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**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY**  
**Special School Board Meeting - MINUTES**  
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)  
**Tuesday, October 20, 2009**

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**Attending**

Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Board Chair	Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Superintendent
Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Vice Chair	Mr. Keith B. Martin, Board Attorney
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Member	Mr. Robert Dodig, Staff Attorney
Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member ( <i>arrived at 2:50 P.M.</i> )	
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Member	Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

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**I. Opening Exercises**

**A. Call to Order**

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, in the School Board Meeting Room for a Special School Board Meeting. Board Chair Jane Kuckel presided and called the meeting to order at 2:32 P.M.

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 4-0 to adopt the agenda as the Order of Business.*

Dr. Kuckel announced that Mrs. Dozier was on her way and should be arriving shortly.

**II. Public Comment**

*Mary Lee Mann (Member of the Board of Trustees for Edison State College) spoke in support of Item V.E., Application for Charter School Status for Edison State College.*

*Bob Rushlow (President of the Support Personnel Association of Lee County) addressed the issue of P.O.W.E.R. buying and requested information regarding whether or not anyone knew that an increase to the estimated annual expenditure approved at the June 2, 2009, Board Meeting would be coming to the Board at the August 11, 2009, Board Meeting; and what companies, in addition to U.S. Foodservice, responded to the request for proposal.*

Dr. Kuckel thanked Ms. Mann and expressed the Board's support for charter schools; asked the Superintendent to provide to the Board at a future meeting the answers to Mr. Rushlow's questions, as well as information regarding the cost savings to having foods prepared out of the area and shipped to the District as opposed to having them prepared in the District.

**III. Consent Action Items (None)**

**IV. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items (None)**

**V. Superintendent's Recommendations****A. Good Cause (None)****B. Application for Charter School Status for The Learning Place Academy Charter School Inc.**

Mrs. Dozier arrived at the meeting.

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the application for charter school status with The Learning Place Academy Charter School Inc. for a K-8 school to be called The Learning Place Academy. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute related documents.*

**C. Application for Charter School Status for Pivot Education, Inc.**

Dr. Browder noted a change to his recommendation to properly reflect that the school will serve students in grades 6 through 12.

*Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the application for charter school status with Pivot Education, Inc. for a 6-12 school to be called Pivot Charter School. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute related documents.*

**D. Application for Charter School Status for Lee Charter School of Excellence, Inc.**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the application for charter school status from Lee Charter School of Excellence, Inc. for a K-8 school to be called Lee Charter School of Excellence. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute related documents.*

**E. Application for Charter School Status for Edison State College.**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca and seconded by Mrs. Dozier to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the application for charter school status from Edison State College for a high school to be called Edison Collegiate High School.*

Mr. Chilmonik stated that he needed to abstain from voting since he works part-time for Edison State College.

*Motion carried 4-0.*

**F. Final Order on Administrative Law Judge's Recommendation: Charles Bergstresser.**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca and seconded by Mrs. Dozier to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order and enter a Final Order terminating Charles Bergstresser from his employment with the Lee County School District, effective end of the day October 20, 2009.*

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

*Motion carried 5-0.*

**G. Petition for Termination of Employment: Oneitha Brown.**

*Motion* by Mrs. Dozier and *seconded* by Dr. Scricca to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the Final Order thereby terminating Oneitha Brown from her employment with The School District of Lee County, effective end of day October 20, 2009.

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

*Motion carried 5-0.*

**VI. Other Business**

**A. Board Members' Comments** (None)

**B. Board Attorney's Comments** (None)

**C. Superintendent's Comments** (None)

**D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:**

- October 20, 2009, following this Special Board Meeting, School Board Briefing Meeting
- October 20, 2009, 6:00 p.m., School Board Action Meeting

**VII. Adjournment**

*Motion* by Mr. Teuber, *seconded* by Mrs. Dozier, and *carried 5-0* to adjourn the October 20, 2009, Special School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

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**Jane E. Kuckel, PhD.,** Board Chair

ATTEST:

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

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