

Pinellas County Schools

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Regular School Board Meeting

October 10, 2006

Tuesday, 10:00 AM

School Administration Building

301 Fourth Street SW

Largo, FL 33997

Attendees

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

Meeting Minutes

A. Invocation

1. Invocation by Captain Chris Nicholls, Assistant Corps Officer, Salvation Army, 1625 N. Belcher Road, Clearwater

Minutes

Captain Nicholls was unable to attend this meeting. Dr. Ron Stone, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources & Public Affairs, presented a Thought for the Day titled, "Doing Your Best." 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. Tyrone Middle School Video

Minutes

A video was shown to highlight the students, staff, and programs at Tyrone Middle 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 representatives: Randy Dodds, PESPA; David Beyers, Pinellas Educational Employees Retired (PEER); Rasheka Riley, Alexander Vacha and Taylor Katcher, Student Rights & Responsibilities Committee, Largo High School; Dr. Barbara Hires, Oscar Robinson, and Michael Bessette, Operations Team; and, Tom Tobin, The St. Petersburg Times.

D. Explanation of Process for Signing up to Speak

1. Meeting Procedures

Minutes

Mrs. Brown 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.

Mrs. Cook stated that Mrs. Gallucci would be participating in today's meeting through the Voice Conversation function of MSN Messenger.

E. Adoption of the Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Bostock and seconded by Mrs. Brown to adopt the agenda:

Dr. Wilcox stated that the following two changes were made to Item H.2, Homeless Leadership Network Interlocal Agreement: Page 45 - Submitted by: Janet C. Clark corrected to read Janet R. Clark and on Page 53 - Clerk of the Court corrected to read Ken Burke, not Karleen F. DeBlaker.

Dr. Wilcox reported that the name of Carol P. Ayers should be removed from list of bus drivers in Item F.5, page 6.

Dr. Wilcox stated that the employee in Item H.8 has received a "continuing work authorization" and, therefore, this item should be deleted from this agenda.

PULL: CONSENT #3, #5, #18, and #20.

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

F. Special Order Agenda

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

Minutes

Rasheka Riley, Alexander Vacha and Taylor Katcher, Student Rights & Responsibilities Committee from Largo High School, shared information with the Board regarding activities and achievements taking place at their school.

2. Introduction of Newly Appointed Administrators

Minutes

Dr. Wilcox introduced the following Newly Appointed Administrators:

Ms. Karen K. Buckles

Principal, Garrison Jones Elementary

Dr. Charlene Einsel

Principal, Lakeview Fundamental Elementary

Ms. Buckles and Dr. Einsel were greeted and congratulated by the Board Members.

3. Recognition of State, National and International Award Winners

Minutes

Dr. Stone introduced the following administrators who have received recognition their outstanding service:

Mrs. Marcia Stone, Principal, Cross Bayou Elementary School - Elementary district winner for the Florida "Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership" for 2006 sponsored by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Association of School Administrators.

Mr. Tony Pleshe, Assistant Principal, Pinellas Central Elementary School -- Selected as our elementary district winner in the Florida "Assistant Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership" for 2006 sponsored by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Association of School Administrators.

Ms. Rosalie Daca, Assistant Principal, Madeira Beach Middle School -- Selected as our middle school district winner in the Florida "Assistant Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership" for 2006 sponsored by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Association of School Administrators.

Mr. Rick Misenti, Principal, Seminole High School -- Selected as our district winner and as the Region IV state finalist for the Florida "Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership" for 2006 sponsored by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Association of School Administrators.

Mr. Gary Schlereth, Principal, Countryside High School -- Recognized on September 19th in Tallahassee by the Florida State Board of Education as one of 14 "high performing" high school principals in the state who improved their school's grade by two letter grades between 2004 and 2006.

Mrs. Stone, Mr. Pleshe, Ms. Daca, Mr. Misenti, and Mr. Schlereth were greeted and congratulated by the Board Members.

4. Presentation of Five Star Schools

Minutes

Ms. Doretha Jackson, Supervisor, Family & Community Relations, stated that the following schools have been designated by the Florida Department of Education as Five Star Schools. Ms. Jackson briefly explained the criteria that must be met in order to receive this recognition. Ms. Jackson introduced the principal and/or liaison representing each school.

Bauder Elementary

Bay Point Elementary

Belcher Elementary

Brooker Creek Elementary

Clearwater High

Curtis Fundamental Elementary

Cypress Woods Elementary

Douglas L. Jamerson Elementary

Forest Lakes Elementary

Garrison Jones Elementary

Gulfport Montessori Elementary

John F. Kennedy Middle

Joseph L. Carwise Middle

Leila G. Davis Elementary

McMullen-Booth Elementary
Northeast High
North Shore Elementary
Oldsmar Elementary
Orange Grove Elementary
Palm Harbor Middle
Palm Harbor University High
San Jose Elementary
Seminole High
Seminole Middle
Skycrest Elementary
South Ward Elementary
Southside Fundamental Middle
St. Petersburg High
Starkey Elementary
Tarpon Springs Middle

The representative from each school was greeted and congratulated by the Board Members. Each school also received a certificate recognizing their achievement.

5. Recognition of National School Bus Safety Week (October 15-21, 2006) and School Bus Drivers With Perfect Driving Records

Minutes

Mr. Leon Hobbs, Associate Superintendent, Institutional Services, stated that October 15-21, 2006 is National School Bus Safety Week to recognize school bus drivers and to heighten public awareness of buses on the roads.

Mr. Rick McBride, Manager of Transportation Services, introduced the following bus drivers, noting their respective number of years as perfect drivers:

Name/Years of Perfect Driving

Milton Fleming - 33
Annie D. Hobson - 31
Margie J. Moan - 26
Willie M. Godwin - 23
Cheryl B. Perry - 23
Rosa M. Smith - 23
Deborah B. Smith - 21
Roxanne M. Duncan - 20
Orena A. Evans - 20
Mattie N. Paschal - 19
Ruth L. Cobarras - 18
Iris R. Mitchell - 17
Dorothy E. Sutton - 16
Rogenia Flowers - 14
Walter J. Gubelius - 14
Deborah A. Kerns - 12
Ernest D. Covault - 11
Gabriel Ortiz - 11
Sharon K. Hodges - 10
Suzanne M. Hovatter - 10

These drivers were greeted and congratulated by the Mr. Hobbs and the Board Members. Each driver was also presented with a plaque in recognition of this achievement.

Dr. Wilcox encouraged everyone to express their appreciation to bus drivers during this week.

Mrs. Brown read aloud the Resolution signed by Commissioner of Education John L. Winn that recognizes October 15-21, 2006 is National School Bus Safety Week.

G. Unfinished Business

1. Request Approval to Reinstate Ms. Angel Sparkman, Food Service Assistant, Starkey Elementary School

Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and carried with a 7-0 vote to Reinstate Ms. Sparkman. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

H. Consent

It was moved by Mrs. Russell, seconded by Mrs. Brown, 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 School Board Meetings of September 12, 2006 and September 26, 2006; the Final Public Hearing on the 2006-07 Budget and Millage held on September 12, 2006; and, the Board Workshops of August 22, 2006 and September 19, 2006.

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

2. Request Approval of the Homeless Leadership Network Interlocal Agreement

Minutes

Approved as submitted with noted corrections. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

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

Minutes

Pulled by a member of the audience wishing to speak to the item.

Lawrence Britt, employee listed on page 63/Probationary Dismissal, addressed the Board to say that as a new employee he feels he was not given adequate support and that he wanted his job returned to him.

Mr. Robinson cautioned the Board to not engage in the merits of this issue since the discussion would move towards that of a hearing, which is not required for probationary employees. Mr. Robinson encouraged the Board Members to accept the Superintendent's recommendation.

Discussion followed.

It was moved by Mrs. Bostock, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Personnel Actions as Recommended by the Superintendent. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

4. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Accept the Stipulation to Suspend Ms. Lisa Sinatra, Teacher, Dixie Hollins High School, for Eight (8) Days Without pay and Attend "Ethics in Education" Training

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

5. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Accept the Stipulation to Suspend Mr. Kevin Timmons, Teacher, Azalea Middle School for Two (2) Days Without pay, Require him to Attend Training for Administering Fitness Tests, CPR, and First Aid, and to be Placed on a Success Plan

Minutes

This item was pulled by Mrs. Russell.

It was moved by Mrs. Bostock and seconded by Mrs. Brown to Accept the Stipulation to Suspend Mr. Timmons for two days without pay; require him to attend training for Administrative Fitness Tests, CPR, and First Aid; and, to be placed on a Success Plan.

Mrs. Russell stated that she pulled this item because she has reservation with the discipline recommended for this teacher; that there was no reason to think that this student was not healthy; and, that what the teacher did was the right thing to do. Mrs. Russell stated that she believes that a case is being built to let the teacher go.

Discussion followed by Board Members and Ms. Laurie Dart, Staff Attorney.

The motion was carried with a 6-1 vote, Mrs. Russell voting against, to Accept the Stipulation to Suspend Mr. Timmons for two days without pay; require him to attend training for Administrative Fitness Tests, CPR, and First Aid; and, to be placed on a Success Plan.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

6. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Suspend Mr. Charles Brown, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, for Three (3) Days Without pay

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

7. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Suspend Mr. Larry Jordan, Night Foreman, Osceola High School, for Ten (10) Days Without pay, Return him to Plant Operator Status, and Transfer him to a Different Work Site

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

8. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Mr. Cesar Monterroza, Plant Operator, Clearwater High School

Minutes

This item was deleted from the agenda. The employee received a continuation of his Employment Authorization.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

9. Request Approval of an Interagency Agreement Between the Office of the State Attorney for the Sixth Circuit of Florida and the School Board of Pinellas County for 2006-07 School Year

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

10. Request Approval to Use Gold Coast Tour and Travel, Inc., a Student Tour Company, to Arrange for the Coachman Fundamental Middle School Eighth Grade Trip to St. Augustine, Florida on April 23 and 24, 2007

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

11. Request Approval to use Educational Tours, a Student Tour Company, to Arrange the Palm Harbor Middle School Eighth Grade Social Studies Trip to Washington D.C. on March 24 -29, 2007

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

12. Request Approval of the Following Special Project: CHOICE Grant at Seminole Vocational Education Center (SVEC): \$25,000

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy/copies, as required, to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

13. Request Approval to Retire Tagged Fixed Assets Reported as Stolen or Destroyed

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

14. Request Approval to Retire Tagged Fixed Assets Reported Missing 2005/2006

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

15. Request Approval of a Resolution Seeking to Retain the Exclusive Authority to Grant Charter Schools in Pinellas County

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

16. Request Approval of Renewal of Agreement With the University of South Florida to Provide the Saturday Morning Academic Enrichment Program "YES - We Care!" for Minority Students

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

17. Request Approval of Amendment No. 9 to Agreement With Renker Eich Parks Architects, Inc. for Architectural and Contract Administration Services in Connection With Additions Remodeling and Renovations at Gibbs High School in the Amount of \$46,745

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

18. Request Approval of Agreement With The Beck Group (HCBeck, LTD) for Construction Management Services in Connection With the Construction of a Replacement Facility for Tyrone Elementary School in the Amount of \$2,519,597

Minutes

Pulled by a member of the audience wishing to speak to the item.

It was moved by Ms. Clark and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Agreement with The Beck Group.

Mark Klutho addressed the Board to say that "\$29,505,000 is being spent on another stupid building."

The motion to approve the Agreement was carried with a 7-0 vote.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

19. Request Approval of Change Order No. 2 for the Windows and Storefronts Replacement of Buildings 1 & 7 at Ridgecrest Elementary School. This Change Order will increase the contract amount by \$38,712 with 22 days time extension.

Minutes

Approved as submitted.(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

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

Minutes

Pulled by members of the audience wishing to speak to the item.

It was moved by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the Recommendations contained in the Bids to Vendors, as submitted.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding the recommendation to reject all bids in Bid #06-015-117-RFP - Digital Copier/Printer Cost Per Copy Program:

Riad Sleit, Ricoh Business Systems -- Encouraged the Board to support the recommendation to reject all bids.

Colin Castle and Keith Farina, IKON -- Requested that the Board not reject the bids and accept the bid that was originally recommended, the Bid submitted by IKON. Mr. Castle expressed concern as to whether the rebid process will allow for fairness.

Keith Farina, IKON -- Requested that the Board not reject the bids and accept the bid that was originally recommended, the Bid submitted by IKON. Mr. Farina explained the need to update the analog system that we presently have.

Don Sarvis, Xerox -- Encouraged the Board to support the recommendation to reject all bids.

Lee Terris, Xerox - Encouraged the Board to support the recommendation to reject all bids.

Josh Poe and Nancy Langiotti, DANKA -- Encouraged the Board to support the recommendation to reject all bids.

Discussion followed by Board Members and Mr. Robinson.

The motion was carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Recommendations contained in the Bids to Vendors, as submitted. Therefore, the recommendation to reject Bid #06-015-117-RFP was approved. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #113.)

I. Nonconsent

J. Presentations from the Audience

The following individuals addressed the Board during this portion of the meeting:

Mark Klutho -- Addressed the Board to state that they continue to build "stupid buildings."

Lenore Faulkner -- Addressed the Board to state that she is the advocate for a world-class technology school at Pinellas Park Middle. Ms. Faulkner also shared some of her experience as a teacher at Pinellas Park Middle School with the Board.

K. New Business

1. Items Introduced by Board Members

Minutes

Mrs. Lerner -- 1) Stated that she met with Ms. Carrie Rivera, teacher at Countryside High School, before this meeting who shared information about the Future Educators of America Club at Clearwater High School.

Mrs. Lerner shared that FEA will be hosting a Walk for Education on November 11 starting at Clearwater High School and encouraged participation in this event. Mrs. Lerner requested information on what schools have this club operating on their campus and, following receipt of the information, the Board will determine whether a workshop on this subject is necessary. More information regarding the Walk will be sent to the Board by Ms. Rivera. 2) Stated that she has received some feedback regarding the substitute teacher issue and would like to have information as to how the substitute needs are being covered in the high priority schools. Information will be shared with the Board and, if desired, topic will be scheduled on a workshop agenda.

Ms. Clark -- 1) Stated that she had a conversation with Martin Shapiro who shared that he was finding it difficult to get into middle schools to promote his magnet program. Ms. Clark stated that it is her understanding that middle school magnet program directors are also experiencing difficulty getting into elementary schools to promote their programs. Ms. Clark requested information as to what is being done to promote magnet programs and what needs to be done to improve the process. Mrs. Bostock suggested this be placed on the November workshop, with the information being sent to the Board Members prior to that date. This will be scheduled. 2) Questioned whether a time for leadership discussion will be scheduled on the October 17 workshop agenda. Mrs. Cook stated that this can be done as long as everyone is willing to remain until 4:30 p.m. that day. This item will be added to that agenda.

Mrs. Gallucci -- 1) Questioned whether the Pinellas Planning Council appointment will be discussed by the Board. Mrs. Cook stated that all committee assignments will be discussed in the workshop following the Organization Meeting on November 21, 2006.

2. Items Introduced by Superintendent

Minutes

Dr. Wilcox's report included the following:

- 1) Stated that he will be out of the area next week with his wife and that Dr. Janssen and Mr. Johansen will be in charge during his absence, Dr. Janssen in charge of the instructional side and Mr. Johansen in charge of the operational side of the district.
- 2) Stated that he has received some concerns regarding security on our campuses. Dr. Wilcox stated that he has asked his administrative team to look at their campuses, outlining areas of concern for further review. Dr. Wilcox stated that he wanted to assure the Board and parents of students that the safety and security of our campuses is a number one priority. Dr. Wilcox stated that a recommendation is being prepared that will go to the Capital Outlay Committee to perhaps assist in putting even a greater vigilance on our campuses. Dr. Wilcox informed the Board that the Administrative team is talking to the policing agencies; that this partnership will perhaps continue to provide a deterrent to any situation; and, as it looks now, the increase in the cost of the contracts with the various policing agencies looks to be approximately four percent. Dr. Wilcox stated that Ms. Carol Madura recently sent out to school administrators a list of commonsense things to do in an effort to make their campuses more secure.
- 3) Reported that Gray Miller, Director of Food Services, is the recipient of the "Golden Carrot" award in recognition of her efforts to bring more fruits and vegetables into the students' diets.
- 4) Reported that the district staff has received many nominations for Outstanding Educator of the Year. Dr. Wilcox stated that these nominees will have the opportunity to name an unsung hero, a new award put forth by the Education Foundation. Dr. Wilcox stated that the process may be found on the district's website, as well as the Foundation's website.
- 5) Extended kudos to the Lakewood High School Debate Team for their showing in a recent competition.

3. Items Introduced by Attorney

Minutes

Mr. Robinson's report included the following:

- 1) Informed the Board that the Choice Task Force has invited him to meet with them this Thursday (October 12, 2006). Mr. Robinson stated that he is waiting for a list of questions from the Task Force and that the list, with his responses, will be shared with the Board Members. Mr. Robinson stated that he would like to meet with the Superintendent before that meeting to make sure he stays within his boundaries.

4. Board Reports

Minutes

Ms. Clark -- 1) Questioned how many schools do not have the Raptor technology. Dr. Wilcox stated that approximately seventy percent of the elementary schools have this technology but very few middle and high schools; that some feel this technology helps to deter sexual predators but those who would cause great harm to the student body would most likely not go through the main office; that money is running out to fund this technology; and, that other funding sources are being looked at to place the Raptor technology in the remaining schools. 2) Thanked Dr. Wilcox for mentioning Gray Miller. Ms. Clark stated that this is

National School Lunch Week and, on behalf of the School Board, thanked all the school lunch workers in the district for the fantastic job they are doing. 3) Stated that she visited Studio 620 in St. Petersburg where the Midtown Through Our Eyes Project is being displayed until October 15. Ms. Clark explained that this is a project completed by students from the Melrose Elementary and John Hopkins Middle schools journalism classes. Ms. Clark encouraged all to visit this exhibit.

Mrs. Bostock -- Stated that the Board is receiving their meeting agenda books electronically and questioned the need for the hard copy of the agenda book to be special delivered. Mrs. Bostock clarified that she still wants a hard copy but does not see the need to utilize employee time to complete a special delivery. Dr. Wilcox stated that he was not aware that the special delivery still existed and will ensure that it is discontinued.

Mrs. Lerner -- 1) Congratulated Gray Miller for receiving the Golden Carrot Award. 2) Encouraged Board Members to talk to Peggy Johns and have her suggest some schools to visit to see the Life Management Skills curriculum being taught. Mrs. Lerner stated that she visited two classes in Largo, one discussing suicide prevention and the other discussing the nutrition initiative. Mrs. Lerner expressed her concern with news shared with her by one of the students that students are charged \$1.25 for a bottle of water and 75 cents for a can of soda.

Mrs. Russell -- 1) Congratulated Janet Clark for submitting an agenda item found in today's book, the Homeless Leadership Network Interlocal Agreement.

Mrs. Gallucci - 1) Thanked Shawn Briggs, Bill Folwell, and Channel 14 for making it possible for her to participate in this meeting via voice connect.

5. School Board Meeting Evaluation

Minutes

N/A

L. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, this meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

1. The above listed recommendations to the School Board of Pinellas County are submitted for consideration and approval at the meeting of October 10, 2006.

Superintendent of Schools

Minutes

Board Chairman

Superintendent