

03 17 09 School Board Meeting

Call Meeting to Order

Acceptance of Agenda

1. [Accept Agenda of March 17, 2009 School Board Meeting as revised.](#)

Attachment: [Res 18 School Board Member Salaries.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Emergency Resolution.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to accept the agenda of the March 17, 2009 School Board Meeting as revised. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Kay Fields

Second: Hazel Sellers

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Margaret Lofton - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Invocation

2. [Frank O'Reilly, School Board Member District 1](#)

Pledge of Allegiance

3. [Danielle Johnston, Kathleen Elementary](#)

Special Recognitions

4. [Arts in Our Schools Month Proclamation](#)

Attachment: [Arts in Our Schools Month.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to designate the month of April as Arts in Our Schools Month. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Kay Fields

Second: Lori Cunningham

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Margaret Lofton - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

5. [Purchasing Month Proclamation](#)

Attachment: [Purchasing Month.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to designate the month of March as Purchasing Month. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Margaret Lofton

Second: Hazel Sellers

Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

6. [Governor Crist's Art Contest Winner](#)
7. [United Way Check Presentation](#)
8. [Polk Education Foundation's Donor Recognition](#)
9. [Florida Title I Distinguished School](#)
10. [Mentor of the Year](#)
11. [Celebrate Literacy Week First Place Winner](#)

#### Public Comments on Agenda Items

12. [SPEAKERS](#)

Minutes:

Cody Dixon - student of LifeSkills spoke in support of the school.

Jennifer Tucker - student of LifeSkills spoke in support of the school.

Andrea Whiteley - did not attend but had a statement read by Richard Gifford in support of LifeSkills

Krystal Perez - did not respond when called.

Shanna Harris - did not respond when called.

Desire Nance - LifeSkills helped her earn the two credits needed to graduate after she withdrew from traditional high school.

Eire Velez - did not respond when called.

Samantha Santana - former student of LifeSkills, received her 1/2 credit after leaving traditional high school

Amanda Jackson - Dropped out of George Jenkins High School and enrolled at LifeSkills.

Mark Batease - LifeSkills helps drop-out students confront their problems and obtain their diplomas.

Jack Johnson - former principal serves as a board member for LifeSkills and is an advocate for students who need another chance in furthering their education.

Richard Gifford - serves on LifeSkills Board; they face many challenges but deserve another chance.

Ronnie Clark - Pastor; works and counsels with young people who deserve another chance through LifeSkills.

## Approval of Minutes

### 13. [C-13 Approve Minutes of the February 24, 2009 School Board Meeting](#)

Attachment: [02 24 09 School Board Minutes.pdf](#)

#### Motions:

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2009 School Board meeting. - PASS

#### Vote Results

Motion: Tim Harris

Second: Hazel Sellers

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Margaret Lofton - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

14. [C-14 Approve Consent Agenda](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda of the March 17, 2009 School Board meeting. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Margaret Lofton

Second: Kay Fields

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Margaret Lofton - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

New Administrator Announcements

Consent

Administration General Items

15. [C-15 Alternatives Unlimited; Drop Back In Academy](#)

Attachment: [Polk DBI 031009 Final \(3\).pdf](#)

Business Services General Items

16. [C-16 Bid Recommendations for March 17, 2009](#)

Attachment: [Bid Rec 3-17-09.pdf](#)

Business Services Budget Revisions

17. [C-17 Resolutions to Amend District School Budget 2008-09 \(FEBRUARY 2009\)](#)

Attachment: [Summary 3-17-2009.pdf](#)

Business Services Donations

18. [C-18 \\$600 Donation from Watson Clinic LLP to Lawton Chiles Middle Academy](#)
19. [C-19 \\$610 Donation from Westwood Middle School PTSO to Westwood Middle School](#)
20. [C- 20 \\$1,000 Donation from Regal Automotive Group to Lawton Chiles Middle Academy](#)
21. [C-21 \\$800 Donation from Target to Wahneta Elementary](#)
22. [C-22 Non-Cash Donation \(golf cart\) to Valleyview Elementary from Valleyview Elementary PTA](#)

Attachment: [Golf Cart Trade In Document.pdf](#)

23. [C-23 \\$1,000 Donation from Ben Hill Griffin, Inc. to Ben Hill Griffin, Jr. Elementary](#)
24. [C-24 \\$9,000.00 Donation from the Lowes Charitable Educational Foundation to Boone Middle School](#)
25. [C-25 \\$2,000.00 Donation from Mosaic to Mark Wilcox Center](#)
26. [C-26 \\$1,452.22 Donation from the Bella Viana Club to Laurel Elementary](#)
27. [C-27 \\$2,500 Donation from Fontaine Apparel Company to Lawton Chiles Middle Academy](#)
28. [C-28 \\$600.00 Donation from Inwood PTO to Inwood Elementary](#)
29. [C-29 \\$2,036.16 Donation from Lakeland Highlands PTSO to Lakeland Highlands Middle](#)
30. [C-30 \\$2,366.74 Donation to R. Bruce Wagner Elementary from the R. Bruce Wagner Elementary PTA](#)
31. [C-31 \\$2,500 Donation from the Southern Poverty Law Center to Daniel Jenkins Academy](#)
32. [C-32 \\$3,000 Donation from General Growth Management-Lakeland Square Mall to Padgett Elementary School](#)
33. [C-33 Non-Cash Donation \(school uniforms\) from the Fontaine Apparel Company, Inc. to Lawton Chiles Middle Academy](#)

Business Services Purchasing Items Schools – Elementary Myrick

34. [C-34 Waiver of Bidding Process - Retention Education, Inc., Winston Elementary.](#)

[\\$6,125.00](#)

Attachment: [Req-Retention Ed-Winston.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Retetion Ed-Sed de Saber Sole Source Letter 11-4-08.pdf](#)

Facilities & Operations General Items – Architectural Services

35. [C-35 Project #C-00272 Auburndale Senior High \(Master Plan Design\)](#)

36. [C-36 Project #C-00246 Boone Middle \(Master Plan Design\)](#)

Facilities & Operations General Items – Construction Services

37. [C-37 Project #C-00259-Middle School "EE"-Davenport School of the Arts](#)

38. [C-38 Project #R-01272-Traviss Career Center-Replacement Roof on Building No. 4](#)

Attachment: [travissroof4bidtab.pdf](#)

39. [C-39 Project #R-01271-Exceptional Services \(Lakeland\)-Replacement Roof on Building No. 1](#)

Attachment: [Exceptroof1bidtab.pdf](#)

40. [C-40 Project #R-01266 \(Bid File #317-FJD-0109\)-Winter Haven Senior-Mill/Replace Existing Track](#)

Attachment: [WHSbidtabpaving.pdf](#)

41. [C-41 Project #P-01123 \(Bid File #316-FJD-0109\)-Alturas Elementary-Parent/Staff Parking](#)

Attachment: [AVEbidtabpaving.pdf](#)

42. [C-42 Project #P-01126 \(Bid File #318-FJD-0109\)-Dwight Smith/Lakeland BEST Center- Parent/Staff Parking](#)

Attachment: [DSCbidtabpaving.pdf](#)

43. [C-43 Project #P-01195-Churchwell Elementary-Wastewater Treatment Tie-in](#)

44. [C-44 Project #P-01196-Kathleen Middle-Wastewater Treatment Tie-in](#)

45. [C-45 Project #P-01197-Socrum Elementary-Wastewater Treatment Tie-in](#)

46. [C-46 Project #P-01170-Kingsford Elementary-Fire Hydrant & Water Line](#)

47. [C-47 Project #C-00274-Kathleen Senior-Master Plan \(Football Field\)](#)

48. [C-48 Project #C-00273-Winter Haven Senior-Master Plan \(Football Field\)](#)

Facilities & Operations General Items - Planning and Concurrency

49. [C-49 Certification of Facilities Data](#)

Attachment: [Annual-Certification-of-Accuracy-Email-Attachment-2009.pdf](#)

Facilities & Operations Contract Changes – Construction Services

50. [C-50 Project #C-00242-Ridge Community Senior-Freshman Academy](#)

Attachment: [c242pb134.pdf](#)

51. [C-51 Project #C-00249-George Jenkins Senior-Freshman Academy](#)

Attachment: [C249 CO 1.pdf](#)

52. [C-52 Project #C-00241-Haines City Senior-Freshman Academy](#)

Attachment: [c241co1.pdf](#)

53. [C-53 Project #C-00241-Haines City Senior-Freshman Academy](#)

Attachment: [c241co2.pdf](#)

54. [C-54 Project #C-00224-Combee Elementary-22 Classroom Replacement](#)

Attachment: [c224co3.pdf](#)

55. [C-55 Project #C-00177-Horizons Elementary-New Elementary School "A"](#)

Attachment: [c177co22.pdf](#)

56. [C-56 Project #C-00254-Lake Region Senior-Freshman Academy](#)

Attachment: [c254co2.pdf](#)

Attachment: [c254co1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [C254 CO 1.pdf](#)

57. [C-57 Project #C-00178-Spessard Holland Elementary-New Elementary School "B"](#)

Attachment: [C178 CO 5.pdf](#)

58. [C-58 Project #C-00242-Ridge Community Senior-Freshman Academy](#)

Attachment: [c242co1.pdf](#)

59. [C-59 Project #C-00225-Eastside Elementary-16 Classroom Addition/Building No. 1 Remodel](#)

Attachment: [c225co1.pdf](#)

60. [C-60 Project #C-00251-Laurel Avenue Elementary-Permanent Buildings \(Bldg. 4-Media/Bldg. 6-Classroom\)](#)

Attachment: [c251co5.pdf](#)

61. [C-61 Project #C-00267-Mulberry Senior-FieldHouse/Locker Rooms](#)

Attachment: [c267co3.pdf](#)

62. [C-62 Project #C-00199-Ridge Career Center-Medical Arts Facility](#)

Attachment: [c199co1.pdf](#)

63. [C-63 Project #C-00244-Ridge Career Center-Fire Training Tower](#)

Attachment: [c244co1.pdf](#)

64. [C-64 Project #C-00240-Ridge Career Center-Covered Pavilion w/Restrooms](#)

Attachment: [c240co1.pdf](#)

65. [C-65 Project #C-00255-Wendell Watson Elementary-8 Classroom Addition](#)

Attachment: [c255co1.pdf](#)

66. [C-66 Project #C-00178-Spessard Holland Elementary-New Elementary School "B"](#)

Attachment: [c178pb1516.pdf](#)

#### Facilities & Operations Maintenance Project Requests

67. [C-67 Project #P-01212 - Jesse Keen Elementary - Secondary Egress](#)

68. [C-68 Project #R-01268 - Fort Meade Middle/Senior - Replace Pump](#)

69. [C-69 Project #R-01269 - Lake Region Senior - Replace Egress Windows](#)

70. [C-70 Project #R-01270 - Winter Haven Senior - Denison Middle School Stadium](#)

71. [C-71 Project #P-01213 - Lincoln Avenue - Irrigation Lines](#)

#### Human Resource Services Recommendations

72. [C-72 Recommendations for Instructional Personnel Actions](#)

Attachment: [Instructional Agenda 3-17-09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Instructional Term Suppt 3-17-09.pdf](#) (Confidential Item)

Minutes:

\*\*\*Approved personnel recommendations are  
recorded in  
Supplemental Book, 70 A 08,  
Pages 356 - 384.\*\*\*

73. [C-73 Recommendations for Non-Instructional Personnel Actions](#)

Attachment: Non-Instructional Term Suppt 3-17-09.pdf (Confidential Item)  
Attachment: [Non-InstructionalAgenda 3-17-09.pdf](#)

Minutes:

\*\*\*Approved personnel recommendations are  
recorded in  
Supplemental Book, 70 A 08,  
Pages 356 - 384.\*\*\*

74. [C-74 Recommendations for Temporary Duty Assignments](#)

Attachment: [TDA 3-17-09.pdf](#)

Minutes:

\*\*\*Approved personnel recommendations are  
recorded in  
Supplemental Book, 70 A 08,  
Pages 356 - 384.\*\*\*

Learning General Items

75. [C-75 Lakeland High School Veterinary Academy Services](#)

Support Services Field Trip Requests

76. [C-76 Out of State Field Trips](#)

Attachment: [field trip form-agenda 03.17.09.pdf](#)

Regular

Administration - Office of School Choice

77. [R-77 Superintendent's Recommendation for Charter School Renewals](#)

- Attachment: [BM Summary-3.17.09.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Discovery Academy Renewal-WS2.10.09.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Life Skills Center Renewal-WS2.10.09.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [McKeel Academy Renewal-WS2.10.09.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [PCC Chain of Lakes Renewal-WS2.10.09.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Ridgeview Global Studies Renewal-WS2.10.09.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [South McKeel Elem Renewal-WS2.10.09.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Hartridge Academy Renewal-WS2.10.09.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Our Children's Academy Renewal-WS2.10.09.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the renewal of the following charter schools: Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred, Hartridge Academy, McKeel Academy of Technology, Our Children's Academy, PCC Chain of Lake Collegiate High School, Ridgeview Global Studies Academy, and South McKeel Elementary Academy. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Lori Cunningham

Second: Margaret Lofton

Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

Motions:

Motion to approve Superintendent's recommendation to deny the charter school renewal of LifeSkills Center of Polk County. - PASS

## Vote Results

Motion: Lori Cunningham

Second: Margaret Lofton

Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Nay
Tim Harris	- Aye
Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

## Motion Minutes:

Mr. Harris stated that many people are in support of LifeSkills. The paramount issue is to continue the services to this population even if it is through a different entity.

Mrs. Sellers will support the recommendation to deny the renewal of LifeSkills. There remains many serious questions to be answered and the non-renewal process will allow LifeSkills time to address those issues before a vote on termination of the Charter.

Mrs. Fields commented that last year LifeSkills was given several areas to address: sever relationship with White Hat and become SACS Accredited. They accomplished these. She understands there are other concerns but believes they can be addressed. She will not support the recommendation.

Dr. McKinzie related that there were other overriding issues such as the finances of the school. Questions on the current budget and how the repayment to White Hat Management Company will be addressed as well as meet the current needs of the school and students. The Superintendent asked Carolyn Bridges, Senior Director of Magnet, Choice and Charter to explain the non-renewal process and timeline.

Carolyn Bridges stated a letter will be sent to LifeSkills about today's decision. LifeSkills will have 14 days to request a hearing before the School Board, the District will have 30 days to schedule the meeting and review the responses of LifeSkills on the issues that have been raised. The Board will then vote to renew or non-renew the charter contract. LifeSkills will have 90 days to appeal through the Florida DOE.

Mr. Mullenax stated he has several questions about the budget and the fiscal responsibility of the group. He will support the Superintendent's recommendation.

Mrs. Lofton complimented the students and adults who spoke today on behalf of LifeSkills. LifeSkills has received several opportunities to meet the requirements of renewal and has failed to do so. The financial status of the school is a serious situation but there are other issues just as serious. She will support the Superintendent's recommendation.

Mrs. Cunningham stated she will support the recommendation of the Superintendent because of the current information on the school and the issues it faces. This will begin the non-renewal process and the school will have time to address the concerns before a vote to renew or deny the Charter.

#### Administration - School Board

#### 78. [R-78 School Board Members' Salaries](#)

Attachment: [Res 18 School Board Member Salaries.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Board Members Salary Percentage.pdf](#)

#### Motions:

Motion to approve resolution 2008/2009-18:  
Voluntarily Reduce the Salary of School Board  
Members by 6% for the period from March 1,  
2009 - June 30, 2009. - PASS

#### Vote Results

Motion: Tim Harris

Second: Lori Cunningham

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Margaret Lofton - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Motion Minutes: Mr. Harris noted that this equates to a 2% reduction of the 2008-2009 annual salary of each Board Member.

#### Business Services General Items

79. [E-79 Resolution for Participation in 2009 State Board of Education Bonds](#)

Attachment: [2008-2009-17 Resolution.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2008/2009-17 to authorize the District to participate in the issuance of 2009 State Board of Education Capital Outlay Bonds. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Lori Cunningham

Second: Hazel Sellers

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Margaret Lofton - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Facilities & Operations General Items – Property Management - Land

80. [R-79 Acquisition - Kathleen Middle School - Leasure Property](#)

Attachment: [Aerial - 3645 KATHLEEN PINES.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [02 24 09 Resolution 2008-2009-16.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [02 24 09 ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT.pdf](#)

Motions:

Approve Resolution 2008/2009-16, with addendum, authorizing the acquisition of the Leasure property for campus expansion of Kathleen Middle School. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Margaret Lofton

Second: Kay Fields

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Margaret Lofton	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye

## Public Hearing

## Superintendent's Report

### 81. [Superintendent's Report](#)

#### Minutes:

The Superintendent spoke on financial situation of the state and county. The Florida School Boards Association reports that the General Revenue is \$6 billion less than the forecast of one year ago. It returns the general revenue collections to the 2002-2003 level. This reinforces the need to have another funding source for education. Education needs to be a funding priority for our Legislators.

There is also a problem if the Legislature goes into special session and delays setting the budget until the end of May. This delay causes problems for school districts in providing information to schools for staffing and programs.

The next work session will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 8:30 AM in the Superintendent's Conference Room followed by a School Board Meeting at 1:30 PM in the auditorium located at 1915 S. Floral Avenue, Bartow.

## Attorney's Report

## Auditor's Report

### 82. [R-80 Internal Funds Compliance Audit Report 2007-08](#)

Attachment: [2007-2008 Internal Funds Audit Report.pdf](#)

#### Motions:

Motion to approve the Internal Funds Compliance Audit Report for 2007-08. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Kay Fields

Second: Tim Harris

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Margaret Lofton - Aye

Board Members' Report

83. [Lori Cunningham, School Board Member District 2](#)

Minutes:

Complimented Dr. McKinzie and her staff for hosting community meetings across the county informing the public of the District's budget concerns and how it will affect the schools. Mrs. Cunningham challenged our Legislators to come up with new resources to increase revenue for the state and increase funding for education.

84. [Hazel Sellers, School Board Member District 3](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Sellers will be traveling to Tallahassee tomorrow to meet with several Legislators.

Reported the District's self-insured health insurance program is forecasting a deficit for this year of nearly \$1.5 million over and above our reserves of \$17.5 million. Currently the District pays \$450 per month per employee to fund potential claims. Claims for this year have been in excess of \$14 million and are expected to reach \$20 million by October. District staff and the unions are looking at different ways to help with our health plan but it definitely will look different next year.

85. [Dick Mullenax, School Board Member District 4](#)

Minutes: Visited schools across the District and could see how teachers were diligently working with students. They are doing a great job.

86. [Kay Fields, School Board Member District 5](#)

Minutes:

Voiced her appreciation to staff for their support of United Way.

87. [Margaret Lofton, School Board Member District 6](#)

Minutes: Mrs. Lofton announced that she will be traveling to Tallahassee tomorrow to meet with Legislators.

88. [Tim Harris, School Board Member District 7](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Harris complimented Tammy Coker for her time and efforts in working with the PTA's Rally in Tally in support of our schools.

He distributed a packet of Fast Facts information from the Central Florida Public School Boards Coalition.

89. [Frank O'Reilly, School Board Member District 1](#)

Minutes: No report.

Public Comments Addressing Items Not on Agenda

90. [SPEAKERS](#)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM. Minutes were approved and attested this 14th day of April, 2009.

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Frank J. O'Reilly, Chairman

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Gail F. McKinzie, Ph. D., Superintendent