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08 16 2011 School Board Meeting

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Call Meeting to Order

Acceptance of Agenda

1. [C-1 Accept Agenda of the August 16, 2011 School Board Meeting as Revised](#)

Attachment: [AU Contract.pdf](#)

Attachment: [American Reading Co.pdf](#)

Attachment: [07 26 11 Work Session Minutes.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Non-Instructional Recommendations Agenda 8-16-11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Discovery Assessment Contract.pdf](#)

Attachment: Non-Instructional Board Agenda - August 16 2011 - Employee Relations.pdf (Confidential Item)

Motions:

Motion to accept the agenda for the August 16, 2011 School Board Meeting as revised. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Hazel Sellers

Second: Tim Harris

Lori Cunningham - Absent

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

Pledge of Allegiance

2. [Tim Harris, District 7](#)

Special Recognitions

3. [MAGNIFY Credit Union Community Sponsorship](#)

Public Comments on Agenda Items

4. [SPEAKERS](#)

Approval of Minutes

5. [C-5 Approve Minutes of the July 21, 2011 Special School Board Meeting](#)

Attachment: [07 21 11 Special School Board Minutes.pdf](#)

Motions:	
Motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2011 Special School Board Meeting.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Dick Mullenax	
Second: Hazel Sellers	
Lori Cunningham	- Absent
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye

Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

6. [C-6 Approve Minutes of the July 26, 2011 Work Session](#)

Attachment: [07 26 11 Work Session Minutes.pdf](#)

Motions:	
Motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2011 Work Session.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Dick Mullenax	
Second: Hazel Sellers	
Lori Cunningham	- Absent
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

7. [C-7 Approve Minutes of the July 26, 2011 School Board Meeting](#)

Attachment: [07 26 11 School Board Minutes.pdf](#)

Motions:	
Motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2011 School Board Meeting.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Debra Wright	
Second: Hazel Sellers	
Lori Cunningham	- Absent
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye

Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

8. [C-8 Approve the Consent Agenda](#)

Motions:	
Motion to approve the consent agenda.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Tim Harris	
Second: Dick Mullenax	
Lori Cunningham	- Absent
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

New Administrator Announcements

9. [C-9 New Administrators](#)

- Attachment: [Crystal Lake Middle APA - J Jackson.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Kathleen Middle APA - N Lewis.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Southwest Elem Principal - M Townley.pdf](#)

Consent

Business Services General Items

10. [C-14 4th Quarter Fiscal Year Ending 2011 Disposition](#)  
Attachment: [4th Qtr FY11 Disposition Rpt.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [AGENDA-4th QTR-FY11.pdf](#)
11. [C-15 Bid Recommendations for August 16, 2011 Board Meeting](#)  
Attachment: [Bid Rec 8-16-11.pdf](#)
12. [C-16 \\$17,000 from USF for PS/RtI Data Results](#)  
Attachment: [PolkCountyPO168148 PS RtI.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Polk Agreement.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Polk Matrix.pdf](#)
13. [C-17 Accident & Health Renewal for Students in Allied Health Program](#)  
Attachment: [Student Accident Proposal.pdf](#)
14. [C-18 Renewal Student Professional Liability 08/30/11 - 08/30/2012](#)  
Attachment: [Proposal Student Prof 11-12.pdf](#)
15. [C-19 Negotiations with Winter Haven Hospital Center for Behavioral Health](#)  
Attachment: [RFP Mental Health board summary.pdf](#)

#### Business Services Grant Applications

16. [C-21 Carl D. Perkins Secondary, DJJ Grant](#)  
Attachment: [Perkins DJJ BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS 2011-12.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Perkins DJJ 2011-12 Board Summary.pdf](#)

#### Business Services Grant Applications with Positions

17. [C-22 Advanced Placement Incentive Program 2011-12](#)  
Attachment: [Advanced Placement Incentive Program.pdf](#)
18. [C-23 Title II-A Teacher and Principal Training & Recruiting Program Continuation Grant](#)  
Attachment: [Title II-A BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS 2011-12 \(2\).pdf](#)  
Attachment: [School Board Summary Title II-A 2011-12 revised.pdf](#)
19. [C-24 Title III \(ESOL\) 2011-2012 Continuation Grant](#)  
Attachment: [Title III ESOL 2011-2012.pdf](#)

20. [C-25 Title X, Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Continuation Grant](#)

Attachment: [Hearth Summary.pdf](#)

21. [C-26 Multiagency Service Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities \(SEDNET\) Grant](#)

Attachment: [Learning Support ESE SY12\\_06 11 \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [SEDNET 11-12 COMPLETE.2.pdf](#)

22. [C-27 DOE Project Application Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System \(FDLRS\) Associate Centers Project, 2011-2012](#)

Attachment: [Learning Support ESE SY12\\_06 11 \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [FDLRS 2011-12 Grant for Agenda Item.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FDLRS School Board Summary 11-12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FDLRSBudget Impact Analysis 2011-12.pdf](#)

Business Services Contracts

23. [C-28 Agreement with Cambridge Education](#)

Attachment: [School Board Summary Cambridge 7.11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS Cambridge.7.11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Polk County - training proposal v 4 tby 12 July 2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Cambridge Training Calendar.pdf](#)

24. [C-29 Contract with the Learning Resource Center of Polk County, Inc.](#)

Attachment: [LRC SOW 11-12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [LRC Budget impact 11-12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [LRC Contract.pdf](#)

25. [C-30 Contract with Beth Ingram Associates, Inc.,](#)

Attachment: [Beth Ingram Services Plan Contract 2011-12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BethIngram BUDGET IMPACT 11-12 ServicesPlan.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BethIngramSTATEMENT OF WORK 11-12 Services Plan.pdf](#)

26. [C-31 Agreement with Cobb Pediatric Speech Services, Inc.,](#)

Attachment: [Cobb Pediatric BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS 11-12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Polk County Schools 11-12 Speech Contract 2.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Cobb STATEMENT OF WORK 11-12.pdf](#)

27. [C-32 Agreement with TheraLinks Related Services, LLC](#)

Attachment: [TheraLinks PTA Board Contract.pdf](#)

Attachment: [TheraLinks Related Services Budget Impact 11-12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [SOW TheraLinks.pdf](#)

28. [C-33 Addendum to Brighthouse Networks Contract](#)

Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS Brighthouse 2011-12 .pdf](#)  
Attachment: [PCSB Service Order 400Mb 7-26-11.pdf](#)

29. [C-34 Agreement with Invo HealthCare Associates, Inc.,](#)

Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS Invo 11-12.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Invo STATEMENT OF WORK 11-12.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Polk County School District 7-14-11 INVO SLP renewal revised.pdf](#)

30. [C-35 Services Agreement with Educational Based Services \(EBS\), Inc.](#)

Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS EBS 11-12.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [EBS SLP 11-12 Contract.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [EBS STATEMENT OF WORK 11-12.pdf](#)

31. [C-36 Amendment to Blackboard Connect-ED Services Agreement](#)

Attachment: [Board Summary.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Polk County Public Schools- Connect- ED- K-12- Amendment- \(6-29-11\).pdf](#)

32. [C-37 Contract with Alternatives Unlimited](#)

Attachment: [Polk Year End Report 2010-2011 FINAL.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS Alternatives Unlimited 2011-2012.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Polk Contract 2011-2012 Updated.pdf](#)

33. [C-38 CSA, American Reading Co.](#)

Attachment: [ARC Consultative Services Agreement 071811.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Laurel ES Prop# 30454 Final.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS American Reading Co..pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Sole Source Letter ARC.pdf](#)

34. ~~C-39 Addendum to Administrative Services Contract with TASC~~

~~Attachment: [ADDENDUM TO SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT\\_Polk County School Board\\_071211.pdf](#)~~

Business Services Donations - CASH

35. [C-40 \\$1,000 Donation from the AIFS Foundation to Kathleen High School](#)

36. [C-41 \\$900.00 Donation from the Central Florida Chapter of the Air Force Assoc. to Kathleen High School](#)

37. [C-42 \\$1,000.00 Donation from Sun 'N Fun Fly-In, Inc. to Kathleen High School](#)
38. [C-43 \\$5,000.00 Donation from Lowes/Tool Box For Education to Polk City Elementary](#)
39. [C-44 \\$500.00 Donation from the State Farm Insurance Company to Brigham Academy](#)
40. [C-45 \\$1,500 Donation from the Brigham Academy PTA to Brigham Academy](#)
41. [C-46 \\$200,000 from The City of Auburndale to PCSB for Project #C-00272 Auburndale Senior High \(Master Plan\)](#)
42. [C-47 \\$1,000.00 Donation from Cleveland Court PTO to Cleveland Court Elementary](#)
43. [C-48 \\$500.00 Donation from Cleveland Court PTO to Cleveland Court Elementary](#)
44. [C-49 \\$2,000.00 Donation from the Siemens Foundation to Lincoln Avenue Academy](#)
45. [C-50 \\$1,550.00 Donation from the ELF Corporation to Auburndale High School](#)
46. [C-51 \\$600.00 Donation from State Farm Insurance/Larry Walker to Auburndale High School](#)
47. [C-52 \\$500.00 Donation from Rekcot Photographic, Inc. DBA Leonard's to Auburndale High School](#)
48. [C-53 \\$500.00 Donation from State Farm Insurance to Auburndale Central Elementary](#)

Business Services Donations - NON CASH

49. [C-54 Donation of Flags from the Follett Software Company to Library Media Services for Shining Star Event](#)

Attachment: [Flag Quote for Follett.pdf](#)

Business Services Purchasing Items for Learning Division

50. [C-55 Purchase of Equipment Maintenance & Online Software Renewal from Follett Software](#)

Attachment: [BudgetImpactAnalysis Follett 2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Polk County SD Sole Source Letter \(Scanners\) 07-19-11 25482.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Polk County SD Sole Source Letter 07-25-11 25592.pdf](#)

Attachment: [POLK CO SCH DIST - 0902295 revised 6 16.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Polk County quote for EMAs.pdf](#)

Facilities & Operations General Items – Construction Services

51. [C-56 Project #C-00283-Fort Meade Middle/Senior-Remodel Administration](#)

Attachment: [c283gmp.pdf](#)

Facilities & Operations General Items – Environmental Services

52. [C-57 Fire Marshal Report](#)

Human Resource Services General Items

53. [C-58 REVISED: Substitute Teacher, Para and Secretary Pre-employment Fees](#)

Human Resource Services Recommendations

54. [C-59 Recommendations for Administrative and Instructional Personnel Actions](#)

Attachment: [Administrative and Instructional Recommendations Agenda 8-16-11.pdf](#)

Attachment: Administrative and Instructional Recommendations Agenda Term Suppt 8-16-11.pdf (Confidential Item)

Minutes:

\*\*\*Approved Personnel Recommendations

are recorded in

Supplemental Minutes Book 73-A-11,

Pages 30 - 44.\*\*\*

55. [C-60 Recommendations for Non-Instructional Personnel Actions](#)

Attachment: Non-Instructional Board Agenda - August 16 2011 - Employee Relations.pdf (Confidential Item)

Attachment: [Non-Instructional Recommendations Agenda 8-16-11.pdf](#)

Minutes:

\*\*\*Approved Personnel Recommendations

are recorded in

Supplemental Minutes Book 73-A-11,

Pages 30 - 44.\*\*\*

56. [C-61 Recommendations for Temporary Duty Assisgnments](#)

Attachment: [8-16-11 TDA.pdf](#)

Minutes:

\*\*\*Approved Personnel Recommendations  
are recorded in  
Supplemental Minutes Book 73-A-11,  
Pages 30 - 44.\*\*\*

Learning General Items

57. [C-62 Title I Local Educational Agency Plan 2011-16](#)

Attachment: [Sch Bd Summary 8.16.11 LEA Plan 11-16.pdf](#)

58. [C-63 Student Dues and Fees for 2011-2012](#)

Attachment: [Dues and Fees New.pdf](#)

Support Services General Items

59. [C-64 SRO Agreement with Lakeland Police Department](#)

Attachment: [LPD SRO Agreement 2011.pdf](#)

Support Services Field Trip Requests

60. [C-65 Out of State Field Trips](#)

Attachment: [field trip form-agenda 8.16.11.pdf](#)

Regular

Administration - Office of School Choice

61. [C-10 Modification for Our Children's Academy](#)

Attachment: [BM OCA First Modification 8.16.11.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve contract modification  
submitted for Our Children's Academy. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Hazel Sellers

Second: Frank O'Reilly

Lori Cunningham	- Absent
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

62. [C-11 Contract Appendices for New Beginnings High School](#)

Attachment: [BM New Beginnings Contract Appendices 8.16.11.pdf](#)

Motions:	
Motion to approve the contract appendices submitted by New Beginnings High School.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Frank O'Reilly	
Second: Dick Mullenax	
Lori Cunningham	- Absent
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Abstain

63. [C-12 Contract Appendices for McKeel Elementary Academy](#)

Attachment: [BM McKeel Elementary Contract Appendices 8.16.11.pdf](#)

Motions:	
Motion to approve the contract appendices for by McKeel Elementary Academy.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Dick Mullenax	

Second: Hazel Sellers	
Lori Cunningham	- Absent
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Nay
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

Motion Minutes:

Mr. O'Reilly spoke on Legislation that favors charter schools over the traditional public schools. Charters are able to meet class size requirements by school whereas traditional school districts have to meet the requirements by each class. Last year this cost the district approximately \$7 million. Senator JD Alexander pushed the legislation that exempted charter schools from this requirement.

He noted that the McKeel Elementary charter contract states:

- every student must maintain a "C" average; students not meeting that requirement but meet the Polk County School requirement will be promoted but will be returned to their home-zoned school;
- every 3rd grade student retained for not passing FCAT may return to McKeel Elementary if he/she completes summer school successfully passing the SAT 10 and has approval from the promotion committee.
- Any of the following may result in dismissal: excessive absences, excessive tardies, excessive early releases, and students on behavioral probations or other serious breach.

Public schools must take every child that comes to our door yet we are critized when we do not make AYP or high performing status.

This legislative session Kellie Stargel introduced a bill that allows students who complete a Voluntary Pre-K at a charter to be grandfathered into that charter school. However, McKeel Elementary parents who wish their child to attend a 2nd 3-hour VPK session must pay \$115 per week.

If the constitution says that class size is for all students, why are charters exempt from this requirement; they receive your tax dollars as well. They are creating a system of 'have' and 'have nots'.

Carolyn Bridges reported that according to the Department of Education, charter schools cannot place a requirement on a VPK program that students attend and pay for the additional hours. She will verify McKeel's plans for grandfathering VPK students.

Mrs. Wright asked if our Magnet/Choice schools have parent contracts that include exit options similar to McKeel and Lake Wales Charters. Carolyn Bridges reported that there is a parent contract for magnet / choice schools and there are specific processes that have to take place before dismissal. There are less than 10 students dismissed annually district-wide from our magnet/choice schools. Our dismissal is not linked to a GPA requirement.

64. [C-13 Contract Appendices for Polk Pre-Collegiate Academy](#)

Attachment: [BM Polk Pre-Collegiate Academy Contract Appendices 8.16.11.pdf](#)

Motions:  
To approve the contract appendices submitted by Polk Pre-Collegiate Academy. - PASS

Vote Results  
Motion: Frank O'Reilly  
Second: Dick Mullenax

Lori Cunningham	- Absent
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

Administration - School Board

65. [R-66 Appointment of Community Member to the Polk County Value Adjustment Board](#)

Attachment: [Linda Kelly Vinesett Resume for VAB 8-1-11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD HB 909.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Lee Saunders Resume for VAB 8-2-11.pdf](#)

Motions:  
Motion to approve the appointment of Lee Saunders as the Community Member to the Polk County Value Adjustment Board. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Tim Harris	
Second: Hazel Sellers	
Lori Cunningham	- Absent
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

Motion Minutes:

Mrs. Wright requested that in the future qualified nominees be considered on a first come basis. Chair Fields clarified that the process used today was the same used in the past when more than one nominee was submitted.

66. [R-67 Nominees for the Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#)

Attachment: [Fran Williams Resume 8-1-11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Dan Pierce Bio 8-8-11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Wesley Wise Resume 8-1-11.pdf](#)

Motions:	
Motion to approve new appointments of Fran Williams, Wesley Wise, and Dan Pierce and reappointments of William Alexander and Tom Broadaway to the Sales Tax Oversight Committee.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Dick Mullenax	
Second: Hazel Sellers	
Lori Cunningham	- Absent
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

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Business Services General Items

67. [R-68 Resolution 2011/2012-03: Hurricane/Tropical Storm Emergency Fuel Purchase](#)

Attachment: [Emergency Resolution 2011-12 - 03.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve Resolution 2011/2012-03 to waive the bidding process for the purchase of fuel in the event of a hurricane/tropical storm in our geographical vicinity. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Tim Harris

Second: Hazel Sellers

Lori Cunningham	- Absent
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

68. [R-69 Corrected Resolution No. 2011/2012-01](#)

Attachment: [h RESOLUTION ADOPTING TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES 2011-12 01.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve corrected Resolution No. 2011/2012-01. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Hazel Sellers

Second: Dick Mullenax

Lori Cunningham	- Absent
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye

Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

69. ~~C-20 PCSB Medical Plan Administrative Services Only (ASO)~~

Attachment: ~~Board Summary.pdf~~

Business Services Contracts

70. [E-70 Assessment Services Contract with Discovery Education Assessment](#)

Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS Discovery 080311.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FL Polk County 3 Year Assessment Contract.pdf](#)

Motions:	
Motion to approve the Discovery Education Assessment Progress Monitoring contract.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Hazel Sellers	
Second: Tim Harris	
Lori Cunningham	- Absent
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

Facilities & Operations General Items – Property Management - Land

71. [R-70 Gause Riverside Academy - East Coast Migrant Head Start Project](#)

Attachment: [Sample Site Plan Exhibit.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Aerial - General Area of ECMHSP Site.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Child Care Center Buildings Exhibit.pdf](#)

Motions:
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Motion to approve proceeding with a land lease agreement for the ECMHSP construction project of a child care center on the campus of Gause Riverside Academy. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Hazel Sellers

Second: Dick Mullenax

Lori Cunningham - Absent

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Debra Wright - Aye

72. [R-71 Acquisition - Alturas Elementary - Hielscher Property](#)

Attachment: [AERIAL EXHIBIT.pdf](#)

Attachment: [08 16 2011 RESOLUTION 2011-2012-04.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-2012-4 authorizing the acquisition of the Hielscher property for campus expansion of Alturas Elementary. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Debra Wright

Second: Dick Mullenax

Lori Cunningham - Absent

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Frank O'Reilly - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Debra Wright - Aye

Public Hearing

Superintendent's Report

73. [Superintendent's Report](#)

Minutes:

- For the third time, members of the Lake Region High Technology Student Association(TSA) have won a first place award in the animatronics competition at the TSA National Conference. They most recently brought home the first place trophy from the 2011 national conference held in Dallas over the summer.
- Nearly 200 students, instructors and mentors participated in the 2011 Central Florida Gifted and Talented Institute held July 11 to 29 at the University of South Florida Polytechnic in Lakeland. The Institute featured four separate programs offering innovative, challenging curriculum and active learning for gifted students entering the 7th, 8th and 9th grades in 2011-2012.
- Orientation for Polk Public Schools is Thursday, August 18. The first day of school is Monday, August 22.

The next work session will be held at 12:30 PM on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 in the Superintendent's Conference Room followed by the 5:00 PM School Board Meeting in the auditorium located at 1915 S. Floral Avenue, Bartow.

Attorney's Report

74. [R-73 Request Authority to Advertise a Public Hearing](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve advertising a Public Hearing for September 27, 2011 to address the charter contract of Our Children's Middle Academy. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Dick Mullenax

Second: Hazel Sellers

Lori Cunningham - Absent

Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

Auditor's Report

75. [R-74 Internal Audit Service 2011-12 Audit Plan](#)

Attachment: [Internal Audit Services.pdf](#)

Motions:	
Motion to approve the Internal Audit Services Audit Plan for 2011-12.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Tim Harris	
Second: Hazel Sellers	
Lori Cunningham	- Absent
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Frank O'Reilly	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

Board Members' Report

76. [Frank O'Reilly, District 1](#)

Minutes: Mr. O'Reilly congratulated Bobby Hartley, Principal at Stambaugh Middle School, for being inducted into the Wrestling Hall of Fame.

77. [Lori Cunningham, District 2](#)

Minutes: Absent

78. [Hazel Sellers, District 3](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Sellers reported that the Education Task Force with Polk Vision is looking at doing a poll to align strategies for education:

- Engage all segments of the community in fostering a culture that values an education
- What / how our community feels about current education.

Another Education Task Force member, Bob English, Polk County Commissioner, has voiced concern on the low number of college degree residents within the county.

Mrs. Sellers wished all students, teachers and staff a wonderful new year and a smooth first day.

79. [Dick Mullenax, District 4](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Mullenax attended the Central Florida Public School Boards Coalition last week where information was provided on the misguided, proposed Legislative Amendment 4: Freedom Act. It is really a voucher program for private schools.

He reported that Seminole County cut 700 positions this year; Volusia cut 1500 over 5 years, closed several elementary schools, combined administrators at geographically located schools ; Marion County proposed to go to a 4-day work week in 2012-2013; several counties are considering reducing their contingency funds below the planned percentage.

Mr. Mullenax welcomed everyone back to an exciting new year.

80. [Kay Fields, District 5](#)

81. [Debra Wright, District 6](#)

Minutes: Mrs. Wright welcomed everyone back to a new school year by reading an inspirational parable titled 'Making a Mark'.

82. [Tim Harris, District 7](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Harris announced that two years ago, the public was provided the opportunity to support schools and students by a 'Adopt A classroom' online service. This is a recognized charitable organization. Visit [www.adoptaclassroom.org](http://www.adoptaclassroom.org). to learn more about this worthwhile program.

He also commended staff of our PreSchool Program for their two days of training 'Keep your eye on the Ball'.

#### Public Comments Addressing Items Not on Agenda

83. [SPEAKERS](#)

Minutes:

Jeff Hockman - did not respond when called.

Chris McLaughlin requested a waiver of the selecton process to allow his youngest child to attend the magnet school as his son.

Staci McLaughlin supported the request focusing on family connections and family togetherness.

Nancy Simmons requested the Policy Committee revisit the sibling policy.

Rosemary Goodreau , a public relations representative for the McLaughlin family, requested a waiver for Katie to attend Lincoln this year with her sibling.

Frank Johnson spoke in support of the McLaughlin's request for a waiver.

Rev. Daphne Johnson spoke in support of a waiver for the McLaughlin sibling.

Beth Johnson also spoke in support of keeping the siblings together.

Chair Fields requested staff address the issues raised by the McLaughlin family for Katie.

Carolyn Bridges provided history of the policy and repercussions of changing policy:

- The primary purpose of magnet schools was to address desegregation/diversity. Our lottery system continues to be scrutinized by Office of Civil Rights. Currently this year, 56% of the kindergarten seats are filled by siblings. To expand the policy will mean less seats are available for new students.

Mrs. Bridges reported that if a change is made, an explanation should be provided to the Office of Civil Rights on how this enhances the diversity of the district.

Chair Fields announced she will not act on the issue today. She supports revisiting the policy to see if things can be processed differently and would receive approval through Office of Civil Rights. Hopefully, before next year's open enrollment, staff will be able to study the process and ramifications.

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM. Minutes were approved and attested this 6th day of September, 2011.

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Kay Fields, Board Chair

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Sherrie B. Nickell, Ed. D, Superintendent