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To be a world-class school system.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
Special School Board Meeting - MINUTES
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33966)
Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Attending

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| Mr. Thomas Scott., Chairman Superintendent | Dr. Lawrence D. Tihen, Secretary and Interim |
| Ms. Mary Fischer, M.A., Vice Chairman | Mr. Keith B. Martin, Board Attorney |
| Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member | Mr. Robert Dodig, Staff Attorney |
| Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Member | |
| Mr. Don H. Armstrong, Member | Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary |

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 Special School Board Meeting. Board Chairman Thomas Scott presided and called the meeting to order at 2:53 P.M.

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

II. Public Comment

Mark Castellano, President of the Teachers Association of Lee County: shared that he would be attending a *Wake the State* event this evening at Cape Coral City Hall, the purpose of which is to “welcome” legislators to the 2011 Legislative Session and send a message to Tallahassee

III. Consent Action Items (None)

IV. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items (None)

V. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Petition for Termination of Employment – Kasha Brunson.

Motion by Ms. Fischer and seconded by Mr. Armstrong to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that, in light of the fact that Kasha Brunson has requested an administrative hearing, the Board suspend her without pay until such time that the Board receives and acts upon the recommended order of the DOAH Administrative Law Judge.

Neither Kasha Brunson nor anyone else was present to speak on her behalf.

Motion carried 5-0.

B. Petition for Termination of Employment – Maria Colina.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier and *seconded* by Dr. Kuckel to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that, in light of the fact that Maria Colina has requested an administrative hearing, the Board suspend her without pay until such time that the Board receives and acts upon the recommended order of the DOAH Administrative Law Judge.

Neither Maria Colina nor anyone else was present to speak on her behalf.

Motion carried 5-0.

C. Final Order on Administrative Law Judge's Recommendation – Luis Lomonte.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier and *seconded* by Ms. Fischer to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order and enter a Final Order terminating Luis Lomonte from his employment with the Lee County School District, effective end of the day March 8, 2011.

Neither Luis Lomonte nor anyone else was present to speak on his behalf.

Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Other Business

A. Board Members' Comments

Ms. Fischer: thanked Mr. Castellano for sharing his planned activity this evening with the Board and expressed her support for his efforts.

Mr. Armstrong: informed Mr. Castellano that he and the teachers have the full support of the Board

Mrs. Dozier, Dr. Kuckel, and Mr. Scott had no comments to share.

B. Attorney's Comments (None)

C. Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Tihen: thanked Mr. Castellano and expressed the District's full support.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- March 8, 2011, School Board Briefing Meeting following the conclusion of this Special Board Meeting
- March 8, 2011, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting at 2:59 P.M.

Thomas Scott, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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