



**APPROVED**  
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## SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.

School Board Meeting Room

500 E. Ocean Boulevard

Stuart, FL 34994

### Members Present

Lorie Shekailo, Chair

Dr. David Anderson

Maura Barry-Sorenson

Laurie Gaylord

Nancy Kline, Superintendent

AFSCME: Lisa Edwards

MCEA:

### Members Absent

Susan Hershey, Vice Chair

*Call to Order by the Chair and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. 4:00 p.m.*

### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The following amendments were made to the Agenda:

- Amend Backup to Agenda Item 4.01: Approve Contract with Roberts Reynolds Bedard & Tuzzio, P.A., to Provide Representation for the Superintendent – the contract was amended per Board Member request.
- Add Backup for Agenda Item 4.02: Approve Legal Services Agreement – an additional legal firm requests consideration.

*Motion to approve the Agenda as amended was made by Laurie Gaylord, seconded by Dr. David Anderson, and carried four to zero.*

### **2. Open to the Public - None**

### **3. Personnel Items – Schedule of Personnel Recommendations**

*Motion to approve Agenda Item 3 was made by Laurie Gaylord, seconded by Maura Barry-Sorenson, and carried unanimously.*

### **4. Contracts**

#### **4.01 Approve Contract with Roberts Reynolds Bedard & Tuzzio, P.A., to Provide Representation for the Superintendent** (Backup Amended under Agenda Item 1)

*Motion to approve Agenda Item 4 as amended was made by Maura Barry-Sorenson and seconded by Dr. David Anderson. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried four to zero*

#### **4.02 Approve Legal Services Agreement** (Backup Amended under Agenda Item 1)

Doug Griffin indicated that three firms will be making presentations - David B. Earle with Ross Earle & Bonan, P.A.; Scott Konopka with Page, Mrachek, Fitzgerald & Rose, P.A.; and W. Thomas Wackeen with Fox,

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Wackeen, Dungey, Beard, Sobel, Bush & McCluskey, L.L.P. Mr. Griffin suggested the Board use paper ballots to rank the firms in order of preference with 1 being the first choice, 2 the second choice, and 3 the third.

After the presentations, Lorie Shekailo collected the ballots, tallied them and announced a tie between Page, Mrachek, Fitzgerald & Rose, P.A. and Fox, Wackeen, Dungey, Beard, Sobel, Bush & McCluskey, L.L.P. She asked Board members to vote again, noting first and second choice between Page, Mrachek, Fitzgerald & Rose, P.A. and Fox, Wackeen, Dungey, Beard, Sobel, Bush & McCluskey, L.L. P. After the ballots were collected and tallied, Mrs. Shekailo indicated there is another tie. The Board discussed the merits of both firms. Mrs. Shekailo indicated that she would change her vote to Fox, Wackeen, Dungey, Beard, Sobel, Bush & McCluskey, L.L. P. because their offices are located exclusively in Martin County.

Doug Griffin requested that the Board approve a legal services agreement with Fox, Wackeen, Dungey, Beard, Sobel, Bush & McCluskey, L.L. P. to represent the School Board to defend asserted by Florida Mechanical in Case No. 09-2679CA and Case No. 09-2788CA with the form of the agreement in the District's standard form of legal services agreement with rates as provided for in the agenda.


*Dr. David Anderson moved approval. The motion was seconded by Maura Barry-Sorenson. Upon being put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously.*

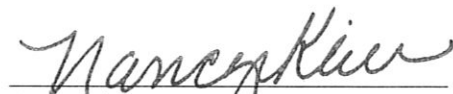
**5. Open to the Board**

Superintendent Nancy Kline reported on the Principals' Meeting.

Maura Barry-Sorenson complimented Lisa Rhodes, indicating she is a tireless advocate for Martin County Schools.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:21 p.m.

  
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CHAIR (Lorie Shekailo)

  
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SECRETARY (Nancy Kline)