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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, May 17, 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

Mr. Don H. Armstrong, Member

Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

Absent

Dr. Jane E. Kuckel (due to illness)

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 School Board Special Meeting. Board Chairman Thomas Scott presided and called the meeting to order at 2:35 P.M.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 4-0 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 – Christopher Garcia.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier and seconded by Mr. Armstrong to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the Final Order thereby terminating Christopher Garcia from his employment with The School District of Lee County, effective end of the day May 17, 2011.

Mr. Christopher Garcia was present to speak on his behalf. He read a prepared statement and made additional comments regarding the allegations against him.

Mr. Robert Dodig addressed the Board on behalf of the Superintendent. He outlined the procedural aspects with regard to notification and Mr. Garcia's right to request a due process hearing. Although he responded to some of Mr. Garcia's comments, Mr. Dodig

reminded the Board that because of Mr. Garcia's failure to request a hearing, the information presented in the Petition of Termination are considered fact.

Motion carried 4-0.

VI. Other Business

A. Board Members' Comments (None)

B. Attorney's Comments (None)

C. Superintendent's Comments (None)

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- May 17, 2011, School Board Briefing Meeting following the conclusion of this Special Meeting
- May 17, 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 2:55 P.M.

Thomas Scott, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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