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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, May 17, 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	
Mr. Don H. Armstrong, Member	Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

**Absent**

Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Member (due to illness)

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**I. Opening Exercises**

**A. Call to Order**

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, May 17, 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 6:00 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 was good cause to add the item to the agenda.

*Motion by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Ms. Fischer, and carried 4-0 to adopt the agenda as the Order of Business.*

**B. Invocation (Ms. Fischer)**

**C. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance (Mrs. Dozier)**

- Cadet Captain Paige Sterling, Island Coast High School JROTC
- Sergeant First Class Vincent Mitchell, Senior Army Instructor, Island Coast High School

Mr. Scott acknowledged Dr. Kuckel's absence from the meeting due to illness.

**II. Special Presentations**

**A. Recognitions**

1. Florida State Final Wrestling Tournament (*Dr. Kuckel*)
  - Chuckie Kerkesner, Cypress Lake High School
  - Alex Paraschuk, Riverdale High School
  - Dalton Langford, Riverdale High School
2. Model United National Conference: Best Large Delegation (*Ms. Fischer*)

- Cape Coral High School's Model United Nations Club
- 3. School Quality Achievement Levels (*Mrs. Dozier*)
  - Bonita Springs Middle School
  - Challenger Middle School
  - Fort Myers Middle Academy
  - J. Colin English Elementary School
  - Tanglewood Elementary School
  - Pinewoods Elementary School
  - Tropic Isles Elementary School

**B. Resolutions** (None)

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

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

**III. Public Comment**

Speakers and the topics they addressed:

*John Traube:* congratulated the Board on their choice for Superintendent; urged the Board to include a strong ethics clause in the employment contract.

*Bob Rushlow, President of the Support Personnel Association of Lee County:* addressed the proposed termination action against Keith Stamp for abandonment of position as stated in Agenda Item IV.E.1. Mr. Rushlow asked that any action against Mr. Stamp be postponed for a month to allow time for conversation with this employee regarding his situation.

Mr. Scott asked Dr. Tihen and Dr. Greg Adkins (*Chief Human Resources Officer*) to address Mr. Rushlow's comments regarding the proposed termination of Mr. Stamp. As a result of the information provided, the Board Members expressed their support for postponing termination action against Mr. Stamp.

**IV. Consent Action Items**

***Motion*** by *Mrs. Dozier*, ***seconded*** by *Ms. Fischer*, and ***carried 4-0*** to approve the Consent Agenda as amended by the removal of action against Keith Stamp for abandonment of position (Agenda Item IV.E.1.).

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

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
  - April 5, 2011, School Board Workshop
  - April 19, 2011, School Board Special Meeting
  - April 19, 2011, School Board Action Meeting
  - May 3, 2011, School Board Student Hearings
  - May 3, 2011, School Board Special Meeting
  - May 3, 2011, School Board Action Meeting

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

1. Approval for the purchase of Laying the Foundation Summer Institute training for FY11 in the amount of \$179,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all related documents.
2. Approval for payment to AdvancED in the amount of \$46,750 for District accreditation dues for 85 schools for the 2011-2012.

3. Approval of the Supplemental Educational Services (SES) contract for the FY 11-12 school year and approval for the Superintendent to sign all contracts with providers.
4. Approval of the Cooperative Agreement with the Southwest Florida Bowling Proprietors Association (SFBPA) to provide high school students/athletes with the opportunity to participate in the activity of bowling for the period August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2016 at no cost to the District.
5. Approval of the contract with K12 Florida LLC for virtual education services for Lee County Virtual Instruction Program at an estimated cost of \$337,400 for a period of one (1) year starting July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
6. Approval of the agreement with Florida Virtual School to continue offering students in grades 6-12, full-time and part-time virtual education opportunities. The agreement will be funded by FTE generated by virtual school students; and will be effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 unless terminated by either party as outlined in the agreement. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute related documents.
7. Approval of the Academic Affiliation Agreements with local medical facilities to provide adequate facilities for the clinical preparation of Health Science Education students effective on the date when it is fully executed by both parties and shall continue for two (2) years. There is no cost to the District for these Agreements.
8. Approval of the renewal of the contract with The School Board of Seminole County to continue the supportive services with the East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC) effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00.

**C. Administrative Services**

1. Approval to reimburse Nancy Taylor to transport (DA) to/from their residence, to/from Royal Palm Exceptional Center, for the period March 11, 2011 through June 30, 2011, at the cost not to exceed \$406.00 for FY11.

**D. Business Services**

1. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the period ending March 31, 2011.
2. Approval of the Budget Amendment dated March 31, 2011 to amend the 2010-11 annual school budget.
3. Approval to award Bid No. B116955GM to Flowers Baking Company of Bradenton, LLC and IBC Sales Corporation (Hostess Brands) as primary and secondary vendors as indicated on the tabulation sheet for the period beginning July 2, 2011 through July 1, 2012, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$450,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
4. Approval to award Bid No. B116962GM to United Subcontractors, Inc. d/b/a Gatewood Glass as primary vendor as indicated on the tabulation sheet for the period beginning May 18, 2011 through May 17, 2012, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$45,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
5. Approval to award Bid No. B116950SW for purchase of replacement tools for the Transportation Department shops set-up to Barkus Tools & Equipment, Inc. d/b/a Fast

Equipment; Florida Tire Supply Corporation; Grainger; IMC Group, Inc. d/b/a IMC Welding Supply, Inc.; Myers Tire Supply Distribution, Inc.; Genuine Parts Company d/b/a NAPA Auto Parts; Preventative Maintenance of Florida, Inc.; Busco Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Transportation Supplies, Inc.; Unique Truck Equipment; and Wallace International Trucks, Inc. as indicated on the bid tabulation sheet for the period beginning May 17, 2011 through May 16, 2012, at an estimated expenditure of \$55,900 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

6. Approval to award Bid No. B116970SW for purchase of a fire engine pumper for the S.W. Public Service Academy to East Manatee Fire Rescue District as indicated on the bid tabulation sheet for the period beginning May 17, 2011 through August 17, 2011, at an estimated expenditure of \$35,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
7. Approval to piggy-back Lee County Board of Commissioners Bid No. Q-100152 awarded to Forestry Resources, Inc. and 7L Brands, LLC for the purchase of mulch, for the period of May 17, 2011 through May 9, 2012 at an estimated expenditure of \$265,000 with an option to cancel if deemed in the best interest of the District and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
8. Approval of the Official Property Records, 523 items listed on the attached report titled Property Records Asset Retirement by Bar Code/Tag Number.
9. Approval to renew ITN No. N096796LO for monitoring of emergency debris removal to O'Brien's Response Management, formerly Solid Resources Inc. for the period of July 29, 2011 through July 28, 2012. This is pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated expenditure of \$25,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
10. Approval of the purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$70,101.65 and authorization for the issuance of the nine (9) 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.
2. Approval of the renewal agreement with Johns Eastern Company, Inc. to provide claims administration services to The School District of Lee County for the one-year period July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, for the annual service fee of \$588,525.
3. Approval of professional leave for the 2011-2012 school year for Robert L. Rushlow, President of the Support Personnel Association of Lee County.
4. Approval of professional leave for the 2011-2012 school year for Mark Castellano, President of the Teachers Association of Lee County

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

1. Approval of the following ranking of Construction Management firms to provide services for East Zone Elementary School "G": (1) Gates Butz Institutional Construction, LLC; (2) Manhattan Kraft Construction, Inc.; (3) Lodge Construction, Inc.; (4) Target Builders Construction Management, Inc., and authorization for the

Superintendent to execute all necessary documents. In the event negotiations with the top ranked firm are not successful, I recommend authorization to proceed with negotiation and execution of a contract according to the final ranking.

2. Approval to accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Cypress Lake Middle School Re-Roof dated February 4, 2011 and final payment in the amount of \$63,755.14 to Crowther Roofing and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
3. Approval of the Total Project Cost of \$200,000 for the Orangewood Elementary School Bathroom Renovations Project and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

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

**VI. Superintendent's Recommendations**

**A. Good Cause**

1. Contract with the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County for the Summer School Driver Education Program.

*Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Ms. Fischer, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the contract with the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County for a Summer School Driver Education Program, for the period of June 15, 2011 to July 13, 2011 for a total cost not to exceed \$89,737.46.*

**B. Renew Bid No. B106884GM: Fresh Milk & Other Dairy Products.**

*Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve renewing Bid No. B106884GM for fresh milk and other dairy products to Sunny Florida Dairy, Inc. for the first renewal period of July 31, 2011 through July 30, 2012 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$3,000,000 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all documents.*

**C. Award Bid No. B116949GM: Cafeteria Kitchen Wares and Equipment.**

*Motion by Ms. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve awarding Bid No. B116949GM to Calico Industries, Inc.; Chef's Warehouse, Inc.; Commercial Glass & Restaurant Supply; and SRE Culinary Equipment and Supplies, LLC as primary and secondary vendors as indicated on the tabulation sheet for the period beginning June 3, 2011 through June 2, 2012, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$950,000; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.*

**D. Increase Annual Expenditures – Piggy-back of Pinellas County Schools Bid No. 11-480-076 for Catalog Discounts on Multi-line Educational Products.**

*Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve increasing the estimated expenditure of Pinellas educational products awarded to multiple vendors by \$500,000, thereby increasing the total estimated expenditure to \$850,000 through January 24, 2012*

*with an option to cancel if deemed in the best interest of the District; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.*

**E. Service Agreements with Soliant Health, Inc. for Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy Services.**

*Motion by Ms. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the Service Agreements for Speech-Language, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Services with Soliant Health, Inc. at an estimated maximum cost to the District of \$1,500,000 for the 2011-12 school year.*

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

**VIII. Public Hearing**

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

**1. Revisions to Policy 4.35: Head Start Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, and Enrollment.**

Mr. Scott recessed the Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 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 6:36 P.M.

**1. Revisions to Policy 4.35: Head Start Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, and Enrollment.**

*Motion by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the revisions to **Policy 4.35, Head Start Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, and Enrollment**, to reflect changes for the 2011-2012 enrollment priorities based in part on the self-assessment recommendations. Three-year-old classes are filled from the six listed categories based on the needs of the individual children and the available openings. Additionally, points for Exceptional Student Education services will now be delineated as to whether children are receiving full-time or part-time services. These changes allow the program to better identify and serve the most at-risk children. The effective date of the Rule is May 18, 2011.*

**IX. Other Business**

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

Ms. Fischer: thanked staff for support during the Superintendent search process; announced that she attended the Cape Coral Mayors' Youth Scholarship Dinner, the Learning for Life Talent Show, the Take Stock in Children Graduation event, a Cypress Lake High School Black Box Theatre presentation, and the "Poked in the Mind's Eye" exhibit sponsored by the *News-Press*; provided a bullying prevention update, which included information regarding the formation of a Bullying Prevention Task Force; stated that, in the interest of time, she would request that a bullying prevention report be posted on the District's website.

Mrs. Dozier: provided an update on the activities of the Edison-Ford Estates' Education Committee; announced that the first meeting of the Autism Roundtable is scheduled for tomorrow and that she would bring a report to the Board at a subsequent meeting; announced that she attended the recent Fort Myers Prayer Breakfast at which former

Olympian Billy Mills was the keynote speaker, and the annual Athletic Scholars Awards Banquet; thanked her fellow Board Members for their due diligence during the superintendent search process and stated that she looks forward to working with the new Superintendent; announced that she addressed the students who were inducted into the National Honor Society at South Fort Myers High School; stated that she enjoyed this evening's Employee Longevity Recognition Ceremony; extended congratulations to this year's graduates.

Mr. Armstrong: expressed his appreciation to the members of the Superintendent Search Citizens Committee, as well as his fellow Board Members, for all of their hard work; extended his congratulations to all of the students who will be graduating this year; extended an invitation to the other Board Members to attend the Town Hall Forums that he would be hosting on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> to garner input from the Cape Coral community with regard to locating bus stops in well-lit locations.

Mr. Scott: expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Georgianna McDaniel for her service as Project Manager during the superintendent search process; stated that he is looking forward to the upcoming graduation ceremonies.

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

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

Dr. Tihen: stated that he enjoyed the Employee Longevity Recognition Ceremony earlier this evening; read a press release from Education Commissioner Dr. Eric Smith in which he announced that Lee County is among the 13 Florida school districts to earn the prestigious designation as 2011-2012 Academically High Performing School Districts.

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

- June 14, 2011, 2:00 P.M., School Board Workshop
- June 21, 2011, 2:30 P.M., School Board Special Meeting
- June 21, 2011, 2:30 P.M.\*, School Board Briefing Meeting (\*Immediately following Student Hearings and/or a School Board Special Meeting, if scheduled)
- June 21, 2011, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

**X. Adjournment**

*Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to adjourn the May 17, 2011, School Board Meeting.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

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**Thomas Scott**, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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**Lawrence D. Tihen, Ph.D.**, Secretary and District Acting Superintendent

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