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*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, April 19, 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. Debbie Palmer, Recording Secretary

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**I. Opening Exercises**

**A. Call to Order**

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, April 19, 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 6:01 P.M.

Mr. Scott noted that Agenda Items IV.D.4. and IV.F.2. had been pulled from the agenda prior to this evening's meeting.

At Mr. Scott's request, Mr. Martin 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 Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to adopt the agenda as the Order of Business.*

**B. Invocation (Mr. Armstrong)**

**C. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance (Ms. Fischer)**

- Cadet Captain Ben Markland, Riverdale High School JROTC
- Major Steve Falck, Senior Army Instructor, Lehigh Senior High School JROTC

**II. Special Presentations**

**A. Recognitions**

1. Florida State Thespians Association: All-State Selections (Mrs. Dozier)
  - Sixty students from seven District schools

**B. Resolutions**

1. Earth Day: April 22, 2011.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day was established to encourage people around the globe to recommit to the goals of a healthy environment and a peaceful, just, and sustainable world; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vitally important to be committed to the preservation and stewardship of our natural landscape, open space, and sensitive environmental areas; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of each of us to preserve and protect our environment for the future of human, animal, and plant life; and

**WHEREAS**, we must provide leadership for our youth, tap talent of our community, and engage the hearts and minds of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress designated April 22<sup>nd</sup> each year as Earth Day to be set aside as a special time to concentrate on environmental awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, other nations throughout the world have also designated this same day for environmental awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, students and teachers in Lee County will be celebrating Earth Day with specially designed activities in reading, writing, science, and social studies; and

**WHEREAS**, our local theme for Earth Day this year is *Earth-Lee Connections*; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous local individuals and organizations are partnering with The School District of Lee County to provide meaningful experiences for students; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating Earth Day affords our community an opportunity to become aware of the richness and vitality of our planet;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims April 22, 2011, as

**EARTH DAY**

***“Earth-Lee Connections”***

Adopted at a regular meeting of The School Board of Lee County,  
Florida

This Nineteenth day of April 2011

*Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Ms. Fischer, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming April 22, 2011, as Earth Day.*

2. Administrative Professionals Week: April 24-30, 2011.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, National Secretaries Week®, was created in 1952 to honor and recognize secretaries for their contributions to the workplace and to attract people to secretarial careers; and

**WHEREAS**, the title of the annual observance was changed to Administrative Professionals Week® in 2000 to recognize and acknowledge that the role of the office professional had evolved significantly since 1952 and to encompass the expanding responsibilities and wide-ranging job titles of administrative support staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic recession has affected everyone in the office setting and downsizing has forced all workers to pull together and work harder; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of this fact, the International Association of Administrative Professionals is veering away from the traditional

celebration this year by recognizing the hard work and sacrifice of all office professionals, not just administrative professionals, and  
**WHEREAS**, office professionals are responsible for administrative tasks and the coordination of information in support of an office-related environment; and

**WHEREAS**, office professionals are dedicated to furthering their personal and professional growth in their chosen profession; and

**WHEREAS**, office professionals contribute daily to the smooth operation of the Lee County School District and the education of its students;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, wishing to celebrate the work of all office professionals throughout the School District, hereby proclaims the week of April 24-30, 2011, as

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK®**

*“This year, celebrate all office professionals”*

Adopted at a regular meeting of The School Board of Lee County,  
Florida

This Nineteenth day of April 2011

*Motion by Ms. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the week of April 24-30, 2011, as Administrative Professionals Week®.*

3. National Military Appreciation Month: May 2011.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, National Military Appreciation Month was established to honor and pay tribute to all who have served and are serving in dedication to the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the freedom and security that citizens of the United States enjoy today are direct results of the vigilance of the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, service in the Armed Forces entails special hazards and demands extraordinary sacrifices from service members and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the support of the families of service members enhances the effectiveness and capabilities of the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, it is proper to recognize and honor the dedication and commitment of members of the Armed Forces, and to show appreciation for all contributions made by such members for the protection and safety of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vitally important for our youth to understand that the service provided by members of the Armed Forces has secured and protected the freedoms that we enjoy today; and

**WHEREAS**, the relevance of the history and activities of the military must be made more apparent to present and future generations of the people of the United States through local, state, and national patriotic observances and ongoing activities; and

**WHEREAS**, all governmental agencies have the responsibility to raise awareness of and respect for our national heritage and to encourage citizens to dedicate themselves to the values and principles for which those military heroes of the United States served and are serving;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of May 2011 as

**NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH**

Adopted at a regular meeting of The School Board of Lee County, Florida

This Nineteenth day of April 2011

*Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming May 2011, as National Military Appreciation Month.*

- 3. Teacher/Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week: May 2-6, 2011.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 5,000 instructional employees in the Lee County School District who are strongly committed to a quality education for our students; and

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 900 substitute teachers on call throughout the year who also make meaningful contributions daily to the educational development of our youth as they substitute for classroom teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of teachers and substitute teachers are immeasurable, helping form the framework for lifelong learning in all students; and

**WHEREAS**, these educators fill the roles of listeners, explorers, motivators, role models, and mentors to our youth as they strive to keep American democracy alive by laying the basic foundation for good citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers impact the lives of their students throughout their school years and continue to influence them when those school days become memories; and

**WHEREAS**, all students, parents, and community members are encouraged to recognize the value of teachers and are urged to pay special tribute to them every day;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims the week of May 2-6, 2011, as

**TEACHER/SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

Adopted at a regular meeting of The School Board of Lee County, Florida

This Nineteenth day of April 2011

*Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming May 2-6, 2011, as Teacher/Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week.*

- C. **Acknowledgement** (*Mr. Armstrong*)  
Character Education Word for April: Integrity
- D. **Special Presentations to the Board** (None)
- E. **Staff Presentation to the Board** (None)

**III. Public Comment**

Speakers and the topics they addressed:

*John Traube:* news reporter Rob Kobel; hiring a new Superintendent; Principal Charles Dailey.

**IV. Consent Action Items**

*Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.*

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

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
  - March 29, 2011, School Board Action Meeting
2. Approval of the following change to the Finance Advisory Committee: appointment of Betty J (BJ) Brundage by Board Member Mary Fischer, effective April 19, 2011 through the date of the regular School Board Meeting in September 2011 at which the Board takes action to appoint members to the Board Advisory Committees.

**B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones (None)****C. Administrative Services**

1. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Fund Accounts at Varsity Lakes Middle School and Royal Palm Exceptional 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 the Monthly Budget Report for the period ending February 28, 2011.
2. Approval of the Budget Amendment dated February 28, 2011 to amend the 2010-11 annual school budget.
3. Approval to remove from the Official Property Records, 216 items listed on the report titled *Property Records Asset Retirement by Bar Code/Tag Number*.
- ~~4. Approval to award Bid No. B116932GM for chiller replacement at Fort Myers Beach Elementary to Page Mechanical Group, Inc. as primary vendor and Air Mechanical & Service Corp. as secondary vendor as indicated on the tabulation sheet for the period beginning April 20, 2011 through April 19, 2012, at an estimated expenditure of \$108,805 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.~~  
**Pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting.**
5. Approval to award Bid No. B116941RL for Cleaning Products for District Warehouse Operations to AFP Industries, Inc., Calico Industries, Dade Paper and Bag Company, Ecolab, Inc., Grainger Inc. and Pyramid II Janitorial Supplies & Equipment as indicated on the tabulation sheet for the period of April 19, 2011 through April 18, 2012, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$200,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
6. Approval to award Bid No. B116943SW for two way radio equipment and accessories to First Communications, Inc. as primary vendor and Industrial Communications as secondary vendor as indicated on the bid tabulation sheet for the period beginning April 19, 2011 through April 18, 2012, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$300,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
7. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for ITN No. N096819LO for the purchase of ceiling tile and acoustical wall installation and purchase of related

- materials awarded to Acousti Engineering Co. of Florida by \$195,000, thereby increasing the total estimated annual expenditure to \$385,000 through November 16, 2011 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
8. Approval to piggy-back Florida Sheriffs Association Bid No. 11/13-05-0120, for tires and related services, for the period of April 19, 2011 through April 18, 2012. The piggy-back ensures the ability to purchase tires if/when required and if/when funds are available, at an estimated expenditure of \$440,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
  9. Approval to piggy-back Manatee County Schools Bid No. 10-0039-MR for the purchase of locksmith parts and accessories awarded to Southern Lock and Supply for the period of April 19, 2011 through April 18, 2012 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$100,000 with an option to cancel if deemed to be in the best interest of the District and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
  10. Approval to piggy-back Orange County Public Schools Bid No. 0907189ITB for the purchase of wood flooring preparation and installation awarded to multiple vendors for the period of April 20, 2011 through September 22, 2011 at an estimated expenditure of \$100,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
  11. Approval of the purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$58,060.75 and authorization for the issuance of the seven (7) purchase orders as described.
  12. Approval to renew RFQ No. R106850GM to DeMoulin Brothers & Company and Ictus Limited, Inc. for band uniforms, costumes and formal wear for the first renewal period of May 18, 2011 through May 17, 2012, pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$115,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
  13. Approval to renew Bid No. B106855GM for signs (supply and install) to Gulf Coast Signs of Sarasota, Inc., formerly Images Graphic Specialties, Inc. and Annat, Inc. d/b/a Municipal Supply and Sign for the first renewal period of May 18, 2011 through May 17, 2012, pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$50,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
  14. Approval to renew RFQ No. R106862GM to Itchin' to Bee Stitchin' for uniforms for support personnel for the first renewal period of June 22, 2011 through June 21, 2012, pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$160,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
  15. Approval of the renew RFP No. R076579SW for asbestos survey to American Management Resources Corporation, for the final period of July 31, 2011 through July 30, 2012 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$25,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.

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

1. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including administrative, certificated, support and substitute staff, out-of-field appointments, annual reappointments.

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

1. Approval of the Certificate of Final Inspection for Edgewood Academy Re-Roof dated February 11, 2011 and final payment in the amount of \$24,365.29 to Advanced Roofing and Sheetmetal and authorization for Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

- ~~2. Approval of Total Project Cost of \$500,000 for the Orangewood Elementary School Plumbing Upgrade Project and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.~~

*Pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting.*

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

**VI. Superintendent's Recommendations**

**A. Good Cause (None)**

**B. Increase Annual Expenditure: Bid No. B106892SW, Annual Contractual Unleaded and Diesel Transport Lots.**

*Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve increasing the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. B106892SW for the purchase of unleaded gas and diesel awarded to Evans Oil Company by \$3,500,000, thereby increasing the total estimated annual expenditure to \$10,210,000 through July 28, 2011; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.*

**C. Renew RFQ No. R106866LO, Microbial Remediation, Lead Abatement and Certification in RRP (Remediation, Remodel and Painting).**

*Motion by Mrs. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve renewing RFQ No. R106866LO for microbial remediation, lead abatement and certification in RRP (remediation, remodel and painting) with American Management Resource Corp., FreshAire Solutions of SWFL and Percon Abatement, Inc. for the first renewal period of April 19, 2011 through April 18, 2012 pursuant to the same terms and conditions at an estimated annual expenditure of \$2,500,000; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all documents.*

**D. Renew RFQ No. R106867LO, Floor Covering.**

*Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve renewing RFQ. R106867LO for floor covering to Acousti Engineering Co. of FL and Wayne Wiles Floor Coverings, Inc. for the first renewal period of May 18, 2011 through May 17, 2012, pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$1,500,000; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.*

**E. Total Project Cost for East Zone Elementary School "G".**

*Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Ms. Fischer, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the Total Project Cost of*

\$23,360,000 for the East Zone Elementary School "G"; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

## VII. Attorney's Recommendations – Mr. Keith Martin

### A. Good Cause

1. **Approval of the filing of the claim form in the lawsuit against BP (British Petroleum) and Trans Ocean and authorize the School Board Attorney to complete and sign the claim form.**

*Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to approve the filing of the claim form in the lawsuit against BP (British Petroleum) and Trans Ocean and authorize the School Board Attorney to complete and sign the claim form.*

## VIII. Public Hearing

Dr. Tihen presented this evening's Public Hearing item.

1. **Adoption of the Add-on Certification Program for English Speakers of Other Languages, ESOL Endorsement, for 2008-2013.**

Mr. Scott recessed the Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 P.M. He asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the one item on the agenda for Public Hearing.

There being no requests to address the Board, Mr. Scott closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Board Meeting at 6:51 P.M.

1. **Adoption of the Add-on Certification Program for English Speakers of Other Languages, ESOL Endorsement, for 2008-2013.**

*Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the adoption of the Add-on Certification Program for English Speakers of Other Languages, ESOL Endorsement, for 2008-2013 to meet a state-mandated requirement as per the 1990 Multicultural Education Training Advocacy (META) Consent Decree, and to reflect the new State Board of Education approved Florida Teacher Standards for ESOL Endorsement; Rule 6A-4.02451. The effective date of the Rule is April 20, 2011.*

## IX. Other Business

### A. Board Members' Comments/Reports

Ms. Fischer: stated that she spoke to the eighth graders at Gulf Middle about their plans for the future; attended a Boy Scout program at the Boy Scout Conference Center; attended the Construction Advisory Committee meeting; attended the City of Cape Coral Do the Right Thing awards ceremony; attended the School Health Advisory Committee meeting; attended the Golden Apple awards ceremony; gave a brief update on bullying education

Mrs. Dozier: congratulated all of the Golden Apple winners; thanked the Foundation for putting on the ceremony; thanked the members of the Citizens Advisory Committee for all of the work they did narrowing down the applicant list for Superintendent; attended the Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting; requested the Superintendent invite Chief Murphy of the Cape Coral Police Department to speak to the School Board at a Briefing meeting; thanked everyone who participated in the Legislative process; gave a brief update on the Legislature and urged every parent to write a letter, make a phone, send an email to all Legislators regarding the budget.

Dr. Kuckel: congratulated the Golden Apple winners; thanked the Citizens Advisory Committee for all of the hard work on the Superintendent search; wished everyone a well deserved break next week.

Mr. Armstrong: no comment.

Mr. Scott: recognized the seven (7) Boy Scouts in the audience (they received a patch for attending the meeting); attended the Golden Apple awards ceremony; clarified a statement that a former Board Member had made to the news media last week regarding the District using reserves to fund operations.

**B. Board Attorney's Comments/Reports**

Mr. Martin: stated that he received an inquiry from Lee County Government as to whether Mr. Fred Kobie would continue to be the citizen's representative on the Value Adjustment Board. Mr. Kobie has served in the past and is willing to continue serving.

**Consensus regarding the citizen's representative on Lee County's Value Adjustment Board: Mr. Kobie will continue to be the citizen's representative on the Value Adjustment Board.**

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

Dr. Tihen: thanked the Board for recognizing the teachers and substitute teachers; attended the Golden Apple awards ceremony; attended the City of Cape Coral Chamber recognition of teachers program; attended the News-Press recognition of teachers program; introduced Bonnie McFarland, she was appointed tonight as the Director of Insurance and Benefits; thanked the Board and all those who sent good well wishes to he and his wife during her recent illness; thanked Dr. Adkins for keeping the Superintendent's office going while he was out.

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

- May 3, 2011, 2:30 P.M., School Board Special Meeting
- May 3, 2011, 2:30 P.M.\*, School Board Briefing Meeting (\*Immediately following the School Board Special Meeting)
- May 3, 2011, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

**X. Adjournment**

*Motion by Ms. Fischer, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to adjourn the April 19, 2011, School Board Meeting.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

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**Thomas Scott**, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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**Lawrence D. Tihen, PhD**, Secretary and District Interim Superintendent

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