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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, December 9, 2008

Attending

Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Chairman	Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Superintendent
Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Vice Chm.	Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Member	Mr. Robert Dodig, Staff Attorney
Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member	Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Member (<i>participated via telephone</i>)	

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, in the School Board Meeting Room for a School Board Special Meeting. Chairman Jane Kuckel presided and called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M.

Dr. Kuckel acknowledged that Dr. Scricca would be participating in the meeting via telephone.

Mr. Martin provided justification for the addition of his Good Cause item. Dr. Kuckel stated that as presiding officer she determined there is good cause to add the item to the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Teuber and seconded by Mr. Chilmonik to accept the agenda as the Order of Business.

Mr. Chilmonik requested a recess so that he could have time to review the Attorney's Good Cause item.

Dr. Kuckel recessed the meeting at 3:05 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 3:10 P.M.

Motion carried 5-0.

II. Public Comment (None)

III. Consent Action Items (None)

IV. Unfinished Business / Tabled Items (None)

V. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Good Cause (None)

B. Petition for Termination of Employment – Christopher Rasmussen.

Neither Mr. Rasmussen nor anyone else was present to address the Board.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, **seconded** by Mrs. Dozier and **carried 5-0** to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board suspend Christopher Rasmussen without pay until such time that the Board receives and acts upon the recommended order from the DOAH Administrative Law Judge.

VI. Attorney's Recommendations

A. Good Cause

1. Adoption of Superintendent Employment Contract.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier and **seconded** by Dr. Scricca to accept the Attorney's recommendation that, based upon the completion of the negotiations as authorized by the School Board, the Board adopt the Superintendent's employment contract with revisions as described.

Mr. Chilmonik expressed concern with regard to Paragraph 11 of the proposed contract, which provides that either party [Board or Superintendent] may terminate the agreement and, at termination, a severance payment of two (2) years salary shall be made to the Superintendent. He stated that he would like to see how many other districts give this sort of a deal to their CEO's and suggested that action on this item be postponed.

Motion by Mr. Chilmonik to postpone action on this matter until January 6, 2009.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Original Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the Motion.

VII. Other Business

A. Board Members' Comments/Reports (None)

B. Attorney's Comments/Reports (None)

C. Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Dr. Browder thanked the Board Members for their vote of confidence.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board

- December 9, 2008, 2:30 P.M. School Board Briefing Meeting (immediately following School Board Special Meeting)
- December 9, 2008, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Teuber, **seconded** by Mrs. Dozier, and **carried 5-0** to adjourn the December 9, 2008, School Board Special Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 P.M.

Jane E. Kuckel, PhD, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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