



Pinellas County School Board

Regular School Board Meeting

~ Minutes ~

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

Ann Simonetti

Tuesday, July 25, 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	
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:

Added Consent Agenda Item # 5: Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Director, Continuous Improvement

Added Consent Agenda Item # 6: Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the 9-12 Science Specialist

Added Consent Agenda item # 7: Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Madeira Beach Fundamental K-8 School

Added Consent Agenda Item # 8: Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Tarpon Springs High School

Added Consent Agenda Item # 28: Request Approval of the Amendment to the Interagency Agreement Between the School Board of Pinellas County and the City of Tarpon Springs Regarding the Tarpon Springs High School Pool Facilities

Updated Consent Agenda Item # 32: Request Approval of Bids to Vendors at Prices in Bid Documents in Accordance With bid Policies and Statutes-Sherwin Williams Company Category 12: primer (unit price: \$12.00)

All pre-existing agenda items are renumbered accordingly.

Dr. Grego thanked Mayor Archie and the City of Tarpon Springs.

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

III. Adoption of Agenda

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

IV. Invocation: Captain Christine Harris, Salvation Army Church, 1625 N. Belcher Rd., Clearwater, FL 33765

Captain Christine Harris delivered the Invocation.

(Note: In the agenda it was incorrectly listed as Captain Michael Harris.)

V. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

National Anthem

The National Anthem was sung by Bill Renfro, a former Pinellas County Schools chorus teacher.

Video: English Language Learners Build Confidence During Gifted Summer Camp

The video shown highlighted Camp Invention, a new week-long program that was held at four elementary schools earlier this summer. The camps were for English Language Learners. ESOL teachers and gifted teachers worked side by side to host the camps, exposing the students to experiences meant to challenge them and help them realize their potential. The students participated in creative problem solving activities and learned questioning techniques. Nearly 100 students participated in the camps.

Dr. Grego thanked Natasa Karac, ESOL specialist, for initiating this new program.

VI. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

Melanie Marquez Parra, Director, Strategic Communications

Ms. Melanie Marquez Parra introduced the following individuals: Nelly Henjes, PESPA; Mike Gandolfo, PCTA; Cindy Ehrenzeller, PCCPTA; Dr. Victoria Hagedorn, Arts for a Complete Education; and, Colleen Wright, Tampa Bay Times.

VII. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities

During the summer months, there is no presentation from the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee.

VIII. Special Order Agenda

IX. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The following individual shared their comments on specific agenda items:

-Mark Klutho

Consent Agenda Item # 6: Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the 9-12 Science Specialist

Consent Agenda Item # 16: Request Approval of Agreement With Learning Sciences International-School Turnaround, \$472,900.00

Consent Agenda Item # 27 Request Approval of the Facilities Joint Use Agreement With St. Petersburg College

Mr. Klutho cited the district strategic direction-effective and efficient use of resources-and shared his opinion that the district does not practice it.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. Consent

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Krassner, Board Member
SECONDER:	Carol J. Cook, 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 June 27, 2017; and, the School Board Workshop of June 27, 2017

Approved, as submitted.

2. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Approved, as submitted.

3. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Director, Strategic Planning and Policy

Appointment approved-Jennifer Dull

4. Request Approval of the Appointment of the Apprenticeships and Work-Based Learning Specialist

Appointment approved- Mariana Leslie

5. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Director, Continuous Improvement

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

Appointment approved- Merlande Petit-Bois

6. Request Approval of the Appointment of the 9-12 Science Specialist

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

Appointment approved- Lindsey B. Craven

7. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Madeira Beach Fundamental K-8 School

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

Appointment approved- Carolyn L. Altenore

8. Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Tarpon Springs High School

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

Appointment approved- Lisa J. Lennox

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

Approved, as submitted.

10. Request Approval of Yearbook Bid Selections

Approved, as submitted.

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

11. Request Approval of School Petty Cash Funds for 2017/18

Approved, as submitted.

12. Request Approval of Food Service Petty Cash and Change Funds for 2017/18

Approved, as submitted.

13. Request Approval of the Agreement With R'Club Child Care, Inc., for Renewal of the Extended Care Program

Approved, as submitted.

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

14. Request Approval of the Agreement With the YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg for Renewal of the Extended Care Program

Approved, as submitted.

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

15. Request Approval of the Agreement With the YMCA of the Suncoast for Renewal of the Extended Care Program

Approved, as submitted.

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

16. Request Approval of Agreement With Learning Sciences International - School Turnaround, \$472,900.00

Approved, as submitted.

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

- 17. Request Approval of Agreement With Department of Children and Families for the Pinellas Refugee Education Program, \$1,380,000.00 Over a Three-Year Period**
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #170.)
- 18. Request Approval of 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant – iClass, \$2,329,039.00 Over a Five-Year Period**
Approved, as submitted.
- 19. Request Approval of the Student Services Agreement Between University of South Florida’s Advancing Coping and Engagement Program and the School Board of Pinellas**
Approved, as submitted.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #170.)
- 20. Request Approval of IDEA, Part B, Entitlement Project, \$28,276,921.00**
Approved, as submitted.
- 21. Request Approval of IDEA, Part B, Preschool Grant, \$774,632.00**
Approved, as submitted.
- 22. Request Approval of Title III, Part A, English Language Acquisition, \$806,375.00**
Approved, as submitted.
- 23. Request Approval of the Pinellas County Schools Approved Field Trip List for the 2017-18 School Year**
Approved, as submitted.
- 24. Request Approval of an Agreement Between Kimberly Home and the School Board of Pinellas County**

Approved, as submitted.

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

25. Request Approval of the Recommendations of the District Referendum Work Group for the Expenditure of Referendum Funds for Year Thirteen

Approved, as submitted.

26. Request Approval of Vehicle Donation to Pinellas Technical College, St. Petersburg

Approved, as submitted.

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

27. Request Approval of the Facilities Joint Use Agreement With St. Petersburg College

Approved, as submitted.

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

28. Request Approval of the Amendment to the Interagency Agreement Between the School Board of Pinellas County and the City of Tarpon Springs Regarding the Tarpon Springs High School Pool Facilities

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

Approved, as submitted.

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

29. 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 #170.)

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

Approved, as submitted.

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

Approved, as submitted.

32. Request Approval of Bids to Vendors at Prices in Bid Documents in Accordance With Bid Policies and Statutes

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

Approved, as submitted.

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

XII. Nonconsent**XIII. New Business****A. Items Introduced by Superintendent**

Dr. Grego's report included the following:

1. Dr. Grego called upon Kevin Smith, associate superintendent, finance and business services, to explain the delay for the first public hearing on tentative 2017/18 millage rates and district budget. It was originally scheduled for this evening's meeting, but has been rescheduled for Tuesday, August 1st.

Mr. Smith explained that the district received the information late on Tuesday, July 18th, regarding the figures used to calculate the budget. There were significant changes due to HB 7069. Additionally, the meeting is required to be noticed and an ad will run in the Tampa Bay Times. Accuracy is important so the hearing was delayed.

Mr. Smith also advised that the Certificates of Participation bonds will be issued soon. Two rating agencies visited the district- Fitch and Moody's. They spoke with Dr. Grego and Mrs. O'Shea and the district received an A+ rating from Fitch Group and an Aa3 rating from Moody's Corp. One of our credit challenges is the need for higher reserve-we are at just over 5%.

Dr. Grego thanked the board for their support and complimented Mr. Smith's excellent work.

2. He spoke about training and events in preparation for the opening of school August 10th. Last week was Leadership Week and it was set up conference style with a panel of experts on a variety of topics; it was very well received. He thanked Lou Cerreta and his staff. Embrace Pinellas was held at Countryside High School approximately 300 new teachers in attendance. He will meet and greet bus drivers on Monday, July 31st at the Transportation In-Service. The district wide training is scheduled for Thursday, August 3rd. He also shared the list of administrators that will go to schools for the First Day School Visits. At the conclusion of the first day of school, administrators will gather to debrief.

3. He thanked the Pinellas Education Foundation and the Pinellas County Council PTA for their Stuff the Bus campaign. The bus was at Carillon Park and Largo Mall and will be at the City of St. Petersburg City Hall on Monday, August 7. This provides a huge number of school supplies for our students and is greatly appreciated.
4. He thanked Home Depot for their donation of 1,000 backpacks.
5. He spoke about the AVID Leadership Conference held in Tampa recently and congratulated the following students: Owen Papp and Ben Huynh from Palm Harbor Middle School; Candice Johnson from Tyrone Middle School; and, Haely Gazmey from East Lake High School.
6. He attended the Teacher of the Year program with Ms. Vanessa Ko. She was one of five state finalists for this award. Although she did not win, she is an outstanding teacher as indicated by her nomination.
7. He said the first French Summer Camp was held at Largo High School; it was a great enrichment opportunity for students. The district is offering more enrichment programs as shown in today's video.
8. He congratulated the Career, Technical and Adult Education students that participated in the Skills US competition. This national event garnered four first place winners from our district.
9. He advised the board that after the last workshop he attended the Florida Association of District School Superintendents meeting and during the executive committee meeting there was discussion about the pros and cons of a suit regarding HB7069. Some districts are planning to pursue legal action. Superintendents agreed that legal counsel will guide the process. He asked for Mr. David Koperski to provide an update.

Mr. Koperski stated that he is still continuing with conference calls with other legal counsel that represent school boards across the state. They are sharing their agenda items that are authorizing funds for legal representation and research on potential grounds for suit. They are looking into five grounds. Polk County School Board and Miami-Dade School Board will have workshops and will most likely be discussing this issue. Broward, St. Lucie, Bay, Lee, and Volusia have approved funds to pursue litigation. He said that he will be participating in a conference call this Thursday. Boards are looking at sharing the cost of legal counsel; there are various ways that may be calculated. Currently, his recommendation was to wait until he has spoken with the other attorneys and outside counsel. There is a school board workshop scheduled for Tuesday, August 15; and, if the district plans to move ahead at that time, a special meeting could be called to approve funding for this action.

Following a few questions, he advised the board that should it be determined that there are grounds for litigation, he will advise the board and answer any questions.

Mrs. Lerner said that everyone is shaking their heads "yes" in support of the timeline.

Mr. Koperski said if an agenda item to allocate funds became necessary, it would of course, be presented at a school board meeting that is open to the public.

B. *Items Introduced by School Board Attorney*

Mr. Koperski stated that he had no report aside from what he shared during Dr. Grego's report.

C. Items Introduced by the Board

Ms. Flowers: 1) She said that she will be at the bus compound early morning on the first day of school and she challenged Dr. Grego to be there also. 2) She spoke about the district's reserve funds and said that we are going in the right direction. The state is providing fewer dollars for education and will need to be sure that we do not overspend. 3) She referenced Capital Outlay Full Time Equivalent (COFTE) dollars that would have to be shared with charter schools. For Pinellas it is \$1,064.05 per student. This will affect our capital outlay plans; but, she wanted to clarify that Pinellas Park Middle and Melrose Elementary will not be impacted. There was an article that said these school projects would not happen because of HB7069 funding changes; but, that is inaccurate. 4) She acknowledged Mr. Art O'Hara with the R 'Club who was in the audience. She also said that things are going well at Happy Workers, things are up and running. It is good for the community.

Ms. Lentino: 1) She told the teachers they should be pleased that they will continue to receive referendum dollars. 2) She attended the Pinellas Technical College graduation and she saw many graduating from the early childhood education program. 3) She spoke about the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners meeting scheduled for August 3rd. There will be a vote to designate funds to supplement district funds to be able to provide a school nurse for each school. 4) She participated in the Stuff the Bus campaign. 5) She attended Embrace Pinellas and met new teachers and helped serve the lunch provided by PCTA/PESPA. 6) She attended the James Weldon Johnson library geography bee and will attend their math bee. She encouraged parents to attend.

Mrs. Krassner: 1) She said that she attended the Stuff the Bus campaign at Largo Mall. It is great that PCCPTA and Pinellas Education Foundation partner to accept donations of school supplies. 2) She said that she has been asked by parents about the bus transportation cards that get mailed home. Mr. Herbic said they were mailed out today.

Mrs. O'Shea: 1) She clarified that the district currently provides school nurses, but there are not enough funds to have one at every school. The district will need \$1.5 million more. The county commission and board members have discussed that this is a department of health issue; to provide health services. Under that proposal, the county could designate the money. It would be a great benefit for our students. 2) She said the meeting with the rating agencies was very interesting. She shared that the companies representatives complimented Mr. Smith on his knowledge.

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:

-moved along

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Opportunities:

-be careful of requests

-check speaker mics

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Chairperson

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 share her resume and personal experiences.

2. Stacey Hughes

Ms. Hughes, parent of Joshua Hughes, spoke about a situation at Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School that she reported to the Office of Professional Standards.

3. Joshua Hughes

Joshua, honor student, spoke about an incident at Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School that happened to him.

4. Michael Hughes

Mr. Hughes, parent of Joshua Hughes, spoke about a situation at Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School that he does not feel was properly investigated.

(Dr. Grego called upon Ms. Laurie Dart, staff attorney, who stated that she reviewed the case and believed it to be a thorough investigation.)

5. Mark Klutho

Mr. Klutho spoke about comments made by a speaker at the June 27, 2017 school board meeting in reference to the Holocaust and shared his viewpoint on environmental issues.

6. Susan Spaulding

Ms. Spaulding, teacher, shared her concerns about teacher workload and encouraged school board members to visit with teachers at our schools.

7. Sheena Qualles

Ms. Qualles, reading coach with The Winning Reading Boost Team, spoke in favor of the program and invited board members to their student celebration on August 4, 2017 at 9 a.m. at St. Petersburg College, Midtown Campus.

The session ended at 6:27 p.m.