

**Pinellas County Schools Regular
School Board Meeting**

March 14, 2006

Tuesday, 05:00 PM

School Administration Building

301 Fourth Street SW

Largo, FL 33997

Attendees

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

Meeting Minutes

A. Invocation

N/A

1. Invocation by Dr. Ron Stone, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources and Public Affairs

Minutes

Dr. Stone, in leau of a traditional invocation, read a poem he had written, titled, HEROES. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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. Ron Stone introduced the following representatives: Randy Dodds, PESPA; Michelle Dennard, PCTA; Bill Angelus, Wervice Employees International Union (SEIU); Amy McAuley, PCCPTA; Kevin Merchant, Ashley Rogover, and Valerie Little, Students Rights & Responsibilities Committee Representatives, East Lake High School; Jenny Reynolds, Pinellas Arts for a Complete Education Coalition; Oscar Robinson, Barbara Hires, Michael Bessette, Operations Team; and, Tom Tobin, The St. Petersburg Times.

D. Explanation of Process for Signing up to Speak

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. During this time, Mrs. Cook stated that the budget proposals will be presented to the Board for their final action at the April meeting. Mrs. Cook stated that the date and time for that meeting will be discussed by the Board later in this meeting.

E. Adoption of the Agenda

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

Dr. Wilcox reported that the following employees have requested administrative hearings and, therefore, the alternative recommended to the Board in each case will be Alternative #2. Those items are as follows:

#4 - Mr. Gary Naer, Bus Driver, Transportation Department

#6 - Ms. Valerie Falanga, Cafeteria Attendant, Walsingham Elementary School

Dr. Wilcox stated that the following recommendations for Contracted Services Employees are being withdrawn from this agenda for further clarification of the contract language. They are as follows:

Riviera Middle, Michael R. Nelson

Bauder Elementary, A. Joyce Wright

Highland Lakes Elementary, Ryan a. Weirich

Pinellas Park High, Nina D. stafford

Workforce Develop/Post Sec., Dennis J. Spacone

Add: Request Increase of Fee Limit Under the Consultant Services Agreements Between the Board's Outside Counsel, Fowler White Boggs Banker, P.A., and Professors David N. Figlio and Cecilia Elena Rouse for Expert Consulting Services in the Crowley v. School Board Litigation.

Pulled: CONSENT #2, #7, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16

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

F. Special Order Agenda

1. Student Rights and Responsibilities - East Lake High School

Minutes

Kevin Merchant, Ashley Rogover, and Valerie Little, Students Rights & Responsibilities Committee representatives from East Lake High School, addressed the Board to share information regarding activities and achievements taking place at their school.

2. AGENDA ITEM: Presentation of Pinellas County Schools 2006 Outstanding School Volunteers

Minutes

Ms. Doretha Jackson, Supervisor, Community Involvement, introduced the following Pinellas County Schools 2006 Outstanding School Volunteers:

AREA I:

Youth – Heena Patel, Bauder Elementary (Principal Janet Johnston)

Adult – Mark Keyser, McMullen Booth Elementary (Principal Pamela Moore)

Senior – Ralph Burson, Tarpon Springs Fundamental (Principal Donna Hoover)

AREA II:

Youth – Monica Blair, Starkey Elementary (Principal Kenneth MacKenzie)

Adult – Charles Derexson, Pinellas Central Elementary (Principal Randi Latzke)

Senior – Florine Handler, Blanton Elementary (Principal Deborah Turner)

AREA III:

Youth – Moira Kiernan, Palm Harbor University High (Principal Harry Brown)

Adult – James Feazell, Largo High (Principal Jeffrey Haynes)
Senior – Nathan Middleton, Dunedin High (Principal Paul Summa)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:

Mahdyyah C. Abdul-Kareem, Tomlinson Adult Center (Administrator Dr. Debby VanderWoude)

STATE / REGION IV:

Adult - Donna McMann, Bauder Elementary (Principal Janet Johnston)
Senior - Thomas Wiley, Clearwater Adult Education Center (Administrator Christy E. Richards)

These individuals were greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members.

3. Agenda Item: Introduction of Newly Appointed Administrator

Minutes

Ms. Laurie A. Dart was introduced to the School Board Members as the new Staff Attorney. Ms. Dart was greeted and congratulated by the School Board Members.

4. Recognition of 2005-06 National Board Certification Teachers

Minutes

Fifty-Two teachers who have completed the certification process during the 2005-06 school year were introduced to the Board. They are as follows:

LORI W BJOSTAD, SANDRA L GREEN, RAINA H LONGBOTTOM, LISA J CLARKSON,ROBIN K LITTLE, ALISON B NICHOLS, DEBORAH H NEWTON, CRISTY SKOLFIELD, DIANA M JONES, JANELLA M JANNARONE, MICHELE E BURKHART, DANA R HODGES, FOTINI KOUFOGAZOS, DIANE P BECKER, KAREN K BARTHOLD, DEBRA L FREEMAN, TIFFANY L LATIMORE, DEBORAH C OHARE, CAROL D ROBINSON, SHANNON M JOHNSON, MELODEE L NASH, BEVERLY M ELEND, KIMBERLY Q HESS, DEBORAH A CHAPPEL, JULIE B LEVESQUE, MARY C SHARPE, SHELLEY T ANNABLE, WENDY S BRUCE, CHRISTINA L'EON, ANNE V NEWSOME, BETH E HICKEY, BARBARA A WARREN, SANDRA A EVERETT, DARREN JOHNSON, EVELYN MOLDAL,JESSICA C OCHIPA, LINDA C PERSKY, LENI W FERNANDEZ, CLAUDIA M PEEBLES, GEORGE E POTTS, CHRISTEN M KU, CARYL S MOREA, BARBARA A GURIAN, JEANNE E WELLINGS,LISA G AUSTIN, VICKI L KAHLER, CARRIE L MARKLEY, JAN T GOSNELL, DAWN M ANDERSON, FAY M NORSWORTHY and, STEPHANIE A MCNAUGHTON.

These educators were greetd and congratulated by the School Board Members.

G. Unfinished Business

N/A

1. AGENDA ITEM: Public Hearing to Consider the Amendment to Policy 7.10 SCHOOL INTERNAL FUNDS - PRINCIPLES

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Bostock, seconded by Mrs. Gallucci, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve Amendment to Policy 7.10 School Internal Funds - Principles.

H. Consent

It was moved by Mrs. Bostock, 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 Meeting of February 28, 2006.

Minutes

Approved as Presented

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

Superintendent

Minutes

Pulled by Mrs. Russell for questions and discussion. Mrs. Russell, referring to "Extended Learning Program Appointments," requested clarification of "eligible for certification." Ms. Jan Rouse responded. Ms. Clark, referring to Support Services Status Changes, expressed concern that the Board may be putting people into positions that are for consideration in the budget conversations. It was moved by Mrs. Bostock, seconded by Mrs. Gallucci, and carried with a 5-2 vote, Ms. Clark and Mrs. Russell voting against. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #111.)

3. Agenda Item: Request Approval of Lease Agreement Between Ruth Eckerd Hall (PACT Incorporated) and the School Board of Pinellas County for the Outstanding School Volunteer Recognition Event 2005-2006

Minutes

Approved as Presented (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #111.)

4. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Dismiss Mr. Gary Naer, Bus Driver, Transportation Department

Minutes

Hearing Requested - The Board, through their action, approved the recommendation to suspend Mr. Naer without pay effective March 15, 2006, pending the conclusion of the administrative hearing; and, direct the Staff Attorney to submit the request to the Department of Administrative Hearings for processing. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #111.)

5. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Accept the Stipulation to Suspend Mr. Donald Kuenn, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, for Thirty (30) Days Without Pay and Attend District Cultural Competence Training

Minutes

Approved as Presented (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #111.)

6. Request Approval of the Recommendation to Suspend Ms. Valerie Falanga, Cafeteria Attendant, Walsingham Elementary School, for Three (3) Days Without Pay

Minutes

Hearing Requested - The Board, through their action, directed the Staff Attorney to submit the request for an administrative hearing submitted by Ms. Falanga to the Department of Administrative Hearings for processing. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #111.)

7. Request Approval of the Following Special Projects: a) HP Technology for Teaching Project: \$30,000 b) Amendment to Agreement with Florida Center for Instructional Technology (FCIT): \$718,578 c) Amendment to Title II Part A Training and Recruitment Project: \$348,706

Minutes

Pulled by Mrs. Russell for discussion. Mark Klutho addressed the Board to speak against the design of school buildings. Mrs. Russell gave recognition to the writers of the HP Technology for Teaching grant. It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Special Projects, as presented. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #111.)

8. Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 5 (January 2006) to the District's 2005-06 Budget

Minutes

Approved as Presented

9. Request Approval of the Financial Statements for Month Ending January 31, 2006 for Fiscal Year 2005-06

Minutes

Approved as Presented

10. Request Approval of an Addendum to the Business Associates Agreement Between Galen of Florida, Inc., d/b/a St. Petersburg General Hospital and the Pinellas County School Board

Minutes

Approved as Presented (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #111.)

11. Request Approval of the Agreement for Purchase Between First Baptist Church of Largo, Seller, and the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, Buyer, for the Purchase of Church Property Containing 4.65 Acres, MOL, of Vacant Land, for the Purchase Price of \$1,485,000 for the Expansion of the Largo Middle School Site

Minutes

Pulled by Ms. Clark for questions and discussion. Mark Klutho addressed the Board to state that the district is ignoring science and technology when buildings are designed. It was moved by Mrs. Bostock, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and carried with a 7-0 vote, to approve the Agreement for Purchase, as presented. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #111.)

12. Request Approval of the Agreement for Purchase Between Charles F. Lowe and Jeffrey Myers, Sellers, and the School Board of Pinellas County, Florida, Buyer, for the Purchase of Their Property, Parcel No. 33-29-15-00000-440-0200, Located on the South Side of 4th Avenue SW at 10th Street SW, Largo, Florida, for the Purchase Price of \$140,000 for Expansion of the Mildred Helms Elementary School Site

Minutes

Approved as Presented (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #111.)

13. Request Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Agreement With Plisko Architecture P.A. for Architectural and Construction Contract Administration Services in Connection With Renovations and Remodeling at Belcher Elementary in the Amount of \$32,000

Minutes

This item was pulled by a member of the audience - Mark Klutho addressed the Board to state that the district is still using the same "stupid architects" to design their buildings. It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Amendment No. 3 to Agreement with Plisko Architecture P.A., as presented. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #111.)

14. Request Approval of Change Order No. 2 for Remodeling & Renovations at Belcher Elementary School. This Change Order will increase the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) by \$240,818 with a time extension of forty-two (42) calendar days.

Minutes

This item was pulled by a member of the audience. Mark Klutho addressed the Board to speak against the designs used in constructing schools. It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci, seconded by Mrs. Bostock, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Change Order No. 2 for Remodeling & Renovations at Belcher Elementary School, as presented. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #111.)

15. Request Approval of Amendment 1 to Agreement With Engineering Matrix, Inc. to Provide Design Services and Construction Administration Services for the HVAC Renovations and Chiller Plant Additions at Leila Davis Elementary School in the Amount of \$5,500

Minutes

This item was pulled by a member of the audience. Mark Klutho addressed the Board to state that the district and the Board are destroying the planet and stealing the future of the children. It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci, seconded by Mrs. Bostock, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Change Order No. 2

for Remodeling & Renovations at Belcher Elementary School, as presented. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #111.)

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

Minutes

Mrs. Brown pulled this item for questions and discussion. It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and carried with a 7-0 vote to approve the Bids to Vendors, as presented. (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #111.)

I. Nonconsent

1. Request Approval of a Five Year Charter Renewal for the Athenian Academy Charter School

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Bostock and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the Five Year Charter Renewal for the Athenian Academy Charter School. Discussion followed by Board Members, Mr. John Lash, Dr. Wilcox, and Mr. Robinson. The following individuals addressed the Board to request their support of the five year charter renewal request: Alex Veloudos, Alicia Rodriguez Bower, Maria Ele-Bengono Genero, Marsha Kippings, and Josephine Townsend. Christine Chirolas Brewer, who had to leave the meeting before this item was discussed, submitted her comments to the Board in writing. It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to amend the contract length to two years. Discussion followed. This amendment failed with a 3-4 vote, Mrs. Bostock, Ms. Clark, Mrs. Lerner, and Mrs. Russell voting against. It was moved by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Gallucci to amend the contract length to three years: This amendment failed with a 3-4 vote, Mrs. Bostock, Ms. Clark, Mrs. Lerner, and Mrs. Russell voting against. Mrs. Russell called the question: This failed with a 1-6 vote, Mrs. Russell being the only affirmative vote. It was moved by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Gallucci, and carried with a 6-1 vote, Mrs. Russell voting against, to amend the contract length to four years. The original motion, as amended, was carried with a 6-1 vote, Mrs. Russell voting against.

2. Public Hearing to Receive Input on the Determination That the Proposed Acquisition of 0.72 Acre for Expansion of the Mildred Helms Elementary School Site is Consistent With the Locational Criteria for Siting Public Educational Facilities and Enter a Final Order That the Property is Consistent With the Locational Criteria (Time Specific: 6:00 p.m.)

Minutes

This item was heard by the Board at 6:26 p.m. It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the finding in the staff report (Exhibit "B") that the property is consistent with the Locational Criteria for Siting Public Educational Facilities, enter a Final Order that the Property is consistent with the Locational Criteria and authorize the Superintendent, School Board Attorney, or designee to transmit minutes of the meetings and the Final order to the City of Largo. A brief presentation was made by Dr. Wilcox and Jim Miller (Director, Real Property). Mark Klutho addressed the Board to state that the design is "stupid" and that the district ignored simple guidelines of orientation when designing the library. The motion was carried with a 7-0 vote.

3. Request Increase of Fee Limit Under the Consultant Services Agreements Between the Board's Outside Counsel, Fowler White Boggs Banker, P.A., and Professors David N. Figlio and Cecilia Elena Rouse for Expert Consulting Services in the Crowley v. School Board Litigation

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Gallucci and seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the request for an increase in the fee limit under the Consultant Services Agreements. Discussion followed by Board Members and Mr. Robinson. It was moved by Mrs. Bostock and seconded by Mrs. Lerner to amend the contract amount to read a total of \$150,000 divided between both professors. This amendment was carried with a 6-1 vote, Mrs. Russell voting against. The main motion, as amended, was carried with a 6-1 vote, Mrs. Russell voting against.

J. Presentations from the Audience

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

Lenore Faulkner -- Addressed the Board to state that there is a need for a high level of trust in the organization and aligned structures.

Michelle Dennard -- Read the Resolution put forth by PCTA to ask that the Board align any program changes to the district's strategic objectives of highest student achievement, safe learning environment and effective and efficient operation.

Doug Haskitt, Derrick Hamilton, Brad Gonzalez, Richard MacDonald, Mike Mooney, Don Lester, Ron Johnston, and Jim Evans -- Addressed the Board to express their objections to the proposed budget cuts.

Randy Dodds, PESPA -- Addressed the Board to request that the Board and the Superintendent comply with their contract and continue to provide a paper copy of the board agendas.

Mark Klutho -- Addressed the Board to state that the district continues to build stupid buildings and use incorrect lighting.

Marti Folwell -- Addressed the Board to request that parents and interested parties contact their Legislators to urge their adequate financial support of education. Ms. Folwell also questioned the thought process that was used to delay the Board's action on the budget items processed at the last workshop. Dr. Wilcox responded.

1. Untitled Item

Minutes

N/A

K. New Business

N/A

1. Items Introduced by Board Members

Minutes

Ms. Clark -- 1) Requested that the Board allow her to present at the next workshop an update regarding the directions reached thus far by the Homeless Coalition. This item will be scheduled for the March 21, 2006 workshop. 2) Acknowledged an article contained in this morning's report by Sterling Ivey regarding the lobbying efforts made by Lee School Board and suggested that this Board make more contact with Tallahassee. Discussion followed. Mrs. Lerner suggested that the efforts should be towards getting the community more involved in lobbying for education. Discussion followed. Those who have ideas along these lines should forward them to Mrs. Beaty as soon as possible.

Mrs. Brown -- 1) Stated that in her discussions with bus drivers, she believes it is necessary for the Board to schedule a discussion on "bus discipline." Board Members indicated their agreement with this request and to tie it into their discussion regarding alternative options for discipline in schools.

Mrs. Russell -- 1) Encouraged the Board to keep safety issues in mind during budget conversations.

Mrs. Lerner -- 1) Emphasized the need to take sufficient time at the March 21 workshop to discuss the budget cut issues.

Mrs. Cook -- Suggested the following schedule for the March 21 workshop: 8:30- 9:00 Homeless Coalition initiative, 9:00 - 4:00 Budget, and 4:00 - 4:30 Discussion of Legislative-Related ideas forwarded previously to Mrs. Beaty. 2) Suggested moving the April 4 Board Meeting, scheduled for 10:00 a.m., to April 3 to begin at 4:00 p.m., with a time-certain for the Budget discussion and action.

2. Items Introduced by Superintendent

Minutes

Dr. Wilcox reported the following items:

- 1.) Stated that he will be meeting in a teleconference with Dr. Daggitt and representatives from the Gates Foundation. Dr. Wilcox stated that Dr. Daggitt will be presenting at a future SA&A meeting and that he will get the information regarding date and time to the Board Members, should they wish to attend that meeting.
- 2) Stated that Lanse Johansen will be working with the SEIU information as it relates to the budget issues and that Lanse will present related information to the Board during the March 21 workshop.
- 3) Stated that he will be out of town for the next two days meeting with Kaplan to see whether this initiative is salvageable.
- 4) Reported that he will be in Tallahassee meeting with the Governor on the 27th and attending a breakfast with the Legislators on the 28th. Dr. Wilcox stated that Rep. Everett Rice has been a real champion for education.
- 5) Reported that Steve Swartzel has just sent him the recent language proposed by the House regarding the opening date for schools and that Steve is working to build flexibility in this initiative.
- 6) Acknowledged the state recognition recently received by the Boca Ciega ROTC.
- 7) Acknowledged the incredible experience recently given to T-Ball players by the baseball coach at Tarpon Springs High School.
- 8) Stated that he received an e-mail from Rick Misenti, Principal of Seminole High School, recognizing the fact that one of his coaches, Sam Roper, is the recipient of the President Gerald R. Ford All-American High School Coach Award.

3. Items Introduced by Attorney

Minutes

Mr. Robinson stated that he had no report at this time.

4. Board Reports

Minutes

Mrs. Lerner -- 1) Expressed her appreciation to Dr. Wilcox for his comments regarding coaches. Mrs. Lerner stated that they are doing a great job.

Mrs. Brown -- 1) Requested an update on the numbers of computers as they are purchased under the Dell agreement approved by the Board on December 13, 2005.

Ms. Clark -- 1) Distributed a handout of a purchase order for a senior programming analysis and expressed concern that this order gives a "carte blanche." Dr. Wilcox stated that the Board, if they wish, could address the threshold. 2) Thanked the WPSC employees for the number of suggestions and stated that they are being reviewed. 3) Thanked Mary Russell for requesting the travel information. 4) Stated that a parent sent to her a baseline parent report and that she will be sharing copies of that report form with the Board Members.

Mrs. Bostock -- 1) Suggested that the Board Members discuss and clarify how they will receive comments from the public at school board meetings. Mrs. Cook reaffirmed that the Board needs to discuss this issue.

Mrs. Cook -- 1) Requested that the Board reschedule the March 7 Master Board Training to either May 11 or May 16. Ms. Clark suggested that all Board Members give access to their calendars to Mrs. Beaty in order to make the scheduling of such sessions easier. Discussion followed. This Master Board session will be scheduled for May 16, 2006.

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 11:12 p.m.

1. The above listed recommendations to the School Board of Pinellas County are submitted for consideration and approval at the meeting of March 14, 2006.

Superintendent of Schools.

Minutes

N/A

Board Chairman

Superintendent