11. A speaker at the event was very energetic; she enjoyed it. 6) On Saturday she went to John Hopkins Middle School for the Book Giveaway. 7) She wished everyone a good holiday next week. 8) She attended the YMCA Prayer Breakfast this morning and it was very moving. 9) On Friday evening, she attending the Art in the PARC event at Duke Energy. She is happy to support such a worthwhile organization.

Mrs. Lerner: 1) She attended the program on Saturday and had an opportunity to speak with students. 2) She attended FBLA District Rally; four or five years ago about 200 students participated. This year, there were 800 students. The student led meeting was excellent. The sessions were excellent as was the motivational speaker. 3) She shared that students in the students rights and responsibilities committee meeting spoke about supporting other students who have academic challenges. 4) She attended an event at the Poynter Institute. Mr. DeMorris Lee, office of strategic communications, was there with students from the Write Field Program, sponsored by the Tampa Bay Rays. This program meets once a month, and is geared toward African-American and Hispanic middle school students. Mr. Lee is one of the coordinators of the program. 5) She spoke about more support for our teachers. Lesson plans are time consuming and there are ways to share those with other teachers. We need to talk about how we can do that better; they can use that as a start and then personalize the lessons. She said that she knows that she is not supposed "to be in the weeds", but she supports the idea that teachers should be in charge of their rooms; for example, what they have on the walls. One of the teachers she spoke with has 5 or 6 classes and they have to have a lot on their walls. Let's have teachers be creative. She said this is just one board members thoughts-we need to talk about it; perhaps a workshop conversation. 6) She told everyone to have a great holiday.

Ms. Flowers: 1) She said that motivational speaker Victor Woods will participate in a summit geared toward strengthening schools and the community. Lealman Innovation Academy and Clearwater Intermediate School have a partnership. Mr. Woods will be at Boca Ciega High School on Thursday, November 16, from 6-7:30 pm. 2) She participated in the FSBA Legislative Committee meeting. It was an opportunity for board members from across the state to come together and share and discuss HB 7069 and to develop the FSBA Legislative Platforms. She said that speaking with legislators should be ongoing and not just at the FSBA Day in the Legislature in Tallahassee. Connect with legislators and build connections. 3) She will be participating with FSBA on several go-to meetings on Fridays, as will her alternate on the legislative committee, school board member Long. 4) She spoke about the importance of mentoring and encouraged everyone if they have the time to do so. Gulfcoast partners with High Point Elementary. She spoke about a mentoring program called Men in the Making; now a Women in the Making program. 5) She wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Lentino asked about Mrs. Lerner's remark about lesson plans and thought it was covered in their contract. Mrs. Lerner noted that she wished to clarify; she is not talking about the contract; just saying we need more support for teachers with their lesson plans.

Mrs. Long shared her thoughts that when teachers work in collaborative teams it is helpful. We need to allow schools time to work. It helps teachers to see what their colleagues are doing.

Mrs. O'Shea: She stated that the date for the School Board's Legislative Breakfast has been set for December 11, 2017, 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and will be hosted by Pinellas Technical College, Clearwater.

D. Review of Board Requests

Dr. Corbett stated 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:

-smooth

Opportunities:

-sound volume

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.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 shared her personal experiences.

2. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho shared his viewpoint on early school start times and "cause and effect" on our environment.

The session ended at 11:45 a.m.