

Pinellas County Schools

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Regular School Board Meeting

December 12, 2006

Tuesday, 05:00 PM

School Administration Building

301 Fourth Street SW

Largo, FL 33779

Attendees

Julie Janssen, Deputy Superintendent	<i>non-voting</i>
Peggy O'shea, Vice Chairman	
Deborah Beaty, Adm. Assistant	<i>non-voting</i>
Clayton Wilcox, Supt. & Ex- Officio Sec.	<i>non-voting</i>
Lanse Johansen, Chief Business Officer	<i>non-voting</i>
Nancy N. Bostock, Chairman	
James Robinson, School Board Attorney	<i>non-voting</i>
Mary L. Tyus Brown, Board Member	
Janet R. Clark, Board Member	
Carol J. Cook, Board Member	
Jane Gallucci, Board Member	
Linda S. Lerner, Board Member	

Meeting Minutes

A. Invocation

1. Invocation by Pastor Ronald E. Williams, Mt. Olive AME Church, 600 Jones Street, Clearwater

Minutes

Pastor Williams was unable to attend this meeting. Dr. Ron Stone, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources & Public Affairs, provided a "thought for the day" titled, "Touch Just One Life." This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

1. National Anthem Project Video

Minutes

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a video was shown of the All County High School Orchestra & Chorus performing the National Anthem.

2. Celebrate Freedom - Pinellas County Students

Minutes

A video was shown highlighting a group of students celebrating the Declaration of Independence with their performance titled, "Celebrate Freedom."

3. Riviera Middle School Video

Minutes

A video was shown highlighting the students, staff, and programs at Lakewood Elementary School.

C. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

1. Introduction of Representatives of Professional and Community Organizations by Dr. Ron Stone, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources and Public Affairs

Minutes

Dr. Stone introduced the following individuals: Randy Dodds, PESPA; Michelle Dennard, PCTA; Mayme Hodges, North Pinellas Retired Teachers Association; Janeta Truitt, Aaron Thomas, and Becky Vasquez, Students Rights & Responsibilities Committee, Seminole High School; Faith Rockenstein, Pinellas Arts for a Complete Education Coalition; Dr. Barbara Hires, Oscar Robinson, and Michael Bessette, Operations Team; Bob McIntyre, Terry Boehm, and Rich Engwall, The Education Foundation; and, Donna Winchester, The St. Petersburg Times.

D. Explanation of Process for Signing up to Speak

At this time, Mrs. Bostock presented a plaque to Mrs. Cook in recognition of her service this past year as chairman for the School Board.

Mrs. Bostock also took this opportunity to present a plaque to Mrs. Brown in recognition of her service this past year as vice chairman for the School Board.

1. Meeting Procedures

Minutes

Mrs. Bostock reviewed the process to be followed by the audience for participation at School Board meetings and guidelines to be followed for all members of the audience during these proceedings.

E. Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Cook to adopt the agenda.

Dr. Wilcox requested that the following changes be accepted by the Board in their adoption of this agenda:

- 1) Reverse the order of Items F.4 and F.5, hearing F.5 first.
- 2) Delete the following names from page 79 of the Agenda Book -- Sally P. Baynard, Barbara F. O'Steen, Kathleen G. Welch, and Susan M. Wischweh. Dr. Wilcox explained that there is a question on the funding source for these four individuals.
- 3) Change the following on Item H.18 -- Change the date to December 12, 2006 on both pages 189 and 190; and, add a line for the chairman's signature on page 190.
- 4) Add the line that was omitted from the Background on Item H.24 -- "A partial Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) has been obtained from the Construction Manager to"
- 5) Consider the language suggested to clarify the language in Nonconsent Items #1 and #3, amendments Policy 4.32 and Policy 6.15.
- 6) Add an item to Nonconsent, Item #4, Board Nomination for Member to Serve on the Pinellas Planning Council.

Mrs. Brown stated that, as chairman, she has found good cause to amend the agenda and add Nonconsent Item #4.

PULL: CONSENT #24 - speaker; #31 - page 287 only

The motion to adopt the agenda was carried with a 7-0 vote, as amended.

F. Special Order Agenda

1. Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities - Seminole High School

Minutes

Janeta Truitt, Aaron Thomas, and Becky Vasquez, Students Rights & Responsibilities Committee representatives from Seminole High School, addressed the Board to share information regarding activities and achievements taking place at their school.

2. Presentation by Terry Boehm, President, Pinellas Education Foundation. Mr. Boehm will discuss mentors and the Doorways Scholarship program.

Minutes

Bob McIntyre, Chairman of the Education Foundation, and Dr. John Healey, member of the Pinellas Education Foundation Doorways Committee, addressed the Board to share an update on the Doorways Scholarship program and to stress the important role that mentors fulfill to ensure success for Doorways students. Mrs. Brown, on behalf of the Board, thanked the members of the Foundation for this presentation and their continued efforts with the Doorways program. Dr. Wilcox recognized Terry Boehm, President of the Foundation, and Rich Engwall, Senior Vice President of the Foundation, who were also in the audience.

3. Request Approval of Construction Documents Phase III Submittal for Renovations and Remodeling at Blanton Elementary School for an Estimated Total Project Cost of \$2,946,820. The presenter is Nelson Griffin, Griffin Design Associates, P.A.

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Bostock, seconded by Mrs. Gallucci, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Submittal for Blanton Elementary School.

4. Introduction of Newly Appointed Administrator: Mr. James "Rick" McBride, Director, Transportation Department

Minutes

Dr. Wilcox introduced the following newly appointed administrator:

Mr. James "Rick" McBride
Director, Transportation Department

Mr. McBride was greeted and congratulated by the Board Members.

5. Presentation by Ms. Michelle Dennard, President, Pinellas Classroom Teachers Association

Minutes

Mrs. Dennard addressed the Board to share ten priorities of their organization that were "borne" out of conversations held at over sixty building meetings, as well as points of discussions during leadership and bargaining meetings. Mrs. Dennard distributed folders containing her presentation, as well as a "Business Book Review" of the book, Navigating the Badlands by Mary O'Hara-Devereaux. Mrs. Dennard encouraged the Board and the district to continue working with the employee groups as partners for meaningful educational change in Pinellas.

6. Recognition of the Florida Economic Educator of the Year Award Winners and the Governor's Awards Winners for the Teaching of Economic Excellence

Minutes

Randy Lightfoot, Supervisor K-12 Social Studies, stated that the Florida Council for Economic Education recognized the recipients of the 2006 Governor's Awards for the Teaching of Economic Excellence at Disney World in Orlando. The winners are:

Innovations, Grades K-5
Second Place

Suzanne Battista McMullen Booth Elementary

Third Place

Ginger, Francisco Modesta Robbins Partnership School
Lorraine Vanderklok, Modesta Robbins Partnership School

Fourth Place

Marsha Bergreen, Lake St. George Elementary

Innovations, Grades 6-12

Fourth Place

William Orr, Pinellas Technical Education Center

Technovations, Special Students

First Place

Sara Carroll, Morgan Fitzgerald Middle

Second Place

Jackie Martin-Alghamdi, Highland Lakes Elementary

Third Place

Connie Bassant, Paul B. Stephens Exceptional Student Center

Lori Fraser, Paul B. Stephens Exceptional Student Center

Technovations, Grades K-5

First Place

Teri Ragan, Garrison Jones Elementary

Carolyn Bennett, Garrison Jones Elementary

Pamela Lofton, Garrison Jones Elementary

Third Place

Kathy Walker, BETA - Gibbs High

Mr. Lightfoot introduced Sara Carroll of Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School as its Florida Economic Educator of the Year.

Those present were greeted and congratulated by the Board Members.

7. Recognition of Pinellas County Principal's Multicultural Advisory Committee (PMAC) National Award

Minutes

Randy Lightfoot, Supervisor K-12 Social Studies, reported that The National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) has selected Pinellas County Schools' Principal's Multicultural Advisory Committee (PMAC) program as its 2006 Rose Duson-Sells Multicultural Program Award winner. The award was presented earlier this month at the NAME Awards Banquet and Celebration in Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. Lightfoot stated that the nomination stated that the PMAC program "has evolved into a collaborative, student-centered leadership initiative designed to ensure all students have the right to attend a school where all ethnic and cultural heritages are welcomed and respected. The main role of the PMAC program is to encourage students, faculty, administration, parents and community members to build community by sharing experiences and cultural backgrounds, and by engaging in meaningful dialogue and multicultural activities to increase cultural fluency." Mr. Lightfoot acknowledged the members of the PMAC team.

8. Recognition of Pinellas County Social Studies Teacher of the Year Recipients for the 2006-07 School Year

Minutes

Randy Lightfoot, Supervisor K-12 Social Studies, stated that The Florida Council for the Social Studies recently recognized the recipients of the 2006 Pinellas County Social Studies Teacher of the Year at its state convention in Miami. The winners are:

Elementary Division:
Lynn Schew, Davis Elementary School

Middle School Division:
Tracie Russo, Carwise Middle School

High School Division:
Kathy Biddle, Clearwater High School

Warren Tracy Beginning Teacher of the Year Award:
Mandy Perry, Pinellas Park High School

Those present were greeted and congratulated by the Board Members.

9. Energy Management Agreement Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Minutes

Dr. Michael Tomalesky, Director of Institutional Services Operations, presented the Annual Report. Dr. Tomalesky stated that the complete report was forwarded to the Board prior to this meeting. Dr. Wilcox stated that the district will work towards building facilities that are more responsive to the environment.

G. Unfinished Business

1. Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 1.07 FAMILY AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Bostock to approve the amendment.

Dr. Wilcox provided a brief overview of the proposed amendment and stated that this is the second reading.

The motion to approve Amendment to Policy 1.07 was carried with a 7-0 vote.

2. Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 5.13 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: HIGH SCHOOL

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Bostock to approve the amendment.

Dr. Wilcox provided a brief overview of the proposed amendment and stated that this is the second reading. Dr. Wilcox stated that some changes have been reviewed by the Board following the first reading; and, that those changes have been incorporated into the policy for the final reading.

The motion to approve Amendment to Policy 5.13 was carried with a 7-0 vote.

H. Consent

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci, seconded by Mrs. Bostock, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

1. Approval of Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2006; the Special Meeting of November 14, 2006; the Organization Meeting of November 21, 2006; and, the

Regular Meeting of November 21, 2006.

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

2. Request Acceptance of the Quarterly Report from the Independent Citizens Referendum Oversight Committee (ICROC)

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

3. Request Approval of Personnel Recommendations: Personnel Actions as Recommended by the superintendent.

Minutes

Approved as submitted, with deletions presented during the adoption of the agenda. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

4. Agenda Item: Request Authorization of the Board for the Superintendent to Process the Submittal of a "Special Teachers Are Rewarded" (STAR) Proposal to the Department of Education for Approval

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

5. Agenda Item: Request Approval of the Student/Teacher Calendar for School Year 2007-08 and Special Observance Days

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

6. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Accept the Stipulation to Suspend Ms. Delores Walker, Paraprofessional, Northeast High School, for Two (2) Days Without pay and Attend "Ethics in Education" Training

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

7. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Accept the Stipulation to Suspend Mr. Greg Baldwin, Night Foreman, Tarpon Springs Middle School, for Two (2) Days Without pay and Require him to Attend Leadership Training

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

8. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Suspend Ms. Jacilin Herrod, Teacher Assistant, Nina Harris ESEC, for Three (3) Days Without pay

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

9. Request Approval to Use Heritage Music Festivals to Coordinate Travel and Activities to Chicago, Illinois, for Seminole High School Choral Students to Participate in a Music Competition April 12-15, 2007

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

10. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects: a) Charter School Federal Start-up Grant for Excelsior Academy of Language: \$25,000 b) Charter School Federal Start-up Grant for Imagine Charter School at Pinellas: \$25,000 c) Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant: \$4,990 d) Agreement with Pinellas County Cultural Council: \$ TBD e) Renewal of Agreement with DKH Consulting Services, Inc.: \$50,000 f) Renewal of Agreement with Oliver T. Massey, Ph.D.: \$19,000 g) Amendment #2 to Agreement with YMCA Suncoast/YMCA Greater St. Petersburg: \$81,000 h) Amendment to Agreement with WorkNet Pinellas: \$ NA

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy/copies, as appropriate, to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

11. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 2 (October 2006) to the District's 2006/2007 Budget

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

12. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for Month Ending October 31, 2006 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

13. Request Approval of Food Service Change Fund Adjustment for Pinellas Park High School

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

14. Request Approval of Agreement Between the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, and Head Start Child Development and Family Services, Inc.

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

15. Request Approval of the High School Course Code Directory and the Uniform Course Descriptions for 2007-2008

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

16. Request Approval of the Middle School Course Code Directory and the Uniform Course Descriptions for 2007-2008

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

17. Request Approval of the Health Agreement Between Kash N' Karry Food Stores, Inc./Sweetbay and the Pinellas County School Board

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

18. Request Approval of Rental Agreement With Ruth Eckerd Hall (PACT, Inc.) for 2006-2007 PRIDE Award Ceremony on April 12, 2007

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

19. Request Approval of the Health Agreement Between St. Luke's Cataract and Laser Institute and the Pinellas County School Board

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

20. Recommend Approval of the Revised Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Statewide Provider Agreement Between the Pinellas Early Learning Coalition and the District for the Provision of a School Year Voluntary Prekindergarten Program

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

21. Request Approval of the Interlocal Agreement With Pinellas County and Twelve Municipalities to Establish School Concurrency Standards

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

22. Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement With Griffin Design Associates, P.A. for Master Planning Services, Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection With Replacement of Building 6 and Minor Renovations in Buildings 2 and 8 at Blanton Elementary School in the Amount of \$32,000

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

23. Request Approval of Amendment No. 7 to Agreement With GLE Associates, Inc. for Additional Architectural and Contract Administration Services at Paul B. Stephens Exceptional Center Site not addressed in the Original Agreement. Total cost for this additional service is \$17,640.

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

24. Request Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement With Creative Contractors, Inc. for Partial Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) in Connection With Replacement Facility for Tarpon Springs Elementary School in the Amount of \$16,100,000

Minutes

This item was pulled to allow a presentation by a member of the audience.

It was moved by Mrs. Bostock and seconded by Mrs. Gallucci to approve the Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Creative Contractors, Inc.

Mark Klutho addressed the Board to say that the district is building "another stupid building" and to say that the right light bulbs are still not being used in the Administration Building.

The motion to approve this Amendment was carried with a 7-0 vote.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

25. Request Approval of Change Order No. 3 for Remodeling & Renovations at Belcher Elementary School. This Change Order will decrease the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$404,780.70 with no time extension.

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

26. Request Approval of Change Order No. 4 for new Construction at Gibbs High School. This Change Order will decrease the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$11,720,952 with no time extension.

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

27. Request Approval of Change Order No. 2 for the new Construction and Renovations at Oak Park School. This Change Order will decrease the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$2,087,787.91 with no time extension.

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

28. Request Acceptance of Substantial Completion of Meadowlawn Middle Student Service Center as of August 31, 2006

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

29. Request Approval of Agreement With ASR Engineering, Inc. to Provide Design Services and Construction Contract Administration Services for Mechanical and Electrical Renovations for Building 1 at Northwest Elementary School in the Amount of \$168,352

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

30. Request Approval of Agreement With Advanced Systems Engineering, Inc. to Provide Design Services and Construction Contract Administration Services for Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Renovations at Sandy Lane Elementary School in the Amount of \$239,000

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

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

Minutes

Page 287, Bid #07-962-540, was pulled by Mrs. Lerner.

It was moved by Mrs. Cook and seconded by Mrs. Gallucci to approve Bid #07-962-540.

Mrs. Lerner stated that she understands the need to use proper procedures to dispose of old computers and printers; but, requested that the Board consider asking Dr. Wilcox and staff to look at the Broward County program. Mrs. Lerner requested that the district relook at their definition of "obsolete" as it refers to computers. Dr. Wilcox stated that this will be done. Mrs. Lerner stated that the other concern is that she has heard that teachers go through a two-week training in the summer and are then issued a laptop; that the teachers are expected to pay the "insurance" on them; and, that once the computer reaches a certain age the computer will be taken from the teacher and, most likely, sent to a company such as the one in this bid. Dr. Wilcox stated that just because a piece of equipment moves off the inventory list does not mean that it will be discarded; and, that once a machine breaks down or there is failure in the operating system, it will be disposed of properly, once any useable parts are retrieved. Dr. Wilcox stated that they will absolutely look at Broward's program. Dr. Wilcox also shared that Ms. Clark had spoken to him regarding the CTIP program and her question as to whether teachers could choose to maintain a useable computer once it moves off of inventory. Dr. Wilcox will look at that. Ms. Clark stated her agreement with Mrs. Lerner's concerns and thanked Dr. Wilcox for looking into the CTIP program.

The motion to approve Bid #07-962-540 was carried with a 7-0 vote.

All other Bids to Vendors were approved with the Board's action to approve the Consent Agenda.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #114.)

I. Nonconsent

1. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 4.32 FUNDAMENTAL SCHOOLS AND MAGNET PROGRAMS

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Bostock to Set a Public Hearing and Authorize the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to consider the Amendment to Policy 4.32.

Ms. Clark questioned the wording changes suggested by Mrs. Brown for page 25 of the blue handbook, "Procedures for Countywide Programs, Fundamental Schools, Magnet Programs, and Career Academies."

Dr. Allen Mortimer stated that the language on page 25 of the handbook could be confusing and the suggested changes were to clarify the intent. Discussion followed by Dr. Mortimer and Board Members.

Staff will rework the wording on page 25 of the handbook, lines 30-31, prior to the second reading.

The motion was carried with a 7-0 vote to Set a Public Hearing and Authorize the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to consider the Amendment to Policy 4.32.

2. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policies 4.33, 5.071, 5.091 and 5.14 Regarding Fundamental Schools, Magnet Programs and Career Academies

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Bostock to Set a Public Hearing and Authorize the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to consider the Amendment to Policy 4.33, 5.071, 5.091, and 5.14.

Dr. Wilcox stated that the changes presented helps to clean up policy and to delete language that no longer is necessary.

The motion was carried with a 7-0 vote to Set a Public Hearing and Authorize the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to consider the Amendment to Policy 4.33, 5.071, 5.091, and 5.14.

3. Setting a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 6.15 STUDENT ASSIGNMENT TO SCHOOLS (ATTENDANCE DISTRICTS)

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Bostock to Set a Public Hearing and Authorize the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to consider the Amendment to Policy 6.15.

Dr. Wilcox stated that the Board had discussed the proposed policy amendment; that there are no major changes since that discussion; that the call center has now been upgraded so that is now a viable alternative for parents; and, that this is the first reading.

Ms. Clark stated that she supports the change suggested by Mrs. Brown, removing "the racial controls" and adding "any provision."

Mrs. Bostock suggested that the phrase, "centrally located" in the section on the call center be removed to allow flexibility.

The motion was carried with a 7-0 vote to Set a Public Hearing and Authorize the Advertisement of the Public Hearing to consider the Amendment to Policy 6.15.

4. Recommend the Board Open the Floor for Nominations for Selection of a Member to Serve as a Member of the Pinellas Planning Council for the 2-Year Term Commencing January 1, 2007 Through December 31, 2008

Minutes

Mrs. Brown called for nominations from the Board for their representative to the Pinellas Planning Council.

Mrs. Gallucci stated that she believes Board Members should each have the opportunity to serve on this committee. Mrs. Gallucci nominated Mrs. Bostock.

Mrs. Lerner stated that it has take awhile to learn the materials and that she would like to continue with a second term on the PPC.

Ms. Clark stated that this nomination was discussed in a workshop. Ms. Clark nominated Mrs. Lerner.

Mrs. Bostock thanked Mrs. Gallucci for the nomination and clarified that Mrs. Gallucci was unable to attend the workshop where this was discussed due to a death in her family. Mrs. Bostock stated that she will support Mrs. Lerner.

Mrs. Lerner received six votes: Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Bostock, Ms. Clark, Mrs. Cook, and Mrs. Lerner.

Mrs. Bostock received one vote: Mrs. Gallucci

Mrs. Lerner will serve as the Board's representative to the Pinellas Planning Council for the two-year term 2007-2008.

J. Presentations from the Audience

The meeting recessed at 6:56 p.m. and reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

Following the presentation by Mr. Sergos, Speaker #J.3, the following individuals addressed the Board:

Lenore Faulkner -- Addressed the Board to state that she is the advocate for a world-class career/technical school at Pinellas Park Middle and asked that Mrs. Brown penalize Dr. Wilcox for twenty days and pay that amount to Mrs. Crockett.

Mark Klutho -- Addressed the Board to the district continues to make "stupid buildings" and "ignore science and technology."

1. Presentation by Mr. Art Crofford

Minutes

Mr. Crofford addressed the Board to state that he has a daughter in the medical magnet program at Palm Harbor University High School and that she will not have the opportunity to be named the valedictorian.

Mr. Crofford stated that the valedictorian selection is biased against medical magnet students and requested that the Board make the process more equitable before this year's selection, or eliminate it totally. Mrs. Gallucci stated that she would do away with the valedictorian/salutatorian and put things in place to recognize the top twenty or so students. Mrs. Lerner voiced her agreement with Mrs. Gallucci.

Mrs. Bostock stated that she had always supported keeping this but had suggested just using the core curriculum courses, taking the middle school courses and summer course out of the equation. Mrs. Gallucci will complete a workshop topic request form to have this issue placed on a future workshop agenda.

2. Ms. Me-Me Panzarella, Teacher at Countryside High School, has Requested Time on the December 12, 2006 Agenda to Discuss Keeping Health Education a Required Course

Minutes

Ms. Panzarella addressed the Board to stress the importance of health education classes and ask that efforts be taken to keep this as a required course.

3. Presentation by Mr. Luke Sergos

Minutes

Mr. Sergos addressed the Board to speak against the elimination of the on-site subs for high priority schools. Dr. Wilcox stated that he agrees that this is an issue; that he and staff are collecting data and

looking at budget implications; that PCTA is a part of the discussion; and, that he hopes to have a report back to the Board after the first of the year.

K. New Business

1. Items Introduced by Board Members

Minutes

Mrs. Lerner -- 1) Thanked Ms. Panzarella for her presentation on health education and stated she knows that Dr. Wilcox and others will look at this.

Mrs. Cook -- 1) Stated that the Independent Citizens Referendum Oversight Committee (ICROC) reports to the Board through a written agenda item; but, suggested that this committee present an oral report also.

Mrs. Beaty stated that ICROC is planning to do so. 2) Requested that contracts for facilities, i.e., contract with Ruth Eckerd Hall, come to the Board for approval prior to the word going out that a named facility is to be the venue for an event.

2. Items Introduced by Superintendent

Minutes

Dr. Wilcox's report included the following:

1) Stated that he had received an e-mail from Brenda Lewis in Transportation with a story to be shared with the community. Ms. Lewis shared that one of our bus drivers, Ms. Thomas, went to Belcher Elementary to ask if there were families that would not be able to afford to celebrate Thanksgiving. Ms. Thomas and her church supplied meals for fifteen families, including cooked turkeys and all the trimmings.

Dr. Wilcox stated that the district can be proud of this employee and others like her.

2) Reported that the PTEC Broadband Program is "taking off and that it is a great program for young people and responsive to workforce needs. Dr. Wilcox acknowledged the involvement of Verizon and Brighthouse.

3) Stated that the district is not receiving a good return of Choice Task Force surveys and that the response, thus far, is not sufficient to provide an accurate sampling. Dr. Wilcox stated that two Connect-Ed messages have been sent out to urge parents to respond and that he has been asked to do another. Dr. Wilcox stated that he is reluctant to go into the homes again with a message but took this opportunity to encourage everyone to urge families to complete and return their survey forms.

4) Stated that the Choice application process begins in January for the 2007-08 school -- January 15 - February 3, 2007 for Countywide Magnet programs and March 5-24, 2007 for Attendance Area Schools.

5) Reported that the Tarpon Spongers won the Class AA Grand National Championship in Indiana and received Fifth Place in the Nation in the overall competition.

6) Reported that the finalists were announced for Outstanding Educator and that the gala is planned for February 13, 2007. Dr. Wilcox stated that there is a new recognition that will be announced at this year's gala, the first Superintendent's Unsung Hero Award.

7) Acknowledged the achievements of the following principals and schools -- Bill Corbett, Fitzgerald Middle School, - school moved from a C to an A; Joan Minnis, Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School, - school moved from a C to an A; and, Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary School - recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School.

8) Stated that the new edition of the Manatee Messenger is out and contains many great articles. Dr. Wilcox acknowledged the leadership of Cynda Mort and Kathleen Tobin and thanked them for their involvement with the Melrose project.

9) Stated that Administration is discussing the scheduling of health education classes not because they feel these classes are not important but only because the issue of scheduling has become so complex. Dr. Wilcox stated that what is being discussed is the need to provide greater opportunities for students. Dr. Wilcox stated that he will be bringing more details back to the Board early in January.

10) Assured the Board and those listening to this broadcast that the district is looking at what is being done in the district to conserve energy.

11) Stated that this is the last meeting before the break and wished everyone a joyous and blessed holiday.

3. Items Introduced by Attorney

Minutes

Mr. Robinson stated he had no report.

4. Board Reports

Minutes

Mrs. Bostock -- Stated that the Board, earlier in this agenda, authorized the Superintendent to process the submittal of a STAR proposal and requested that Dr. Wilcox bring back to the Board the plan while there is still an opportunity for the Board to have meaningful input. 2) Stated that she was excited to hear that Administration is discussing the issue of scheduling. Mrs. Bostock expressed concern for the impact that a less standardized scheduling has on students, specifically those who move around the county more, i.e., foster children. 3) Welcomed Peggy O'Shea to the Board table. 4) Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday.

Mrs. Lerner -- 1) Welcomed Peggy O'Shea to the Board table. 2) Requested that the Board look at televising parts of their workshops. 3) Thanked Andrea Zahn for the video streaming of the meeting with only a nine-second delay. Mrs. Lerner requested that staff consider what it would take to duplicate what is being done with the Board of County Commissioners meetings and the City of St. Petersburg meetings.

Mrs. Lerner stated that their technology allows citizens to be able to highlight the agenda item they wish to view. 4) Wished everyone a happy holiday and stated that we have a wonderful system. 5) Thanked the Education Foundation for all they do for the district.

Mrs. Brown -- 1) Thanked all those who will be participating in the Martin Luther King parades. 2) Thanked the staff for what they have accomplished with students this first semester. 3) Acknowledged the Foundation and the business community for their partnership with the district to improve career opportunities for students. 4) Thanked the community, specifically the faith community, for joining with the district to help children. 5) Stated that she wanted to offer the following thought: The most important work to help our children is done quietly in our homes, our neighborhoods, our parishes and our community organizations.

5. School Board Meeting Evaluation

Minutes

L. Adjournment

Mrs. Brown stated that this meeting will adjourn and that the Board will convene a meeting at 8:00 p.m. in order to hold the advertised Executive Session.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, this meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mrs. Brown opened a Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of moving the Board into an Executive Session, a private attorney-client session to address the subject matter of Mark Fronczak v. PCSB DOAH Case No. 06-2092FC and PCSB v. Mark C. Fronczak DOAH Case No. 06-0331. This session was conducted in the south section of the Conference Hall.

The Executive Session began at 8:05 p.m. The following is the list of those who attended the Executive Session:

Mrs. Nancy Bostock
Mrs. Mary Brown
Ms. Janet Clark
Mrs. Carol Cook
Mrs. Jane Gallucci
Mrs. Linda Lerner
Mrs. Peggy O'Shea
Dr. Clayton M. Wilcox
Mr. James A. Robinson

Mr. David A. Koperski
And the Court Reporter, Ms. Ann Balistierri

The session concluded at 8:26 p.m. at which time the Regular Meeting was reconvened.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, this meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

1. The above listed recommendations to the School Board of Pinellas County are submitted for consideration and approval at the meeting of December 12, 2006.

Superintendent of Schools

Minutes

Board Chairman

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