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Pledge of Allegiance

1. [C-1 Student Pledge - Abigail Freeman, Floral Avenue Elementary](#)

Call Meeting to Order

Acceptance of Agenda

2. [C-2 Accept the Agenda for the September 20, 2016 Special School Board Meeting as REVISED](#)

Motions:

Accept the Agenda for the September 20, 2016
Special School Board Meeting. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Lynn Wilson

Second: Tim Harris

Hunt Berryman - Aye

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Lynn Wilson	- Aye

Special Recognitions

Public Comments on Agenda Items

3. [C-3 SPEAKERS](#)

Minutes:

Attorney Levi Williams representing Polk Charter Academy clarified both the operating structure of the charter organization and the joining of the two Boards: Florida Charter Education Foundation (FCEF) and Bay Area Charter Foundation, LLC (BACF). This structure is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and has been recognized by every other county where they have established charters. Charter Schools USA is an Educational Service Provider (ESP). He also identified the schools the group previously referenced as overcrowded as Sykes Elementary, Lakeland Highlands Middle, and Mulberry Middle.

Velora Cole, Vice Chairman of the Board, stated they ensure students have the support and academic resources as well as making sure the teachers are qualified and prepared. They also work on the development of community partnerships. They strive to meet and exceed the standards of the Florida Department of Education.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Consent Agenda

New Administrator Announcements

Consent

Regular

Business Services General Items

4. [R-4 2015-2016 Annual Financial Report \(AFR\)](#)

Motions:

Authorize the uploading of the ESE 348 and 145 by September 30th, before the next scheduled School Board Meeting. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Hazel Sellers

Second: Lori Cunningham

Hunt Berryman - Aye

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Lynn Wilson - Aye

Business Services Grant Applications with Positions

5. [E-5 Head Start Administration Continuation Grant Application, \\$7,632,702 federal share](#)

Attachment: [9961 - Paraeducator, Family Services Advocate - Head Start - 2013.pdf](#)

Attachment: [10077 - Teacher Resource Specialist Trainer, Curriculum Coordinator, Head Start.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Budget Impact Analysis Head Start 2017.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Head Start PCSB Budget Narrative 2017.pdf](#)

Attachment: [10082 - Child Development Associate Teacher \(CDAT\) - Head Start - 2013.pdf](#)

Attachment: [0008 - Child Development Associate Teacher - Preschool - 2013.pdf](#)

Attachment: [0114 - Paraeducator, Prekindergarten - 2013.pdf](#)

Attachment: [10080 - Teacher Resource Specialist Trainer, Certification Compliance, Head Start.pdf](#)

Attachment: [10078 - Teacher Resource Specialist Trainer, Compliance Quality Assurance, Head.pdf](#)

Attachment: [9721 - Teacher, Prekindergarten - 2013.pdf](#)

Attachment: [10003 - Paraeducator, Parent Outreach Facilitator \(POF\), Head Start - 2015.pdf](#)

Attachment: [9771 - Coordinator, Budget.pdf](#)

- Attachment: [Head Start SF 429A.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Head Start Board Summary 9-15-16.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [10002 - Teacher Resource Specialist Trainer, Technology, Head Start.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [10043 - School Psychologist - Head Start.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [2313 Ass't Tech - Child Care Services - HS.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [SF-424B Assurances and Certifications.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [0993 - Resource Teacher - Prekindergarten.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [9951 Sr. Coordinator, Preschool Programs - HS.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [10079 - Teacher Resource Specialist Trainer, Professional Development, Head Start.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [10004 - ERSEA Specialist \(Enrollment, Recruitment, Selection, Eligibility, & Attendance\).pdf](#)
- Attachment: [9999 - Social Worker - Head Start.pdf](#)

Motions:

Recommend approval of Head Start Grant continuation application for January 1 through December 31, 2017 of \$7,632,702 - federal share, from the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Tim Harris

Second: Lynn Wilson

Hunt Berryman	- Aye
Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Lynn Wilson	- Aye

Work Force - Charter School Division

6. [R-6 Superintendent's Recommendation for Polk Charter Academy Charter Application](#)

- Attachment: [BM Summary Charter Application Recommendation.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Polk Charter Academy POLK Charter Application Evaluation FINAL.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Small, Deputy Superintendent, has concerns that some of the overpopulated schools identified are two of the few middle schools that are not part of the turnaround option schools.

Melissa Brady, Director of Charter Schools, stated legal documentation has never been received to validate the attorney's statements regarding the merger of the entities in question.

Mr. Wilson stated the charter application is the basis for all information. He added there are still concerns with parent interaction.

Mrs. Sellers shared her concerns about the organizational structure as well as the lack of appropriate documentation from the applicants. She does not feel it will close the achievement gap or serve the diverse population it has stated. The lack of transportation is another concern.

Mr. Harris encouraged the community to spend time identifying why there are two corporate entities.

Mrs. Cunningham recapped the Board's areas of concern such as; failure to identify appropriate transportation, failure to provide evidence of rigor indicative of a Polk County Charter School, and failure to adhere to statute 1003.22 (9) regarding public meetings. She also commented the charter school appears to be governed and operated by a different entity than the one that submitted the application.

Mr. Berryman commented his concerns are that this charter applicant proposes a questionable location and will have no representation on their school board from Polk County.

Mrs. Fields stated there were too many questions left unanswered and no validation for this school in this community.

Motions:

Motion to vote on the Superintendent's recommendation to deny the charter application of: - PASS

Polk Charter Academy

Vote Results

Motion: Hazel Sellers

Second: Lori Cunningham

Hunt Berryman - Aye

Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Lynn Wilson	- Aye

Public Hearing

Superintendent's Report

7. [Superintendent's Report](#)

Minutes:

Upcoming meetings in the month of October include:

A Work Session only will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 9:00 am in the Superintendent's Large Conference Room.

A Work Session will also be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at 12:30 pm in the Superintendent's Large Conference Room followed by a School Board Meeting at 5:00 pm in the School Board Auditorium.

These meetings will take place at 1915 South Floral Avenue in Bartow, Florida.

Attorney's Report

Auditor's Report

Board Members' Report

8. [Hunt Berryman, District 1](#)

Minutes: Mr. Berryman commented on the successful Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) retreat that was hosted last week at LEGOLAND.

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

Minutes: Mrs. Cunningham shared kudos to Meri Mas, for the successful Polk Arts Symposium that was held last week. She also commented on the innovative presentations of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs being offered such as STEM robotics at Polk State College. They are inspirational opportunities to elevate student enrichment.

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

Minutes:

No report.

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

Minutes:

No report.

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

Minutes: Mrs. Fields also commented on the highly successful Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) retreat that was spearheaded by Board Member and FSBA President Tim Harris.

13. [Lynn Wilson, District 6](#)

Minutes:

No report.

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

Minutes:

Mr. Harris commented on the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) retreat held last week. The central theme was to present alternative learning opportunities such as career academies by allowing the FSBA Board Members to see these programs in action. The hope was to enlighten those in attendance and encourage the potential development of these types of academies in their own counties.

Public Comments Addressing Items Not on Agenda

15. [SPEAKERS](#)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 PM. Minutes were approved and attested this 25th day of October, 2016.

Kay Fields, Board Chair

Jacqueline M. Byrd, Superintendent