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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 33966)
Tuesday, April 19, 2011

Attending

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. Debbie Palmer, Recording Secretary

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 Special School Board Meeting. Board Chairman Thomas Scott presided and called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

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

II. Public Comment (None)

III. Consent Action Items (None)

IV. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items (None)

V. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Petition for Termination of Employment – Youssef Khalil.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel and seconded by Mrs. Dozier to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the Final Order thereby terminating Youssef Khalil from his employment with The School District of Lee County, effective end of the day April 19, 2011.

Neither Youssef Khalil nor anyone else was present to speak on his behalf.

Motion carried 5-0.

B. Petition for Termination of Employment – Caroline Williams.

Motion by Ms. Fischer and seconded by Mr. Armstrong to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that, in light of the fact that Caroline Williams 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 Caroline Williams nor anyone else was present to speak on her behalf.

Motion carried 5-0.

C. Informal Hearing Regarding Notice of Proposed Action to Terminate the Charter for the Learning Place Academy Charter School.

After the Dr. Tihen read the Superintendent's recommendation, Mr. Scott stated that the informal hearing process would begin. At that point, Mr. Martin reviewed the informal hearing process.

Dr. Tihen proceeded with the School District's presentation by asking Dr. McCullers and Mrs. Hawkins to speak on the District's behalf.

Mr. Dirk Smits, Legal Counsel, gave the presentation for the Learning Place Academy Charter School.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel and seconded by Mrs. Dozier to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board conduct the informal hearing and terminate the charter contract with the Learning Place Academy Charter School, Inc. effective June 13, 2011.

Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Other Business

A. Board Members' Comments (None)

B. Attorney's Comments (None)

C. Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Tihen urged the Learning Place Academy Charter School to submit an application with all of the required documentation attached during the next open period.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- April 19, 2011, 2:30 P.M., School Board Briefing Meeting
- April 19, 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 2:37 P.M.

ATTEST:

Lawrence D. Tihen, Ph.D., Secretary and District Interim Superintendent

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