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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, November 2, 2010

Attending

Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Chairman	Dr. Lawrence D. Tihen, Secretary and Interim Superintendent
Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member	Mr. Keith B. Martin, Board Attorney
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Member	Mr. Robert Dodig, Staff Attorney
	Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Vice Chairman (illness)

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, in the School Board Meeting Room for a Special School Board Meeting. Board Chairman Steven Teuber presided and called the meeting to order at 2:45 P.M.

Mr. Teuber noted that Item V.A. had been revised prior to this afternoon's meeting to correct a typographical error with regard to the dates of Mr. Cofield's suspension without pay.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 3-0 to adopt the agenda as the Order of Business.

Mr. Teuber acknowledged Dr. Scricca's absence due to illness.

II. Public Comment (None)

III. Consent Action Items (None)

IV. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items (None)

V. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Final Order on Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order – Joseph Cofield.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel and seconded by Mrs. Dozier to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order and enter a Final Order upholding Joseph Cofield's suspension without pay from March 9, 2010, to January 1, 2011, and returning him to his position as an instructional employee, effective January 3, 2011.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

B. Petition for Termination of Employment – Rufus Thomas.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier and *seconded* by Dr. Kuckel to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that since Rufus Thomas has requested an administrative hearing, he be suspended without pay until such time that the Board receives and acts upon the recommended order of the DOAH Administrative Law Judge.

Neither Mr. Rufus nor anyone else was present to speak on his behalf.

Motion carried 3-0.

VI. Other Business

A. Board Members' Comments (None)

B. Board Attorney's Comments (None)

C. Superintendent's Comments (None)

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- November 2, 2010, School Board Briefing Meeting following the conclusion of this Special Board Meeting
- November 2, 2010, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, *seconded* by Dr. Kuckel, and *carried 3-0* to adjourn the November 2, 2010, Special School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 P.M.

Thomas Scott, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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