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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
School Board Special Meeting - MINUTES
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)
Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Attending

Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Board Chair
Mr. Robert Chilmonik, Member
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Member

Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Superintendent
Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Mr. Robert Dodig, Staff Attorney
Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, in the School Board Meeting Room for a School Board Special Meeting. Board Chair Jane Kuckel presided and called the meeting to order at 2:50 P.M.

Dr. Kuckel acknowledged Mr. Teuber's absence (due to a death in the family) and Mrs. Dozier's absence (due to illness).

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 3-0 to accept the agenda as the Order of Business.

II. Public Comment

Speakers and the topics they addressed were as follows:

Sue Jacobse: the excellence of Bonita Springs Middle School

Bob Rushlow, President of the Support Personnel Association of Lee County: a new software program that is scheduled to be implemented in the District's Food Service program

III. Consent Action Items (None)

IV. Unfinished Business / Tabled Items (None)

V. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Good Cause (None)

B. Final Order on Administrative Law Judge's Recommendation – Valerie Strawder.

Neither Ms. Strawder nor anyone else was present to speak on her behalf.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 3-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order and enter the Final Order terminating Valerie Strawder from her employment with the Lee County School District, effective end of the day May 5, 2009.

C. Petition for Termination of Employment – Charles Bergstresser.

Neither Mr. Bergstresser nor anyone else was present to speak on his behalf.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 3-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board suspend Charles Bergstresser without pay until such time that the Board receives and acts upon the recommended order of the DOAH Administrative Law Judge.

D. Petition for Termination of Employment – Thomas McCoy.

Neither Mr. McCoy nor anyone else was present to speak on his behalf.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 3-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board suspend Thomas McCoy without pay until such time that the Board receives and acts upon the recommended order of the DOAH Administrative Law Judge.

VI. Attorney's Recommendations – Mr. Keith Martin (None)

VII. Other Business

A. Board Members' Comments/Reports (None)

B. Attorney's Comments/Reports (None)

C. Superintendent's Comments/Reports (None)

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board

- May 5, 2009, 2:30 P.M. School Board Briefing Meeting (immediately following School Board Special Meeting)
- May 5, 2009, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 3-0 to adjourn the May 5, 2009, School Board Special Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 P.M.

Jane E. Kuckel., Board Chair

ATTEST:

James W. Browder, Ed.D., Secretary and District Superintendent

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