

Pinellas County Schools

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Regular School Board Meeting

May 09, 2006

Tuesday, 10:00 AM

School Administration Building

301 Fourth Street SW

Largo, FL 33997

Attendees

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

Meeting Minutes

School Board Member Mary L. Russell was not present during this meeting.
Therefore, all votes will reflect a total of six (6) voting members.

A. Invocation

1. Invocation by Pastor Mike Vanderpool, Pinellas Park Wesleyan Church, 4400 70th Avenue North, Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Minutes

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Vanderpool of the Pinellas Park Wesleyan Church. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

C. Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps

Dr. Ron Stone, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, introduced the following representatives from professional and community organizations: Michelle Dennard, PCTA; Cassandra Gordon-Harris, Pinellas Arts for a Complete Education Coalition; Dr. Barbara Hires, Mr. Oscar Robinson, and Mr. Michael Bessette, Operations Team; and, Donna Winchester, 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.

E. Adoption of the Agenda

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

PULL: CONSENT #3 - page 23, #21-B, #21-C, #22, #29

Dr. Wilcox reported that the following individuals have requested administrative hearings. Therefore, the recommendation before the Board is Alternative #2. Those employees requesting hearings are as follows: #6 - Ms. Kristine Petika, #8 - Ms. Robbin Hill, #9 - Ms. Tawney Taylor, and #11 - Mr. Benjamin Davis.

Mrs. Cook requested that the addition of the National Anthem following the Pledge be noted in the adoption of this agenda. Mrs. Cook reported that Mrs. Russell is serving her reserve duty and, therefore, is not in attendance at this meeting. All votes will reflect a total of six votes.

The motion to adopt the agenda, as amended, was carried with a 6-0 vote.

F. Special Order Agenda

1. Presentation by Mr. Ray Smenner, Assistant Director, Pinellas County Arts Council

Minutes

Mr. Smenner addressed the Board to provide an update on the programs offered through the Pinellas County Arts Council. Mr. Smenner distributed to each Board Member a folder of materials further detailing their programs and locations.

2. Request Adoption of a Resolution for National Teachers Day

Minutes

Mrs. Brown read the Proclamation designating Tuesday, May 9, 2006, as National Teacher Day. Ms. Michelle Dennard, PCTA, addressed the Board to thank the Board for this proclamation and to read a poem titled, "Just a Teacher." It was moved by Mrs. Bostock, seconded by Ms. Clark, and carried with a 6-0 vote to adopt this Proclamation.

3. Recognition of State Winners in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp. (JROTC)

Minutes

Mr. Jim Ewbank, Supervisor, introduced Lt. Col. Wayne McGlamry and Col. Michael Davis for introductions and recognition of the cadets.

Lt. Col. Wayne McGlamry, introduced the following JROTC Raider Team Cadets from Boca Ciega High School who placed first in the Florida Female Raider State Competition for the second consecutive year:

Army JROTC - Boca Ciega High School
Vanessa Baez Team Captain
Claire Ferrari
Candace Horan
Jennifer Mulhern
Nijah Roach
Catherine Thomas
Jennifer Gates
Tara Krueger

Lt. Col. Michael Davis introduced the following JROTC cadets from Clearwater High School who are the commanders of the winning teams and represent 33 Marine cadets who won the 2006 Pinellas County District for the ninth year in a row and won the State of Florida Marine Corp JROTC Championship:

Ron DeGuimera
Aaron Grierson
Kimberly Gunn

Alicia Higgins
Marc Taupier
Tyler Whitehouse

The students were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members. The cadets were each presented with a medallion in recognition of their achievement.

4. Recognition of Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) State Contest Winners

Minutes

Mr. David Barnes, Director for Workforce Education, introduced the following 2006 CTSO First, Second and Third Place State Winners:

Future Business Leaders of America
Clearwater HS
Second Place Computer Applications, Alanna O'Brien
Gibbs HS BETA
Second Place Multimedia Presentation, Vanja Alagic, Cody Coppola, and Corey Hood

Florida Public Service Association
Pinellas Park HS
First Place Defensive Tactics, Oscar Bastardo
First Place Parliamentary Procedures, Oscar Bastardo
First Place Forensic Investigation, Oscar Bastardo
Second Place Mr. Public Service, Oscar Bastardo
Third Place C.P.R., Oscar Bastardo

First Place Defensive Tactics, Patrick Sieber

First Place Parliamentary Procedures ,Amy Vodenicarevic
First Place Criminal Case Analysis, Amy Vodenicarevic
First Place Defensive Tactics, Amy Vodenicarevic

Second Place Defensive Tactics, Jessica Plomatos
Third Place Extemporaneous Poster, Display Jessica Plomatos

First Place Mr. Public Service, Thomas Stoner
First Place Parliamentary Procedures, Thomas Stoner
Second Place Talent Show, Thomas Stoner
Third Place Extemporaneous, Speaking Thomas Stoner

First Place Parliamentary Procedures, Ericka Jennings
First Place Extemporaneous Opening Statement, Ericka Jennings
First Place Forensic Investigation, Ericka Jennings
First Place Prepared Speaking, Ericka Jennings
Second Place Criminal Incident Investigation, Ericka Jennings
Third Place Traffic Stop, Ericka Jennings

First Place Parliamentary Procedures, Nick Antesberger

First Place Parliamentary Procedures, Kaitlin Toell-Volpe
Second Place Talent Show, Kaitlin Toell-Volpe
Second Place Criminal Incident Investigation, Kaitlin Toell-Volpe

First Place Parliamentary Procedures, Alysha Phelps
Second Place Criminal Case Analysis, Alysha Phelps

First Place Parliamentary Procedures, Rachel Trimble

Second Place Extemporaneous Opening Statement, Devin O'Neill

Second Place Criminal Case Analysis, Devin O'Neill

First Place Forensic Investigation, Erica Wood

First Place Criminal Incident Report Writing, John Shea
Second Place Forensic Investigation, John Shea

First Place Traffic Accident Investigation, April Farley
Second Place Forensic Investigation, April Farley
Second Place Firearms Novice, April Farley

Second Place Forensic Investigation, Danielle Flareau

Third Place Police Obstacle Course, Sandra Keller

First Place Criminal Incident Investigation, Matt Kirchgraber
Third Place Criminal Case Analysis, Matt Kirchgraber

First Place Criminal Incident Investigation, Anthony Robbins
Second Place Traffic Stop, Anthony Robbins

First Place Criminal Case Analysis, Amanda Richardson

Second Place Traffic Accident Investigation, Sara Lattorre

First Place Job Seeking Skills, Marissa Marshall

Health Occupations Student Association
Palm Harbor University HS

First Place Medical Reading, Brynn Olson, Kelly Schwirian, and Danielle Chong

First Place Researched Persuasive Speaking, Saif Aliqili

First Place Creative Problem Solving, Frank Berdos, Natalie Booth, and
Courtney Hall

First Place Knowledge Test Nutrition, Julie Posada

Second Place Veterinary Assistant, Brianna Smith

Third Place Researched Persuasive Speaking, Alexandria Higgins

Third Place Veterinary Assistant, Kacey Croy

Tarpon Springs HS

Boca Ceiga HS

First Place Sports Medicine, LeeAnn Martin

Second Place Sports Medicine, Katie Armstrong

Third Place Extemporaneous Writing, Jeff Peichocki

Third Place Medical Math, David Offitt

Third Place Medical Lab Assisting, Nathan Hall

SkillsUSA

PTEC St Pete

First Place Autobody Repair, Frankie Pagan

Third Place Autobody Repair, Donald White

First Place Brick Masonry, Miguel Certivantes

Third Place Extemporaneous Speech, Gene Frame

Second Place Plumbing, Adam Tate

First Place TV Media, Brad Bennett, and Sean Cultice

PTEC Clearwater

Second Place Advertising Design, Austin Buchanan

Third Place Advertising Design, William Baron
Second Place Prepared Speech, William Baron

First Place Cabinetmaking, Terrence Krogh

First Place Extemporaneous Writing, Sara Magadanz

Third Place Job Interview, Austin Buchanan

Northeast HS

Second Place Autobody Repair, Tommy Crowley

Seminole Vocational Education Center

First Place Air Cooled Engines, David Vaughan

Second Place Air Cooled Engines, Christophe Deakley

Third Place Air Cooled Engines, David Carson

First Place Customer Service, Aliese Showard
First Place Job Skill Demo "B", Aliese Showard

Second Place Job Skill Demo "B", Ashley Lund

Dunedin HS

First Place Architectural Board, Toby Vingkoth

Third Place Architectural CAD, Michael Sparks

First Place Sculptured Nails, Nicole Raiti

Pinellas Park HS

Second Place Law Enforcement Technology, John Shea

Third Place Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Amy Vodenicarevic, April Farley, Meghan Kassem, Shelly Lewis, Amanda Richardson, Morgan Ellis, and Alysha Phelps

Second Place Photography, Andrea Sortino

Third Place Photography, Philip Hewett

Those students present were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members. The students were also presented with medallions in recognition of their accomplishments.

G. Unfinished Business

1. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Accept the Stipulation to Suspend Ms. Annette Tenaglia, School Office Clerk, Madeira Beach Middle School, for One (1) day Without pay

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Bostock, seconded by Mrs. Gallucci, and carried with a 6-0 vote to accept the Stipulation to Suspend Ms. Tenaglia. Dr. Wilcox stated that this item had been pulled from the last meeting due to a change in the Stipulation. Dr. Wilcox stated that the employee is in agreement with the Stipulation before the Board. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

H. Consent

It was moved by Mrs. Bostock, seconded by Mrs. Gallucci, and carried with a 6-0 vote to approve the Consent agenda, as amended.

1. Approval of Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of April 18, 2006.

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

2. Approval of Minutes: To Approve the Minutes of the Following Board Workshops: February 13, 2006; February 28, 2006; March 2, 2006; March 7, 2006; and, March 21, 2006.

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

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

Minutes

Ms. Clark, having pulled Page 63, stated that six positions had shifted from Communications to Call Center and questioned where she could find budget and staffing information for the Call Center cost center. Ms. Clark stated that the answer she had received earlier did not really answer her concern and questioned whether a new cost center is being created. Dr. Wilcox explained this move only allows for a better tracking of costs associated with the Call Center more efficiently. Dr. Wilcox stated that he will ask Dr. Doug Forth to provide the Board with a better explanation through a memo. The motion to approve page 63 of the Personnel Recommendations was carried with a 6-0 vote.

The remaining items contained in the Personnel Recommendations from the Superintendent were approved with the action taken by the Board to approve the Consent Agenda.
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

4. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Ms. Mary Ambrose (Probationary Employee), Teacher, North Ward Secondary School

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

5. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Suspend Ms. Tanya Crabtree, Teacher, Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary School, for Three (3) Days Without pay

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

6. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Suspend Ms. Kristine Petika, Teacher, PTEC/Clearwater, for Three (3) Days Without pay

Minutes

Recommendation changed to Alternative #2 -- Direct Staff Attorney to submit the request to the Division of Administrative Hearings for processing. This recommendation was approved by the Board with their action to approve the Consent Agenda. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

7. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Ms. Assandra Gibbons (Probationary Employee), Cafeteria Attendant, Doug Jamerson Elementary School

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

8. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Ms. Robbin Hill, Physical Education Teacher Assistant, 74th Street Elementary School

Minutes

Recommendation changed to Alternative #2 -- Suspend Ms. Hill without pay effective May 10, 2006, pending the conclusion of the hearing process and direct the Staff Attorney to submit the request to the Department of Administrative Hearings for processing. This recommendation was approved by the Board with their action to approve the Consent Agenda. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

9. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Ms. Tawney Taylor, Physical Education Teacher Assistant, 74th Street Elementary School

Minutes

Recommendation changed to Alternative #2 -- Suspend Ms. Taylor without pay effective May 10, 2006, pending the conclusion of the hearing process and direct the Staff Attorney to submit the request to the Department of Administrative Hearings for processing. This recommendation was approved by the Board with their action to approve the Consent Agenda. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

10. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Ms. Courtney Cooper (Probationary Employee), Teacher Assistant ESE II, PTEC/Clearwater

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

11. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Mr. Benjamin Davis, Plant Operator, Boca Ciega High School

Minutes

Recommendation changed to Alternative #2 -- Suspend Mr. Davis without pay effective May 10, 2006, pending the conclusion of the hearing process and direct the Staff Attorney to submit the request to the Department of Administrative Hearings for processing. This recommendation was approved by the Board with their action to approve the Consent Agenda. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

12. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Mr. Larry Norwood, Head Plant Operator, Tarpon Springs Elementary School

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

13. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Suspend Ms. Yolanda Miller, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, for Three (3) Days Without pay

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

14. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Accept the Stipulation to Suspend Mr. Robert Richardson, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, for Three (3) Days Without pay and Attend a Transportation Re-Training Session

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

15. AGENDA ITEM: Request Increase of Fee Limit Under the Legal Services Agreement with Cooper & Kirk, P.L.L.C. in the Crowley v. School Board Litigation

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

16. AGENDA ITEM: Request Approval of Addenda No. 1 to the Walter Pownall Service Center and Osceola High School Preliminary Project Development Plans

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

17. AGENDA ITEM: Mutual Release and Full and Final Settlement Agreementâ€”The School Board of Pinellas County v. Alumax, Inc. and Rust-Oleum Corporation; In the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division; Case No. 8:03CV1532-T23EAJ

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

18. Request Ratification to use Ala Carte Pavilion to Host the East Lake High School 2006 Prom

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

19. Request Approval for a Four-Year Payback Loan to Gibbs High School for the Purchase of Replacement Band Uniforms for \$24,000

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

20. Recommend Acceptance of Vehicle Donation to PTEC, St. Petersburg From Alvin J. Bruce

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

21. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects: a) Amendment to Title I Part A Project: \$1,332,077.91; b) Amendment to Agreement with Florida Center for Instructional Technology (FCIT): \$718,578; c) Renewal of Tobacco Prevention and Intervention Teacher Training Project: \$48,890

Minutes

Special Project "A" was approved with the Board's action to approve the Consent Agenda.

The following two projects were pulled for discussion and action.

B - Amendment to Agreement with Florida Center for Instructional Technology

Ms. Clark, having pulled this project, questioned whether the Board could see the actual payment schedule.

Dr. Wilcox stated that this could be shared with the Board Members. It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and carried with a 6-0 vote to approve Special Project B - Amendment to Agreement with Florida Center for Instructional Technology.

C - Tobacco Prevention and Intervention Teacher Training Project

Ms. Clark, having pulled this project, expressed her concern that this project states that teacher planning time will be used for training; that teacher now have too many duties to perform in the planning time; and, that she does not want more responsibilities to be assigned to those hours.

Mrs. Bostock questioned whether the entire curriculum is going to be administered to students. Peggy Johns, Health Ed Supervisor, stated that the district is buying the site license for the schools making the curriculum available to the whole school. Mrs. Bostock expressed her concern that some teachers may not be used to dealing with "sensitive issues" and requested that there be follow-up by the district to ensure that the issues are age-appropriate for the individual grade levels.

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and carried with a 6-0 vote to approve Special Project C - Tobacco Prevention and Intervention Teacher Training Project. (Copy/Copes, as appropriate, to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

22. Request Approval of the Internal Audit Reports for Post-Secondary (Pinellas Technical Education

Centers, Vocational Schools and Workforce Development-Community Schools), High Schools, Middle Schools, and Elementary Schools, and Multi-Grade Level Centers for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2005

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Brown and seconded by Ms. Clark to approve the Internal Audit Reports. Mrs. Gallucci, having pulled this item, expressed concern that many of the findings reported are repeats from previous years, i.e., page 135 - booster clubs not in compliance with Policy 7.101, page 135 - reporting and management of school yearbook sales not always completed or properly completed. Mrs. Gallucci, referring to page 136, expressed her concern that yearbooks are given away, yet the cost to students continues to rise, making the book unaffordable to many students. Discussion followed. Dr. Wilcox stated that a review needs to be completed as to how people are asked to complete these tasks and that conversations will continue over the summer. The motion to approve the Internal Audit Reports was carried with a 6-0 vote.

23. Request Approval of a Waiver of School Board Policy 4.01, Section 4, Dress Code, for Tarpon Springs Elementary School's School Improvement Plan

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

24. Request Approval of the Health Agreement Between Bayway Walkin and the Pinellas County School Board

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

25. Request Approval of the Health Agreement Between Dr. William Huntley and the Pinellas County School Board

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

26. Request Approval of an Addendum to the Business Associates Agreement Between Kindred Hospital Bay Area, St Petersburg and the Pinellas County School Board

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

27. Request Approval of the Health Agreement Between Dr. Loren Jeffery Miller and the Pinellas County School Board

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

28. Request Approval of Renewal of the Joint-Use-of-Facilities Agreement With the City of Madeira Beach

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

29. Request Authorization to Renew the Lease of the Northeast High School Pool to the St. Petersburg Family Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) and Their Sublease to St. Petersburg Aquatics (SPA)

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Bostock to authorize the Renewal of the Lease of the NEHS pool by the St. Petersburg YMCA and their sublease to St. Petersburg Aquatics.

Ms. Clark, having pulled this item, stated that she had asked the question regarding the lease per hour price, but is still not convinced that \$6.00 per hour is a sufficient amount to require. Ms. Clark stated that the cost analysis she received in response to her question was dated 1996. Discussion followed. Dr. Wilcox will work with staff and provide to the Board, no later than their second meeting in September, an analysis of costs and a proposal for a new rate. It was moved by Mrs. Lerner, seconded by Mrs. Bostock, and carried with a 5-1 vote, Ms. Clark voting against, to amend the length of the contract to one (1) year. Ms. Clark stated that she can no longer vote to approve something with the promise that it will be looked at in the future. The vote to approve the Lease, as amended, was carried with a 5-1 vote, Ms. Clark voting against.

30. Request Approval of Renewal of the Agreement Providing Facilities to Community Pride Child Care Center of Clearwater, Inc.

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

31. Request Approval of Reimbursement of Isolated Transportation for J.H. for the 2005/2006 School Year

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

32. Request Approval of Reimbursement of Isolated Transportation for M.M. for the 2005/2006 School Year

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

33. Request Approval of Vehicle Use Agreements

Minutes

Approved as submitted. (Copy to be Found in Supplemental Minute Book #112.)

34. Request Approval of School Opening and Closing Times for the 2006-2007 School Year

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

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

Minutes

Approved as submitted.

I. Nonconsent

1. Request Approval of Amendment to the Charter with the Pinellas Preparatory Academy that Identifies a New Address for the School

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Bostock and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Amendment to the Charter. Mr. Curtis Fuller, Principal of Pinellas Preparatory Academy, addressed the Board to thank them for renewing the Charter based on finding a new address. Mr. Fuller stated that they are very excited about the move.

The motion to approve the Amendment was carried with a 6-0 vote.

J. Presentations from the Audience

Barbary J. Sorey -- Addressed the Board to request that a book she has authored be included in the district's curriculum. Ms. Sorey was directed to Jan Rouse for further discussion.

Lenore Faulkner -- Addressed the Board to state that she is the advocate for a world-class technical school to be located at Pinellas Park Middle School.

Carl Crisp -- Addressed the Board to recommend that the Board curtail busing and save money. He stated that children should be allowed to go to their neighborhood schools and that the transportation would then no longer be necessary.

Mark Klutho -- Addressed the Board to say that the district is building stupid buildings and to complain that the lights were on around the St. Petersburg Times building during daytime hours.

Marti Folwell -- Addressed the Board to offer her "thought for the day." Ms. Folwell also referred to articles regarding the contributing factors making high school students successful.

K. New Business

1. Items Introduced by Board Members

Minutes

Ms. Clark -- 1) Reaffirmed that the Board will discuss the issue of "discipline" at their June 13 workshop.

Ms. Clark requested that anyone who has specific knowledge of issues in their school contact her via e-mail, clarkja@pcsb.org, with their recommendations; and, stated that those concerns and recommendations will be shared with the entire Board. 2) Stated that the Board, at the last meeting, agreed to schedule the issue of Veterans for Peace on a workshop. Mrs. Cook stated that she will be collecting workshop topic request forms for discussion by the Board. Mrs. Cook clarified that this issue will not be on the June workshop agenda. Mrs. Lerner emphasized the importance of the upcoming discussion on discipline and suggested that the Board have a discussion on how the workshop will be structured. Discussion followed by Board Members. Ms. Clark stated that the Technology Plan needs to be scheduled soon. Discussion followed. The Board agreed to schedule a workshop for Tuesday, May 30, at which time the Technology Plan will be presented and discussed. Dr. Wilcox stated that the most recent plan is on the district's website and requested that Board Members who have concerns or specific question forward those to either Dr. Zambito or Dr. Wilcox prior to the workshop.

Mrs. Brown -- 1) Stated that the Board needs to elect their representative to the FSBA Board of Directors.

Mrs. Cook requested that those who are interested in serving in that position submit a statement to the Board Office to indicate their interest. This issue will be voted on by the School Board at the May 23 Board Meeting.

Mrs. Lerner -- 1) Stated that one of the comments on Dr. Wilcox's blog is that of him requesting input from schools as to what they would do with discretionary dollars if they were available. Dr. Wilcox stated that he was only looking for input; that he will be asking for time on a future workshop to present an update on the budget issues; and, that it would appear right now that there will be reason to discuss discretionary dollars. 2) Stated that she understands the DROP issue but would like to see the district extend DROP to as many of the teachers as possible, considering the shortage of new teachers. Mrs. Gallucci stated that her caveat to that is that the teachers would then be used in areas that are most vulnerable and where their expertise is most needed. Mrs. Cook voiced her agreement with Mrs. Gallucci. Dr. Wilcox stated that he will be open to that discussion but cautioned the Board to make their decisions based on all factors, i.e., the budget issues as they relate to salaries.

Mrs. Gallucci -- 1) Expressed concern that the Board did not receive any "runs" out of Tallahassee during this most recent session. Dr. Wilcox stated that he believes that none came out until the last days, with the exception of the initial runs, and that those will be forwarded to the Board.

Mrs. Cook - 1) Requested that the Board agree to add a Legislative Update to the May 30 workshop: Board Members agreed. 2) Stated that an e-mail had been sent to the Board explaining that she had received a

request that a letter of support be sent from the Board to the Governor for the YES program. Board Members agreed to send this letter, with a change offered by Mrs. Lerner to change "science-based" to "research-based."

2. Items Introduced by Superintendent

Minutes

Dr. Wilcox's report included the following:

- 1) Stated that he and staff are preparing a legislative update to be aired on Channel 14. Dr. Wilcox stated that he will be asking the Board Chairman to join Mr. Swartzel and him for this presentation.
- 2) Stated that he will be adding something to the beginning of the Board meetings, a video showcasing students commenting on the Preamble to the Constitution. Dr. Wilcox stated that videos showcasing our schools will also be returned to the Board meeting agendas.
- 3) Reported that the district has now received approximately 500 VPK (Voluntary PreK) enrollments. Dr. Wilcox stated that the response is somewhat less than he had hoped for; that the numbers are low around the state; and, that this program opportunity will continue to be reviewed by staff.
- 4) Commended Cypress Woods, Southern Oaks, and Pasadena Fundamental for receiving perfect audit reports in every area.
- 5) Stated that the district is privileged to have Walker's Rising Stars to showcase our many talented students. Dr. Wilcox commended the Foundation, Channel 14, Dr. Jeff Walker, and others for sponsoring this event. He thanked the Board for their support of this event.
- 6) Congratulated the seniors who will be graduating next week. Dr. Wilcox sent a word of caution to all of them by encouraging them to be careful the next few days in their celebration and have a safe and happy graduation.
- 7) Stated that the district is privileged to have two of our schools listed in the top 200 schools throughout the nation, Palm Harbor University High and St. Petersburg High. Dr. Wilcox stated that he hopes Pinellas will have more schools in this listing.
- 8) Stated that he would like to schedule a conversation with the Board regarding career/technical schools. Dr. Wilcox reminded the Board that they have been invited to visit a school in Okaloosa County. Dr. Wilcox clarified that the Board needs to be on the leading edge of this discussion and that some of the discussion will focus on the K-12 programs, specifically programs that lead students in articulating towards college and other post secondary opportunities.
- 9) Informed the Board that he and staff are working with the City of St. Petersburg and SPC to possibly implement a "small nitch modular charter high school" that will allow students to focus on two or three technical areas, while they receive a full basic education as well.
- 10) Reported that the district is working very hard on "reinventing our PTECs"; that he is working closely with David Barnes on this effort; and, that he would like the Board to pencil this subject in for a future workshop.
- 11) Reported that we had our Pinellas County All Star Team, made up of students from Gibbs High and Palm Harbor University High, compete in a recent competition and came in as "runner up." Dr. Wilcox stated that he will bring those students to the Board at a future date for further conversation.

3. Items Introduced by Attorney

Minutes

Mr. Robinson's report included the following:

- 1) Reported that the Mark Fronczak hearing is going on today. Mr. Robinson stated that Mr. Fronczak's attorney has filed a Writ of Mandamus asking the Court to order that the School Board meet to address Mr. Fronczak's claim for reimbursement of criminal defense fees. Mr. Robinson stated that it is his recommendation that the Board not hear this request until they receive the Final Order resulting from the hearing. Board Members agreed that they would follow Mr. Robinson's advice.

4. Board Reports

Minutes

Mrs. Lerner -- 1)Wished all seniors a great graduation and cautioned them not to get into trouble these last few days. 2) Wished all a great summer and stated that we are a great district. Mrs. Lerner stated that she is very appreciative of everything that has been done.

Mrs. Gallucci -- 1) Cautioned seniors to make right choices. 2) Thanked our teachers for doing an outstanding job.

Mrs. Brown -- 1) Thanked Steve Swartzel for keeping us up on what was happening in Tallahassee. 2) Congratulated all seniors and those students who participated in the Walker's Rising Stars event. 3) Thanked all the teachers for the great job they have done and wished them a safe and restful summer. 4) Wished the students a safe summer. 5) Shared that there are community groups assisting the district in distributing the VPK information to parents. 6) Stated that she visited Truancy Court yesterday and that the experience makes her feel even stronger that the district needs to do what can be done to insist on parental involvement. 7) Stated that she has had some concern as to what happens to juvenile arrest records. Mr. Robinson stated that he has found that there are statutes that provide for expunging of records and shared information regarding this. Mrs. Brown stated that she will be bringing this subject forward for further discussion by the Board.

Ms. Clark -- 1) Shared that she has been fortunate to visit many middle school productions and complemented these many talented students. Ms. Clark stated that she believes that many of these middle school students will be seen in Walker's Rising Stars. 2) Stated that she attended the dedication of the Dylan Crane Mobile and the Thespian Society Induction at Hopkins Middle School. 3) Reported on those students winning at the Battle of the Books competition. Ms. Clark that one school has actually written the Battle of the Books into their School Improvement Plan. 4) Wished everyone a good summer.

Mrs. Bostock -- 1) Echoed accolades to the graduating seniors and the need for a safe summer. 2) Stated that the Board approved in today's agenda two requests for isolated transportation costs. Mrs. Bostock noted that these were retroactive back to last August and, though this falls in line with the policy, suggested that the Board consider tightening up the policy to require approval ahead of time. Mrs. Bostock noted other areas of concern in this policy. Dr. Zambito stated that staff is working to update this policy. Mrs. Bostock noted that the amounts are supposed to be specific to the student's location but yet the amounts in these two items were the same.

Mrs. Cook -- Thanked all the teachers and those who support the teaching staff.

5. School Board Meeting Evaluation

Minutes

Not Applicable.

L. Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, this meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

1. The above listed recommendations to the School Board of Pinellas County are submitted for consideration and approval at the meeting of May 9, 2006. _____
Superintendent of Schools

Minutes

Board Chairman

Superintendent