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**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY**  
**School Board Meeting / Annual Organization of the Board**  
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)  
**Tuesday, November 16, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.**

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**Attending**

Ms. Mary Fischer, M.A., Member	Dr. Lawrence D. Tihen, Secretary and Interim Superintendent
Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member	Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Member	
Mr. Don H. Armstrong, Member	
Mr. Thomas Scott, Member	Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

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**I. Opening Exercises**

**A. Call to Order**

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. in the School Board Meeting Room for a Regular School Board Meeting and the Annual Organization of the Board. Dr. Tihen explained that pursuant to Florida Statute 1001.371, the Superintendent acts as Chairman until the Organization of the Board is completed.

**B. Invocation** (*Mr. Scott*)

**C. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance** (*Ms. Fischer*)

- Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Richard Wetherbee, Cape Coral High School JROTC
- CPT Theresa Hentges, Senior Army Instructor, Cape Coral High School

**II. Special Presentations**

**A. Organization of the Board**

1. Election of Chairman

Dr. Tihen called for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Armstrong nominated Mr. Scott. Hearing no other nominations, Dr. Tihen called for the vote. Mr. Scott was elected Chairman of the Lee County School Board for the coming year by **unanimous vote**.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Dr. Tihen called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Scott nominated Ms. Fischer. Hearing no other nominations, Dr. Tihen called for the vote. Ms. Fischer was elected Vice Chairman of the Lee County School Board for the coming year by **unanimous vote**.

3. Establishment of School Board Action Meeting Dates and Times for the Ensuing Year

Dr. Tihen recommended that Regular School Board Action Meetings for the period December 2010 through November 2011 be scheduled at 6:00 P.M. on the following days:

December 14, 2010	June 21, 2011
January 11, 2011	July 26, 2011 with <b><u>Special Board Meeting at 5:05 P.M.</u></b>
January 25, 2011	August 9, 2011
February 8, 2011	August 23, 2011
February 22, 2011	September 13, 2011 with <b><u>Special Board Meeting at 5:05 P.M.</u></b>
March 8, 2011	September 27, 2011
March 29, 2011	October 11, 2011
April 19, 2011	October 25, 2011
May 3, 2011	November 8, 2011
May 17, 2011	November 22, 2011

*Motion by Mr. Scott, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to establish the meeting dates and times of School Board Action Meetings for the period December 2010 through November 2011 as presented.*

The Organization of the Board having been completed, Dr. Tihen turned the meeting over to Mr. Thomas Scott, Board Chairman.

**B. Adoption of the Agenda as the Order of Business**

*Motion by Ms. Fischer, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to accept the agenda as the Order of Business.*

**C. Recognitions (None)**

**D. Resolutions**

**1. Inclusive Schools Week: December 6-10, 2010**

*Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the week of December 6-10, 2010, as Inclusive Schools Week.*

**E. Presentations to the Board (None)**

**F. Staff Presentations to the Board (None)**

**III. Public Comment**

*John Traube:* congratulated the three new Board Members; reiterated his suggestion, made at the last Board Meeting, that the District consider undergoing a forensic audit; opined that transportation, computers, land purchases, and incidents of children getting burned on school food lines be examined.

*Marvin Goetz:* extended congratulations to the new Board Members on behalf of the Lee County Association of Professional Substitute Teachers; stated that substitute teachers need to be kept in the loop as part of the instructional staff.

*Sue Jacobse:* congratulated the new Board Members; complimented Dr. Tihen on his professionalism; cautioned the Board to not micromanage staff.

*Antonia Jacobse:* suggested that student input be considered during the selection process for a new superintendent.

*Donna Mutzenard, Executive Director of Island Coast FEA Service Unit:* extended congratulations to the new Board Members and on behalf of the Teachers Association of Lee County and the Support Personnel Association of Lee County and offered them any assistance they might need.

*Karen Taylor:* requested that Dr. Tihen get back with her with regard to a question she had previously asked.

Mr. Scott stated that the Board Members understood their role and would not micromanage staff, but would instead work through the Superintendent; stated that he appreciated Ms. Antonia's comments and that the search would be best with a variety of people involved; stated that the incidents of children getting burned on the food lines are under investigation; stated that the Board has already scheduled workshops to address the TransPar audit and the superintendent search.

#### **IV. Consent Action Items**

The following items were pulled by Board Members for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda:

**Item IV.D.2.** – District Project Priority List (pulled by Mr. Armstrong)

**Item IV.D.5.** – Increase Expenditure of Piggy-back of Charlotte County Schools Bid No. 07/08-516, Catalog Discounts on Incidental Supplies (pulled by Mr. Armstrong)

**Item IV.D.7.** – Purchase Requisitions (pulled by Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Scott)

**Item IV.B.1.** – Service Agreement with ABC Speech & Language Therapy, Inc. for Speech-Language Pathology Services (pulled by Mr. Scott)

**Item IV.D.3.** – Removal of Items from Official Property Records (pulled by Mr. Scott)

*Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the pulled items.*

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

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
  - October 7, 2010, School Board Briefing Meeting
  - November 2, 2010, School Board Special Meeting
  - November 2, 2010, School Board Briefing Meeting
  - November 2, 2010, School Board Action Meeting

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

1. Approval of the Service Agreement for Speech-Language Therapy Services with ABC Speech & Language Therapy, Inc. at an estimated maximum cost to the District of \$180,000 for the 2010-11 school year. *(Pulled for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda.)*

##### **C. Administrative Services**

1. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Funds Account at Hector Cafferata Jr. Elementary with two signatures required on this account, one of which must be administrative; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all related documents.
2. Approval to accept the audit report for The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc., for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010.

**D. Business Services**

1. Approval to authorize the Board Chairman and the Secretary and Interim Superintendent of Schools to sign checks on the identified School Board of Lee County bank accounts. Approval to continue using the former Chairman's signature until a new facsimile is received.
2. Approval of the District Project Priority List as presented to the Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all document. *(Pulled for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda.)*
3. Approval to remove from the Official Property Records, 687 items listed on the report titled Property Records Asset Retirement by Bar Code/Tag Number. *(Pulled for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda.)*
4. Approval of the revised contract with AMIKids Southwest Florida to purchase meals and snacks from the District, for the period November 17, 2010 through July 31, 2011, at no cost to the District.
5. Approval to increase the estimated expenditure of Charlotte County Schools Bid No. 07/08-516 for the purchase of Catalog Discounts on Incidental Supplies (Educational and Operative), awarded to multiple vendors, by \$100,000, increasing the total estimated expenditure to \$450,000 through February 25, 2011 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents. *(Pulled for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda.)*
6. Approval for the emergency purchase of a lever valve from Ferguson Enterprises Inc. at a total price of \$1,473.80 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
7. Approval of the purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$3,745,407.35 and authorization for the issuance of the five (35) purchase orders as described. *(Pulled for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda.)*
8. Approval to reject RFP No. R106874GM for Group Cancer and Specified Disease Insurance and authorization for the solicitation to be reissued at a later date with revised specifications.
9. Approval to renew Bid No.B096834LO for drinking water (emergency use) with DS Waters, Inc. for the first renewal period of December 8, 2010 through December 7, 2011 at an estimated expenditure of \$50,000, 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. B096842SW for rental vehicles with Enterprise Leasing of Southwest Florida, LLC for the first renewal period of December 8, 2010 through December 7, 2011 at an estimated 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.

**E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins**

1. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including administrative, certificated, support and substitute staff, out-of-field appointments, annual reappointments, and correction to item previously approved by the Board.

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

1. Approval to award Bid #CS296 for Lee County High Tech Center Central Automotive Classroom Improvements Project to Chris-Tel Construction in the amount of \$48,954.68 plus an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for contingency, if required, at the District's discretion and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
2. Approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Cape Coral for a speed zone at Challenger Middle School at the City's expense.

**V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items**

**Item IV.B.1. – Service Agreement with ABC Speech & Language Therapy, Inc. for Speech-Language Pathology Services.**

*Motion by Mrs. Dozier and seconded by Dr. Kuckel to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the Service Agreement for Speech-Language Therapy Services with ABC Speech & Language Therapy, Inc. at an estimated maximum cost to the District of \$180,000 for the 2010-11 school year.*

Dr. Tihen responded to Mr. Scott's question regarding the number of students who would receive these services.

***Motion carried 5-0.***

**Item IV.D.2. – District Priority Project List.**

*Motion by Mr. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Dozier to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the District Project Priority List as presented to the Board; and authorize the Superintendent to execute the document.*

Dr. Tihen and Dr. Ami Desamours (*Executive Director of Budget*) responded to Mr. Armstrong's questions regarding the inclusion of new school construction in the Project Priority List and the overall scope of the document.

***Motion carried 5-0.***

**Item IV.D.3. – Removal of Items from Official Property Records.**

*Motion by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Armstrong to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the removal from the Official Property Records, 687 items listed on the report titled Property Records Asset Retirement by Bar Code/Tag Number.*

Dr. Tihen and Ms. Greta Campbell (*Executive Director of Financial Services*) responded to Mr. Scott's questions regarding the life span and disposal of computers.

***Motion carried 5-0.***

**Item IV.D.5. – Increase Expenditure of Piggy-back of Charlotte County Schools Bid No. 07/08-516, Catalog Discounts on Incidental Supplies (Educational and Operative).**

*Motion* by Mr. Armstrong and *seconded* by Mrs. Dozier to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve increasing the estimated expenditure of Charlotte County Schools Bid No. 07/08-516 for the purchase of Catalog Discounts on Incidental Supplies (Educational and Operative) awarded to multiple vendors by \$100,000, increasing the total estimated expenditure to \$450,000 through February 25, 2011, pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all documents.

Dr. Tihen responded to Mr. Armstrong's questions regarding the amount of and reason for the increase.

*Motion carried 5-0.*

**Item IV.D.7. – Purchase Requisitions.**

*Motion* by Mr. Armstrong and *seconded* by Mrs. Dozier to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$3,745,407.35 and authorize the issuance of the thirty-five (35) purchase orders as described.

Mr. Armstrong expressed concern regarding the brevity of the backup information for each of the purchase requisitions. Dr. Tihen stated that more detailed information will be provided to the Board in the future.

Dr. Tihen and Dr. Sheryl Clarke (*Director of Intervention Programs*) responded to Mr. Scott's questions regarding the number of vendors and the disparity in the dollar amounts of the purchase orders for each in connection with the thirty purchase requisitions that compose number 6 of the backup.

*Motion carried 5-0.*

**VI. Superintendent's Recommendations**

**A. Good Cause (None)**

**B. Florida School Boards Association – 2011 Legislative Platform.**

*Motion* by Mrs. Dozier, *seconded* by Dr. Kuckel, and *carried 5-0* to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board ratify the Florida School Boards Association's 2011 Legislative Platform.

**VII. Attorney's Recommendations – Mr. Keith Martin**

**A. Appointments to the Value Adjustment Board.**

*Motion* by Mrs. Dozier, *seconded* by Mr. Armstrong, and *carried 5-0* to accept the Attorney's recommendation that the Board approve the appointment of Dr. Jane Kuckel as the School Board Member to the Value Adjustment Board, with Ms. Mary Fischer as the alternate School Board Member.

**VIII. Public Hearing (None)**

**IX. Other Business****A. Board Members' Comments/Reports**

Ms. Fischer: stated that she appreciates the vote of confidence and looks forward to joining with her fellow colleagues to move the District forward.

Mrs. Dozier: congratulated the three new Board Members and stated that she looks forward to working with them; congratulated Mr. Scott and Ms. Fischer on being elected Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively; opined that student input regarding the selection of a new superintendent is important; suggested that the reinstatement of a Student Advisory Committee be considered.

Dr. Kuckel: welcomed the new School Board Members; observed that the Board has several challenges ahead including the search for a new superintendent, the Class Size Amendment, and budget matters.

Mr. Armstrong: thanked the speakers for their comments; suggested that a forensic audit of the District be considered; stated that the superintendent search process, the TransPar audit, and the dental insurance matter be addressed.

Mr. Scott: thanked staff for the assistance and information he was provided during the transition period; opined that Dr. Tihen is a true gentleman and that there is no one better at this time for the position of Interim Superintendent; stated that the two big issues facing the Board are the superintendent search and the TransPar audit and that workshops related to these have already been scheduled; stated that his goal is to make things better for students.

Mr. Armstrong added that he had hoped Mr. Teuber and Dr. Scricca would be at this evening's meeting so that he could thank them for the eight years they devoted to the School District.

**B. Attorney's Comments/Reports**

Mr. Martin: stated that he looks forward to working with the Board.

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

Dr. Tihen: stated that he looks forward to working with the new Board and that he appreciates the support; thanked the staff members present this evening who provided the additional information in response to Board Member inquiries; confirmed that the Board still wished to hold the workshops in Training Room "D."

Mr. Scott thanked Dr. Tihen for filling the staff seats around the board table and for having the appropriate individuals present to respond to Board Members' request for information.

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

- December 3, 2010 – 2:00 P.M., School Board Workshop
- December 8, 2010 – 8:30 A.M., School Board Workshop
- December 14, 2010 – 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

**X. Adjournment**

*Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to adjourn the November 16, 2010, School Board Meeting.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

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**Thomas Scott**, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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