



MISSION:

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

VISION:

To be a world-class school system.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
School Board Meeting - MINUTES
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)
Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Attending:

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| 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 |

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, May 3, 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 5:59 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, 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 (Mr. Armstrong)

- Cadet Colonel Brent Cox, Ida S. Baker High School JROTC
- Major Gordon Rodell, Senior Army Instructor, Ida S. Baker High School

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

1. 2010-2011 Outstanding Subject Area Teachers (*Dr. Kuckel*)
 - Fifty-four Lee County School District Teachers
2. 56th Florida State Science and Engineering Fair – Best in Show (*Ms. Fischer*)
 - Samantha Prabakaran, Fort Myers High School

B. Resolutions

1. National School Nurse Day: May 11, 2011.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, children are the future and, by investing in them today, we are ensuring our world for tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, all students have a right to have their health needs safely met while in the school setting; and

WHEREAS, children today face more complex and life-threatening health problems requiring care in school; and

WHEREAS, school nurses are professional nurses that advance the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievements of all students by providing a critical safety net for our nation's most fragile children; and

WHEREAS, school nurses act as a liaison to the school community, parents and health care providers on behalf of children's health; and

WHEREAS, school nurses support the health and educational success of children and youth by developing and providing programs and leadership; and

WHEREAS, school nurses understand the link between health and learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for children every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, joins the National Association of School Nurses in celebrating and acknowledging the accomplishments of school nurses everywhere by proclaiming May 11, 2011, as

NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY

"Voice and Visibility: Setting Sail Toward Healthy Horizons"

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

This Third day of May 2011

Motion by Ms. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming May 11, 2011, as National School Nurse Day.

C. Acknowledgement (*Mr. Armstrong*)

Character Education Word for May: Self-control

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: bullying; incident at ALC West

Marvin Goetz: suggested that the Board consider giving the new superintendent a one-year contract to start

Marie Sarabella: incident at ALC West involving her child and Charles Dailey

Mr. Scott responded to speakers. Asked Dr. Tihen to respond to Ms. Sarabella's comments and address the current status of this matter.

Dr. Tihen explained that Mr. Patrick Hayhurst (*District Safety Specialist*) is working on a request for additional videos requested by Ms. Sarabella; that a copy of the investigation conducted by the District's Professional Standards Department is available; that the findings of the investigation reveal that the situation was properly handled; that it is his understanding that an out-of-District investigation is underway and that that he looks forward to receiving the findings of that report.

Mr. Scott responded to Mr. Goetz by stating that the Board would look for a way to incorporate his suggestion in the contract for the new superintendent, especially with regard to establishing performance measurement tools.

IV. Consent Action Items

The following item was pulled by Mr. Scott for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda:

Item IV.A.2. – Agreement with Cerra Consulting Group, Inc. to Provide Legislative and Governmental Relations Activities.

Motion by Ms. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the pulled item noted above.

A. Executive Services – Dr. Lawrence D. Tihen

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
 - March 8, 2011, School Board Briefing Meeting
 - April 15, 2011, School Board Workshop Meeting
2. Approval of the agreement with Cerra Consulting Group, to provide complete state legislative services to the Board, for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at annual cost of \$60,000, which is approximately 5% less than the contract amount for the past three-year periods. The agreement will be extended for two additional one-year periods, beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014, at the same annual cost of \$60,000, unless written notification is provided by one of the parties prior to June 1 of each successive year.

Pulled for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda.

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of the additional funds for Service Agreements for Speech-Language, Occupation Therapy and Physical Therapy Services with Soliant Health, Inc. at an additional estimated maximum cost to the District of \$80,000 to fulfill the cost for the remainder of the 2010/11 school year making a total estimated expenditure of \$830,000.
2. Approval of the facility Operating Agreement with Global Youth Services and the Lee County School Board to meet the individual education, security and treatment needs of youth and young adults while attending Global Youth Services for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, at no additional cost to the District.
3. Approval of the renewal of the contractual agreement with the Lee County School Board and the AMIkids Southwest Florida to provide an educational alternative day program for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 at an estimated cost paid to AMIkids Southwest Florida not to exceed \$360,000.00. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
4. Approval to renew the Cooperative Agreement with the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Lee County School Board to meet the individual education, security and treatment needs of youth and young adults while attending the Lee County Sheriff's Correctional facility for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 at no additional cost to the District.
5. Approval to renew the Cooperative Agreement with the Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc. (Vince Smith Center) and the Lee County School Board to meet the individual education, security and treatment needs of youth while attending the Vince Smith Center for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 at no cost to the District.

6. Approval of the AVID Center Implementation Agreement from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$104,452 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all related documents.

C. Administrative Services (None)

D. Business Services

1. Approval to award Bid No. B116932GM for chiller replacement at Fort Myers Beach Elementary to Air Mechanical & Service Corp. as primary vendor and Wentco, Inc. as secondary vendor as indicated on the tabulation sheet for the seven(7)-month period beginning May 4, 2011 through December 4, 2011, at an estimated expenditure of \$110,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
2. Approval to award Bid No. B116938SW for musical instrument repairs to Baroque Instrument Repair, Inc. d/b/a First Note Music as primary vendor for items 1,2,3,4,11,12 and secondary vendor for items 8 and 9: and to Cadence Music, Inc. as primary vendor for items 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and secondary vendor for items 1, 2,3 and 4 as indicated on the bid tabulation sheet for the period beginning May 3, 2011 through May 2, 2012, at an estimated annual expenditure for \$80,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
3. Approval to award Bid No. B116951SW for transmissions/remanufactured for the Transportation Department to Florida Detroit Diesel-Allison, Inc. and TransDiesel of Lakeland, Inc. as indicated on the bid tabulation sheet for the period beginning May 3, 2011 through May 2, 2012, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$195,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
4. Approval to piggy-back Columbia County School's Bid No. 3150 for the purchase of furniture awarded to various vendors for the period of May 3, 2011 through August 31, 2011 at an estimated expenditure of \$50,000 with the option to cancel if deemed to be in the best interest of the District and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
5. Approval to piggy-back Florida State Contract No. 420-420-10-1 for the purchase of educational/instructional furniture awarded to various vendors for the period of May 3, 2011 through May 2, 2012 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$100,000 with the option to cancel if deemed to be in the best interest of the District and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
6. Approval to piggy-back Lee County Board of County Commissioners Quote No. Q-060251, titled Purchase of Ford automobiles, sport utility vehicles, passenger and light duty vans, light and medium duty trucks, and cab and chassis awarded to Sam Galloway Ford, Inc. for the period of May 3, 2011 through June 9, 2011 at an estimated expenditure of \$100,000 with an option to cancel if deemed in the best interest of the District and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
7. Approval to piggy-back Palm Beach County Schools Bid No. 08C-16C for the purchase of marker boards, chalkboards, corkboards and bulletin boards awarded to various vendors for the period of May 3, 2011 through February 19, 2012 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$75,000 with the option to cancel if deemed to be in the best interest of the District and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.

8. Approval to piggy-back Pasco County Schools Bid No. 09-081-DR for USDA commodity cheese processing awarded to Land O'Lakes, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at an estimated expenditure of \$250,000 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.
9. Approval to renew Bid No. B106826SW for towing services to Alligator Towing and Recovery Services, Inc. for the first renewal period of May 18, 2011 through May 17, 2012 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$121,000 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
10. Approval to renew Bid No. B106868LO repair/replacement of backflows related to domestic/potable water for all District facilities to United Mechanical, Inc. for the first renewal period of May 18, 2011 through May 17, 2011 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$25,000 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
11. Approval to renew Bid No. B106870SW for fire alarm monitoring to SimplexGrinnell, LP for the first renewal period of May 18, 2011 through May 17, 2012 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$25,000 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
12. Approval of the purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$20,443.78 and authorization for the issuance of the five (5) purchase orders as described.

E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins

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

F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore (None)

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items

Item IV.A.2. – Agreement with Cerra Consulting Group, Inc. to Provide Legislative and Governmental Relations Activities.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier and *seconded* by Mr. Armstrong to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the agreement with Cerra Consulting Group, Inc. to provide complete state legislative services to the Board, for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at an annual cost of \$60,000, which is approximately 5% less than the contract amount for the past three-year period. The agreement will be extended for two additional one-year periods, beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014, at the same annual cost of \$60,000, unless written notification is provided by one of the parties prior to June 1 of each successive year.

In response to Mr. Scott's question as to whether or not the District has communicated with other firms in this field, Dr. Tihen explained that all of the District's contracts and agreements are being reviewed and that a schedule will be established for this purpose. He added that he anticipates bringing something to the Board in August with regard to this process.

Motion carried 5-0.

- VI. Superintendent's Recommendations** (None)
- VII. Attorney's Recommendations** – Mr. Keith Martin (None)
- VIII. Public Hearing**

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

1. **Contract for Charter School Status for Richard Milburn Academy of Florida, Inc.**
2. **Contract for Charter School Status with Cape Coral Preparatory and Fitness Academy, Inc.**

Mr. Scott recessed the Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 6:58 P.M. He asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the two items 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 6:59 P.M.

1. **Contract for Charter School Status for Richard Milburn Academy of Florida, Inc.**

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the contract for charter school status with Richard Milburn Academy of Florida, Inc. for a 9-12 school to be called Richard Milburn Academy South.

2. **Contract for Charter School Status with Cape Coral Preparatory and Fitness Academy, Inc.**

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the contract for charter school status with Cape Coral Preparatory and Fitness Academy, Inc. for a K-8 school to be called Cape Coral Preparatory and Fitness Academy, Inc; and authorize the Superintendent to execute related documents.

IX. Other Business

A. Board Members' Comments/Reports

Ms. Fischer: none

Mrs. Dozier: none

Dr. Kuckel: stated that occasionally requests come to the Board regarding making lacrosse a sanctioned high school sport and asked Dr. Tihen to comment.

Dr. Tihen informed the Board that the District is currently looking at this and that Mr. Wiseman (*Director of Secondary Operations*) should have a cost estimate shortly, which will assist in making a decision about the feasibility of adding this sport.

Mr. Armstrong: stated that he will continue to ask questions about incidents involving students.

Mr. Scott: provided a brief update on the superintendent search process.

B. Board Attorney's Comments/Reports (None)

C. Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Dr. Tihen: stated that it was a pleasure to recognize the outstanding subject area teachers and the retirees this evening; expressed his support of student Samantha Prabakaran and said that he is very interested to see what she will bring to the District.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- May 13, 2011, 9:00 A.M., School Board Workshop (*for whole-Board interviews of the finalists for the position of Superintendent*)
- May 17, 2011, 9:00 A.M., School Board Workshop (*for Board to select top candidate for the position of Superintendent*)

Mr. Scott requested that this workshop be noticed as a Special Board Meeting.

- May 17, 2011, 2:30 P.M.*, School Board Briefing Meeting (**Immediately following a School Board Special Meeting, if one is scheduled*)
- May 17, 2011, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

X. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, *seconded* by Mrs. Dozier, and *carried 5-0* to adjourn the May 3, 2011, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Thomas Scott, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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