

Regular School Board Meeting - 10:30 a.m. (Tuesday, May 14, 2024)

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Board Members present: Laura Hine - Chairperson, Carol J. Cook - Vice Chairperson, Lisa N. Cane, Caprice Edmond, Eileen M. Long, Stephanie Meyer, Dawn M. Peters

1. Opening of Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

Mrs. Hine called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Hall at the School Board Administration Building, 301 4th Street SW, Largo, Florida.

Procedural: 1.2 Invocation

A moment of silence was observed.

Procedural: 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: 1.4 National Anthem

The national anthem was performed by the Seminole Singers, under the direction of Maya Berrios, teacher. A second song, "Ad Astra", by Jacob Naverud was performed.

Procedural: 1.5 Video

A video was shown that featured students sharing their thoughts on teacher appreciation.

Procedural: 1.6 Introduction of Professional and Community Organization Reps - Isabel Mascareñas, Public Information Officer

Ms. Mascareñas introduced the following individuals: Nelly Henjes/Pinellas Educational Support Professionals Association (PESPA); Lee Bryant/Pinellas County Teachers Association (PCTA); Dr. Ricardo Davis/Concerned Organization for Quality Education for Black Students (COQEBS); Raegen Miller, Pinellas County Council of PTAs (PCCPTA); Kate Smith, Pinellas Education Foundation; Tanya Landry/North Pinellas League of Women Voters; Terry Marks/Pinellas Arts for a Complete Education Coalition; Trevor Sochocki and Charlie Miller/WFLA News Channel 8; Aaron Parseghian and Sasan Khosarvi/WTSP 10 Tampa Bay.

Procedural: 1.7 Presentation by Student Rights and Responsibilities - Seminole High School

Devon Swartz, Christopher Tucker and Gracie Tubbs shared comments with the board regarding the achievements and accomplishments of the students at Seminole High School. They were accompanied by their principal Dr. Jane Lucas.

2. Amendments to the Agenda

Action: 2.1 Possible Changes to the Agenda

Mr. Kevin Hendrick, superintendent, stated that there were no changes to the agenda.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Action: 3.1 Adoption of Agenda

Approved

Motion: Eileen Long

Second: Stephanie Meyer

Vote: 7 - 0

Yeas: Lisa N. Cane, Carol J. Cook, Caprice Edmond, Laura Hine, Eileen M. Long, Stephanie Meyer, Dawn M. Peters

4. Special Order Agenda

Action, Presentation, Proclamation: 4.1 Presentation of the Proclamation Recognizing May 2024 as National Speech-Language-Hearing Month
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #196.)

Mr. Hendrick shared introductory comments and introduced Ms. Shirra Long, coordinator, speech language pathologist, who shared comments with the board regarding National Speech-Language-Hearing Month. The districts speech - language pathologists provide services to over 7500 students. Ms. Long shared that speech - language pathologists and audiologists provide an invaluable service to students and families. Mrs. Long read the proclamation aloud.

Approved

Motion: Eileen Long

Second: Caprice Edmond

Vote: 7 - 0

Yeas: Lisa N. Cane, Carol J. Cook, Caprice Edmond, Laura Hine, Eileen M. Long, Stephanie Meyer, Dawn M. Peters

Recognition: 4.2 Recognition of the 2024 Florida Prepaid College Scholarship Recipients

Mr. Hendrick shared introductory comments and introduced Ms. Valerie Santos, K - 12 Guidance Services Specialist. Ms. Santos shared comments with the board regarding the district's partnership with the Florida Prepaid College board. She acknowledged the following recipients who will each receive a scholarship of approximately \$8,000 each: Mackenzie Rivers, a senior at Largo High School who plans to attend St. Petersburg College, Chanel Williams, a senior at Lakewood High School who plans to attend the University of South Florida, and Analise O'Brien, a senior at Dunedin High School who plans to attend the University of South Florida.

Recognition: 4.3 Recognition of the 2023-2024 School Safety Personnel Annual Award Recipients

Mr. Hendrick introduced Chief Luke Williams, chief, schools police, who acknowledged the following individuals:

School Safety Officer of the Year: Yaritza Ramos, Douglas Jamerson Elementary School
The Sargeant Michael A. Hawkins School Resource Officer of the Year: Officer Paul Comini and Officer Brent Faulk, Clearwater Police Department at Countryside High School
The Jesse Dorsey Campus Activities Monitor of the Year Award: John Darby, Lakewood High School

Chief Williams acknowledged Mr. Michael Hawkins, who was in attendance. Over thirty other individuals who were nominated will be recognized at the end of the year and during summer training.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Information: 5.1 Meeting Procedures

The following individuals shared comments with the board:

Action: 7.31 Request Approval to Accept Donation of Vehicles

Action (Consent): 7.32 Request Approval of Change Order No. 1 With Advanced Roofing Inc. for Services in Connection With the Roof Replacement at Hollins High School. This change order will decrease the contract amount of \$2,177,479.00 by \$654,441.99 resulting in a contract amount of \$1,523,037.01, Project No. 9428.

Action (Consent): 7.33 Request Approval of the Agreement With ASR Engineering, Inc. for Mechanical Assessment Services in Connection With the Airside Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Evaluations Project at Thirty-Three Buildings in Area 1, in the Amount of \$105,600, Project No. 9491

Action (Consent): 7.34 Request Approval of the Agreement With BAL Engineering, Inc. for Mechanical Assessment in Connection with Services for the Airside Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Evaluations Project at Thirty-Three Buildings in Area 2, in the Amount of \$105,600, Project No. 9492

Action (Consent): 7.36 Request Approval of the Agreement With Consulting Engineering Associates, Inc. for Mechanical Assessment Services in Connection with the Airside Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Evaluations Project at Thirty-Three Buildings in Area 4, in the Amount of \$105,600, Project No. 9494

Action: 8.1 Recommend Adoption of Resolution Containing Ballot Question Necessary to Add a One Mill Ad Valorem Tax for Necessary Operation Purposes and Authorize the Superintendent to Forward the Resolution to the Supervisor of Elections for Inclusion on the November 5, 2024, General Election Ballot

1. Tim Conroy shared comments with the board in support of Item 8.1 to support teachers and staff.
2. Mark Klutho shared comments regarding effective use of resources and in opposition of Item 8.1.
3. Lee Bryant shared comments with the board in support of Item 8.1.
4. Ant Avila shared comments in support of Item 8.1.
5. Dr. Ricardo Davis shared comments in support of Item 8.1.

6. Unfinished Business

7. Consent

Approved

Motion: Eileen Long

Second: Dawn Peters

Vote: 7 - 0

Yeas: Lisa N. Cane, Carol J. Cook, Caprice Edmond, Laura Hine, Eileen M. Long, Stephanie Meyer, Dawn M. Peters

Action (Consent), Minutes: 7.1 Request Approval of the Minutes of the School Board Workshop of April 16, 2024 (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #196.)

Action (Consent), Minutes: 7.2 Request Approval of the Minutes of the School Board Meeting of April 23, 2024 (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #196.)

- Action (Consent): 7.3 Request Approval of the Personnel Recommendations - Administrative, Instructional and Supporting Services
- Action (Consent): 7.4 Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Campbell Park Elementary School
- Action (Consent): 7.5 Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Fairmount Park Elementary School
- Action (Consent): 7.6 Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Principal, Pinellas Park Elementary School
- Action (Consent): 7.7 Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Bay Point Middle School
- Action (Consent): 7.8 Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Northeast High School
- Action (Consent): 7.9 Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Assistant Principal, Osceola Fundamental High School
- Action (Consent): 7.10 Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Manager, Stavros Institute
- Action (Consent): 7.11 Request Approval of the Administrative Appointment of the Threat Management Coordinator
- Action (Consent): 7.12 Request Approval to Create/Revise Job Descriptions
- Action (Consent): 7.13 Request Approval of the Osceola Middle School Field Trip Bid Selection of Gerber Tours
- Action (Consent): 7.14 Request Approval of the Seminole High School Field Trip Bid Selection of Bob Rogers Travel
- Action (Consent): 7.15 Request Approval to Apply for the IDEA Part B, K-12 Entitlement, July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 - \$35,277,365.48
- Action (Consent): 7.16 Request Approval to Apply for the IDEA Part B, Preschool Entitlement, July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, \$1,159,215.70
- Action (Consent): 7.17 Request Approval to Apply for the Nita M. Lowery 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant, August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2025, \$595,906
- Action (Consent): 7.18 Request Approval to Apply for the Nita M. Lowery 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant, August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2025, \$375,000
- Action (Consent): 7.19 Request Approval to Apply for the Early Learning Coalition Playground Grant, October 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, \$612,500
- Action (Consent): 7.20 Request Approval to Apply for the Early Learning Coalition Materials Grant, May 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024, \$437,500
- Action (Consent): 7.21 Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 4 (December 2023) to the District's 2023-2024 School Year Budget
- Action (Consent): 7.22 Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending December 31, 2023
- Action (Consent): 7.23 Request Approval of Budget Amendment No. 5 (January 2024) to the District's 2023-2024 School Year Budget

Action (Consent): 7.24 Request Approval of the Financial Statements for the Month Ending January 31, 2024

Action (Consent): 7.25 Request Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

Action (Consent): 7.26 Request for Approval of Purchasing Items in Accordance with Bid Policies and Procedures
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #196.)

Action (Consent): 7.27 Request Approval of the Health Science Education Clinical Agreement With Clearwater Free Clinic for Student Internship Opportunities
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #196.)

Action (Consent): 7.28 Request Approval of the Health Science Education Clinical Agreement With Sunshine Family Medical Center for Student Internship Opportunities
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #196.)

Action (Consent): 7.29 Request Approval of the Agreement With Pinellas Education Foundation for the Summer Career Acceleration Program
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #196.)

Action (Consent): 7.30 Request Approval of the Second Addendum to Agreement With 3DE Florida, LLC and Junior Achievement of Tampa Bay, Inc.
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(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #196.)

Action (Consent): 7.35 Request Approval of the Agreement With Engineering Matrix, Inc. for Mechanical Assessment Services in Connection With the Airside Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Evaluations Project at Thirty-Three Buildings in Area 3, in the Amount of \$105,600, Project No. 9493
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #196.)

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(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #196.)

Action (Consent): 7.37 Request Approval of the Agreement with Renker Eich Parks Architects, Inc. for the Design of Exeter Storm Screens in the Amount of \$307,202, Project No. 1000112736
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #196.)

Action (Consent): 7.38 Request Approval of Supplemental Educational Plant Survey 7.12
(Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #196.)

Action (Consent): 7.39 Request Approval of Vehicle Use Agreements With Non-Profit Organizations for a Period of One Year (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #196.)

Action (Consent): 7.40 Request Approval to Sell District Surplus and Obsolete Fixed Assets by PublicSurplus.com Internet Auction Site or Royal Auction Group

Action (Consent): 7.41 Request Approval to Recycle, Cannibalize, Scrap or Donate District Surplus and Obsolete Fixed Assets

8. Nonconsent

Action: 8.1 Recommend Adoption of Resolution Containing Ballot Question Necessary to Add a One Mill Ad Valorem Tax for Necessary Operation Purposes and Authorize the Superintendent to Forward the Resolution to the Supervisor of Elections for Inclusion on the November 5, 2024, General Election Ballot (Copy to be found in Supplemental Minute Book #196.)

Mr. Hendrick shared remarks with the board regarding the updated proposal for the 2024 referendum. He stated that the Independent Citizens Referendum Oversight Committee (ICROC) will continue in order to maintain transparency. He shared comments regarding the proposed increase in millage, which is consistent with surrounding counties. Funds continue to be used to recruit and retain teachers and enhance art, music, reading and technology programs. Support staff would be included in the proposed referendum.

Mr. Hendrick introduced Ms. Beth Rawlins, Citizens for Pinellas Schools, who has attended or listened to all ICROC meetings since initial approval of the referendum in 2004. Ms. Rawlins provided an overview of the referendum. She shared how it has supported our schools and the importance of the initiative. Ms. Rawlins shared additional comments regarding transparency and accountability and the role of the oversight committee. She shared additional comments about the requested increase in millage and taxable values.

Mrs. Cook thanked the public for supporting the referendum for the past twenty years. She shared comments in support of the referendum and of having the proposed increase on the ballot for voters to decide.

Mrs. Peters shared comments in support of the referendum. She encouraged the public to view the information that was shared at the May 7, 2024, school board workshop.

Mrs. Cane shared comments in support of the referendum and the impact that the funding has had on the educational experience for students, teachers and staff.

Mrs. Long shared comments in support of the referendum and in support of the local funding that will impact teachers and support staff.

Mrs. Edmond acknowledged the hard work that has gone into preparing the ballot language. She shared comments in support of the referendum and the addition of support professionals in the referendum funding. She supports the comments of her colleagues and encouraged the public to review the information that was provided at the school board workshop.

Mrs. Meyer shared comments in support of the proposed ballot language and allowing voters to decide.

Mrs. Hine shared comments in support of the referendum and the proposed ballot language. She shared comments regarding student outcomes and teacher and support staff pay.

Mrs. Cook shared clarifying comments regarding the use of capital outlay funds and operating funds.

Approved

Motion: Carol Cook

Second: Caprice Edmond

Vote: 7 - 0

Yeas: Lisa N. Cane, Carol J. Cook, Caprice Edmond, Laura Hine, Eileen M. Long, Stephanie Meyer, Dawn M. Peters

9. New Business

Discussion, Information: 9.1 Items Introduced by Superintendent

Mr. Hendrick shared comments regarding the following items:

- Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to the Tampa Bay Rowdies for their continued support. Thank you to the University of South Florida for sponsoring a 5K run.
- Thank you to Irish 31 for recognizing teachers as part of their Cheers to Public Service Awards. Five teachers received \$1000 each for their personal use: Andrea Goode, Boca Ciega High School; Zayda Janiak, Bardmoor Elementary School; Amber Robinson, Perkins Elementary School; Deanna Russo, Seminole High School; Melissa Witeck, Disston Academy.
- Thank you to the students who performed at The Museum of Fine Arts anniversary celebration.
- Congratulations to students who participated in the State History Day competition in Tallahassee, Florida. Sixteen students are going to represent Pinellas and Florida in the National History Day competition in Maryland next month.

- The district continues to provide support for families who need to complete The Federal Application for Student Financial Aid (FASFA) with a community event on July 1, 2024, at Hollins High School.
- There are district job fairs coming on May 22 - 23, 2024. Additional information can be found online.
- Graduations begin Thursday, May 16, 2024.
- Good luck and well wishes to Kevin Smith, chief financial officer, who is retiring after 27 years with Pinellas County Schools.
- Congratulations to superintendent standout Ashley Timberlake, teacher, Palm Harbor University High School, who was nominated by a middle school colleague for her support of the theater program.

Discussion, Information: 9.2 Items Introduced by the School Board Attorney

Mr. David Koperski, school board attorney, stated that he had no report.

Discussion, Information: 9.3 Items Introduced by the Board

Mrs. Meyer shared comments with the board regarding her submission of a formal book challenge of a book that was recently read aloud at a Hillsborough County School Board meeting. The challenge was filed in accordance with school board policy 2510 - Instructional Materials, Including Textbooks and Florida State statute. She shared comments regarding the required public notice of the challenge and the integrity of the process. She stated that it's imperative that stakeholders have confidence in the process. She shared comments in support of selecting materials that are suitable for the educational setting.

Mrs. Cook shared her congratulations to the graduating seniors. She shared congratulations for Mr. Smith and shared comments regarding his contributions to the district.

Mrs. Hine thanked Mr. Smith and thanked the board members for attending many of the recent student recognition events. She acknowledged the Turnaround Awards, the Honors Breakfast, the School Board Student Recognition event and the Career, Technical Outstanding Achievement awards. She thanked the teachers, staff and leadership for their hard work this school year.

Discussion, Information: 9.4 Review of Board Requests

Mrs. Stephanie Woodford, deputy superintendent, stated that there were no board requests.

10. Adjournment

Action: 10.1 Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be brought before the School Board, this meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m. This public meeting was audio and video recorded. Anyone may view this by visiting our homepage, www.pcsb.org, and navigating to the School Board tab and then to "Agenda: Current and Archives."



Chairperson



Superintendent and Ex Officio Secretary

Procedural: 10.2 Public Participation