



**MISSION:**

*To ensure that each student achieves his or her highest personal potential.*

**VISION:**

*To be a world-class school system.*

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**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY**  
**School Board Meeting - MINUTES**  
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)  
Tuesday, March 8, 2011

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**Attending:**

Mr. Thomas Scott, Chairman	Dr. Lawrence D. Tihen, Secretary and Interim Superintendent
Ms. Mary Fischer, M.A., Vice Chairman	Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member	
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Member	
Mr. Don H. Armstrong, 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, March 8, 2011, in the School Board Meeting Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. Board Chairman Thomas Scott presided and called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

At Mr. Scott's request, Dr. Tihen provided justification for the addition of the Good Cause item. Mr. Scott stated that as presiding officer he determined there is good cause to add the item to the agenda.

*Motion by Ms. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to adopt the agenda as the Order of Business.*

**B. Invocation (Mrs. Dozier)**

**C. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance (Dr. Kuckel)**

- Cadet William Smoot, Cypress Lake High School JROTC
- Major Joe Jennings, Senior Army Instructor, Cypress Lake High School

**II. Special Presentations**

**A. Recognitions**

1. Annual Video Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest (Mrs. Dozier)
  - Sean Reagan, Diplomat Middle School
  - Garret Johnson, Diplomat Middle School
2. AVID National Certified Schools (Ms. Fischer)
  - Lehigh Senior High School Center for the Arts
  - Lehigh Acres Middle School

**B. Resolutions (None)**

**C. Acknowledgement (Mr. Armstrong)**

Character Education Word for March: Courage

**D. Special Presentations to the Board** (None)

**E. Staff Presentation to the Board** (None)

### III. Public Comment

Speakers and the topics they addressed:

*Ann-Marie Sanz:* spoke in opposition to the proposed action to terminate the charter for the Learning Place Academy Charter School

*Patrick Castor:* expressed concern regarding a Royal Palm bus incident involving his daughter

*Dustin Worth:* spoke regarding the autism certification program and proposed support for autistic programs during the 2011-12 school year, and requested the formation of an autism task force/autistic roundtable forum

*Marvin Goetz, President of the Lee County Substitute Teachers Association:* inquired as to the possibility of the Association using a computer classroom at the LCPEC for training purposes

*Kathleen Cherasia:* expressed concern regarding the proposed parental agreement

Mr. Scott responded to speakers. He stated that the Charter School matter would be addressed later in the agenda; asked Dr. Tihen to investigate Mr. Castor's concern and to provide feedback to Mr. Castor and the Board; stated that he and Dr. Tihen have discussed parental involvement in autistic education matters; asked Dr. Tihen to speak to Mr. Goetz's request; stated that the parental contract is an agreement to assist and is intended to be a cooperative agreement.

### IV. Consent Action Items

The following items were pulled for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda:

**Item IV.D.4.** – Purchase Requisitions. *Pulled by Mr. Armstrong*

**Item IV.D.5.** – Renew Bid No. B106863GM: Uniforms for Transportation Services – Drivers and Attendants. *Pulled by Mr. Scott*

***Motion*** by Mrs. Dozier, ***seconded*** by Mr. Armstrong, and ***carried 5-0*** to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the pulled items noted above.

**A. Executive Services** – Dr. Lawrence D. Tihen

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
  - January 28, 2011, School Board Workshop
  - February 8, 2011, School Board Briefing Meeting
  - February 22, 2011, School Board Action Meeting

**B. Academic Services** – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of two grant proposals at no additional cost to the District. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute related documents when required by funder and to approve normal and customary accounting, bookkeeping, and payroll processes to maintain continuity of federal and state grant expenditures during fiscal year changes and other technical transitions. Any processes so approved by the Superintendent will represent best practices, and will conform to funding agency regulations.

**C. Administrative Services**

1. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Fund Accounts at Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts School with two signatures required on these accounts, one of which must be administrative; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.

**D. Business Services**

1. Approval of a three-year license agreement renewal with Computer Associates International, Inc. extending the term of the license agreement to March 30, 2014; the annual maintenance fee expenditure of \$145,211 in FY11; the annual maintenance fee expenditure of \$145,211 in FY12; the annual maintenance fee expenditure of \$145,211 in FY13; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
2. Approval to piggy-back Charlotte County Schools Bid No. 09/10-722 for the purchase of doors, frames and related hardware awarded to Stanton Door Company for the period of March 8, 2011 through March 7, 2012 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$75,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents
3. Approval to piggy-back State Contract No. 600-760-11-1 for mail processing equipment, awarded to Mailing Systems and Pitney Bowes for a period not to exceed one-year, commencing on the date of the award of the State Contract, for an estimated annual expenditure of \$300,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
4. Approval of the purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$176,854.83 and authorization for the issuance of the fifteen (15) purchase orders as described.  
**Pulled for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda.**
5. Approval to renew Bid No. B106863GM for uniforms for transportation services, drivers and attendants, awarded to Itchin' to Bee Stitchin' as primary vendor and Hamilton's Uniforms, LLC as secondary vendor for the first renewal period of March 9, 2011 through March 8, 2012 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$290,000 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.  
**Pulled for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda.**
6. Approval to renew Bid No. B096763LO for concrete finishing and block work to Gulf Paving Co., Inc., for the final period of March 24, 2011 through March 23, 2012, pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$100,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.

**E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins**

1. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including certificated, support and substitute staff, out-of-field appointments, and a correction to item previously approved by the Board.
2. Approval of the job description for the position of Helping Teacher, Social Communication Technician and incorporation of this position into the SPALC Salary Schedule.

**F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore**

1. Approval of the Total Project Cost of \$400,000 for the Mariner Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
2. Approval to award Bid #CS301-Cypress Lake High School Remodel Project to Gates Butz Institutional Construction, LLC in the amount of \$441,800 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
3. Approval to accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Three Oaks Middle School HVAC project, final payment to Nemeth Air conditioning, Inc. in the amount of \$64,453.72, and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

**V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items****Item IV.D.4. – Purchase Requisitions.**

*Motion* by Dr. Kuckel and *seconded* by Mr. Armstrong to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$176,854.83 and authorize the issuance of the fifteen (15) purchase orders as described.

In response to Mr. Armstrong's question as to why the printing of the "Code of Conduct" booklets was not being done in-house (Item #1), Dr. Tihen explained that the District does not have the capability of printing on newsprint-grade paper, which is less costly.

In response to Mr. Armstrong's inquiry, he was informed that the District's Maintenance staff would be removing the old blinds and installing the new ones (Item #8).

*Motion carried 5-0.*

**Item IV.D.5. – Renew Bid No. B106863GM: Uniforms for Transportation Services – Drivers and Attendants.**

*Motion* by Dr. Kuckel and *seconded* by Ms. Fischer to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the renewal of Bid No. B106863GM for uniforms for transportation services – drivers and attendants awarded to Itchin' to Bee Stitchin' as primary vendor and Hamilton's Uniforms, LLC as secondary vendor for the first renewal period of March 9, 2011 through March 8, 2012 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$290,000 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all documents.

In response to Mr. Scott, Dr. Tihen stated that the uniforms are part of the contract.

*Motion carried 5-0.*

**VI. Superintendent's Recommendations****A. Good Cause****1. Award RFP No. R116928JM – Wide Area Network and Internet Service.**

*Motion* by Mrs. Dozier, *seconded* by Mr. Armstrong, and *carried 5-0* to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve awarding RFP No. R116928JM for wide area network and internet service to Embarq Florida d/b/a CenturyLink as indicated on the bid tabulation sheet for the five-year period beginning March 9, 2011, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$840,000; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

**B. Notice of Proposed Action to Terminate the Charter for the Learning Place Academy Charter School.**

*Motion by Ms. Fischer, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the issuance of the Notice of Proposed Action to Terminate the Charter for the Learning Place Academy Charter School.*

It was noted that this is a notice of proposed action to terminate and that the school has 14 days during which to request a hearing.

**C. Approved Piggy-back of County of Los Angeles Bid No. MA-IS-1040222-1 – Telecommunication Supplies and Accessories.**

*Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve piggy-backing County of Los Angeles Bid No. MA-IS-1040222-1 for telecommunication supplies and accessories awarded to Graybar Electric Company for the period of March 8, 2011 through December 31, 2011 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$2,000,000; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all documents.*

**D. Total Project Cost for Maintenance Rotation Fire Alarm Replacements at Diplomat Elementary School, Bonita Springs Elementary School, and Buckingham Exceptional Center.**

*Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the total project cost of \$600,000 for the Maintenance Rotation Fire Alarm Replacements at Diplomat Elementary School, Bonita Springs Elementary School, and Buckingham Exceptional Center; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.*

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

**VIII. Public Hearing (None)**

**IX. Other Business**

**A. Board Members' Comments/Reports**

Ms. Fischer: announced that she has accepted an invitation to become a member of the PACE Center Advisory Board; stated that she participated in a Cape Coral Police Department Community Engagement Forum to discuss SRO positions in schools; stated that she participated in "Read Across America" events at Trafalgar Elementary, Skyline Elementary, Sunshine Elementary, and North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts; provided an update on the District's anti-bullying efforts.

Mrs. Dozier: requested that the Board have a discussion regarding the formation of an autism roundtable and expressed interest in serving as the Board liaison; expressed appreciation to the Olympians who visited the District recently for the Art of the Olympians event; announced that the 2011 Legislative Session began today and thanked the Board Members for signing the letters to the Legislators; gave a "shout out" to the students at Allen Park Elementary, to whom she read during the "Read Across America" Day.

Dr. Kuckel: mentioned a \$50,000 planning grant to support the District's efforts with regard to the achievement gap; offered congratulations to Fort Myers High School for placing first in the mock trial competition.

Mr. Armstrong: thanked Pine Island Elementary School for inviting him to read during their “Read Across America” event; expressed support for the formation of an autism roundtable; expressed concern regarding the proposed parental agreement to assist.

Mr. Scott: stated that the intent of the proposed parental agreement was to engage parents in the educational process of their children; expressed support for the formation of an autism task force; expressed encouragement for an anti-bullying task force headed by Ms. Fischer; welcomed Mr. Larry Walton, a School Board Member who was in the audience visiting from Liverpool, Ohio.

**B. Board Attorney’s Comments/Reports (None)**

**C. Superintendent’s Comments/Reports**

Dr. Tihen: commented that the Art of the Olympians was an outstanding event and a wonderful experience for the District’s students; announced that he read at Buckingham Exceptional Center on “Read Across America” Day.

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

- March 29, 2011, 2:30 P.M.\*, School Board Briefing Meeting (*\*Immediately following a School Board Special Meeting, if one is scheduled*)
- March 29, 2011, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

**X. Adjournment**

*Motion* by Mrs. Dozier, *seconded* by Ms. Fischer, and *carried 5-0* to adjourn the March 8, 2011, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

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**Thomas Scott**, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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**Gregory K. Adkins, Ed.D**, Secretary and District Acting Superintendent

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