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Pledge of Allegiance

1. [C-1 Raleigh Wilson, Polk City Elementary](#)

Call Meeting to Order

Acceptance of Agenda

2. [C-2 Accept the October 14, 2014 School Board Agenda](#)

Motions:

Motion to accept the agenda. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Lori Cunningham

Second: Hazel Sellers

Hunt Berryman - Aye

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

Special Recognitions

3. [C-3 Disability History and Awareness Weeks Proclamation](#)

Attachment: [2014 Disability History and Awareness-signed.pdf](#)

Motions:	
Motion to designate October 20-31, 2014 as Disability History and Awareness Weeks.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Hazel Sellers	
Second: Kay Fields	
Hunt Berryman	- Aye
Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

4. [C-4 Anti-Bullying Awareness Month Proclamation](#)

Attachment: [2014 Anti-Bullying Month-signed.pdf](#)

Motions:	
Motion to designate October, 2014 as Anti-Bullying Awareness Month.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Kay Fields	
Second: Hunt Berryman	
Hunt Berryman	- Aye

Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

5. [C-5 Florida Healthy School District](#)

Public Comments on Agenda Items

6. [C-6 SPEAKERS](#)

Minutes:

Winter Haven Montessori Charter Application:

- Katrina Hill, Lakeland
- Jessica Gerrard, Winter Haven
- Winston Minshew, Lakeland

Poinciana Community Charter Application

- Nick Murdock, Poinciana
- Luis Alvarez, Lakeland

Karen Chappel spoke on the safety of students

Approval of Minutes

7. [C-7 Approve Minutes of the September 23, 2014 Work Session](#)

Attachment: [09 23 14 Work Session Minutes.pdf](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2014 Work Session. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Tim Harris  
 Second: Debra Wright

Hunt Berryman	- Aye
Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

8. [C-8 Approve Minutes of the September 23, 2014 School Board Meeting](#)

Attachment: [09 23 14 School Board Minutes.pdf](#)

Motions:  
 Motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2014 School Board Meeting. - PASS

Vote Results  
 Motion: Hazel Sellers  
 Second: Hunt Berryman

Hunt Berryman	- Aye
Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

9. [C-9 Approve the Consent Agenda](#)

Motions:

Motion to approve items under the Consent Agenda. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Kay Fields

Second: Debra Wright

Hunt Berryman - Aye

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Debra Wright - Aye

New Administrator Announcements

10. [C-10 New Administrators](#)

Attachment: [Director Charter Schools - Melissa Brady.pdf](#)

Attachment: [DJJ Learning Support- Britt Gross.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Brigham Academy - AP - Lori May.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ridge Community Senior AP - Angela Clark.pdf](#)

Consent

Business Services General Items

11. [C-11 Bid Recommendations](#)

Attachment: [Bid Rec 10-14-14.pdf](#)

12. [C-12 Casualty Claims Program Administration Services](#)

Business Services Grant Applications

13. [C-13 Postsecondary Education Readiness Test Assessments \(RFA Entitlement\)](#)

Attachment: [PERT BIA 2014-15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PERT School Board Summary 2014-15.pdf](#)

14. [C-14 Project AWARE \(Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education\) Grant Application-Polk Aware](#)

Attachment: [Polk AWARE Board Summary.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Project Aware Budget Impact Statement 14-15.pdf](#)

Business Services Grant Applications with Positions

15. [C-15 IDEA Entitlement Continuation Grant, ESE, \\$18,601,630](#)

Attachment: [Budget Impact IDEA 14-15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ESE Org chart 2014.pdf](#)

Attachment: [IDEA Grant 2014 15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Budget Impact PreK 14-15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [IDEA Executive summary 14-15.pdf](#)

16. [C-16 Academic Tournaments Continuation Grant Application](#)

Attachment: [Academic Tourney BIA 14-15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Academic Tourney Board Summary 14-15.pdf](#)

17. [C-17 School Climate Transformation Grant - "Mindful Schools"](#)

Attachment: [Mindful Schools School Climate Transformation School Board Summary.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Nonunion AdminSalRanges20149-24-14 SG 20.1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Mindful Schools School Climate Transformation Budget Impact Statement 14-15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Visio-Page 17 Learning Support Student Services SY15 REV 9 24 14.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Sr Coord Mindful Schools.pdf](#)

Business Services Contracts

18. [C-18 2014-2015 School Health Services Plan, Mark Wilcox Center](#)

Attachment: [Polk School Health Services Plan 2014-2016.pdf](#)

19. [C-19 AT&T Mobility National Accounts LLC contract for AirWatch Mobile Device Management, IST, \\$392,000](#)

Attachment: [AirWatch from ATT agreement -Polk School- 0909201411.pdf](#)

Attachment: [5 - 20140701 AirWatch EULA.pdf](#)

Attachment: [5 - AirWatch BIA.pdf](#)

20. [C-20 Contract with Disney World Destinations, 2015 Academic Competitions, \\$183,000](#)

Attachment: [Florida Dept of Education-Academic Challenge-2015-April-1 V2.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Academic Tourney BIA 14-15 Contracts.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS 2014-15 AcademicTourney Contracts\\_eAgenda.pdf](#)

21. [C-21 Contract with Walt Disney World, Disney Destinations, \\$115,000, Academic Competition](#)

Attachment: [Academic Tourney BIA 14-15 Contracts.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Florida Dept of Education-2015-June-1 V2.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS 2014-15 AcademicTourney Contracts\\_eAgenda.pdf](#)

22. [C-22 Contract: Learning Resource Center of Polk County, Inc., and Title I/Migrant Program, not to exceed \\$80,000.00](#)

Attachment: [Contract-LRC-Title I Migrant 2014-15.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [BIA-Agreement LRC-Migrant Prog 14-15.pdf](#)

23. [C-23 CSA Learning Resource Center of Polk County Inc.: GRANTS, \\$180,880](#)

Attachment: [LRC Contract.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [LRC Contract BIA 14-15.pdf](#)

24. [C-24 Amendment to Kelly Services, Inc. Contract, HRS](#)

Attachment: [KES Polk Addendum 100614.pdf](#)

Business Services Donations - CASH

25. [C-25 \\$500.00 Donation from Ann C. Simon to Snively Elementary](#)

26. [C-26 \\$500.00 Donation from Headway Marketing, LLC to Fort Meade Middle/Senior High](#)

27. [C-27 \\$1,775.00 Donation from Big Brothers/Big Sisters to Oscar J. Pope Elementary](#)

28. [C-28 \\$7,000.00 Donation from Mosaic New Wales to Purcell Elementary](#)

29. [C-29 \\$500 Donation from Needle Work Guild to Bartow Middle School](#)

Attachment: [Donation - Uniforms.pdf](#)

30. [C-30 \\$1,000.00 Donation from the Wal-Mart Foundation, Inc. to Eagle Lake Elementary](#)

31. [C-31 Donations totaling \\$43,500.00 from Local Businesses in support of the Multiple Career Pathways Education, WE3 Expo](#)

32. [C-32 \\$935.30 Donation from Target \(Take Charge of Education\) to Lincoln Avenue Academy](#)

33. [C-33 \\$742.50 Donation from RISSE Brothers Uniforms to Lincoln Avenue Academy](#)
34. [C-34 \\$12,000.00 Donation from the Lincoln Academy PTO to Lincoln Avenue Academy](#)

Business Services Donations - NON CASH

35. [C-35 Non-Cash Donation \(Versa Tubano Drum Set\) from Donor's Choose to Padgett Elementary](#)
36. [C-36 Non-Cash Donation \(Fire Truck\) from St. Petersburg College to the Bartow High School Fire Academy](#)

Attachment: [Donation BHS Engine Info.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Donation BHS Fire Donation Letter.pdf](#)

37. [C-37 Non-Cash Donation \(Football Apparel\) from the Andrew McCutchen Foundation to Fort Meade Middle/Senior High](#)

Business Services Donations - NON CASH (Facilities Related)

38. [C-38 Non-Cash Donation \(materials & labor\) from Metro Supply to Wendell Watson Elementary](#)

Attachment: [SKMBT\\_42014091812130.pdf](#)

Business Services Donations - NON CASH (Technology Related)

39. [C-39 Non-Cash Donation \(10 iPADS\) from the Union Academy PTA to Union Academy](#)

Business Services Purchasing Items for Learning Support

40. [C-40 Purchase of Excent Online Maintenance & Support from the Excent Corp., ESE, \\$173,466.00](#)

Attachment: [Excent BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS 2014-15-ExcentEnrich.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Sole Source - Polk.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PolkInvoice13268.pdf](#)

Facilities & Operations General Items – Construction Services

41. [C-41 Project #P-01536 - Auburndale Senior - Replace Roof on Building 27 \(Rooms 92 & 93\)](#)

Attachment: [Auburndale High P-1536.pdf](#)

Facilities & Operations Contract Changes – Construction Services

42. [C-42 Project #P-01444-District Office-Replace Generator](#)



Attachment: [p1444gmpapproval.pdf](#)

Facilities & Operations - Project Requests

- 43. [C-43 Project #P-01540-Kathleen Senior-Upgrade/Replace Wall Mounted Units](#)
- 44. [C-44 Project #P-01541 - McLaughlin Middle - Head Start Playground and Equipment Storage Shed](#)

Human Resource Services Recommendations

- 45. [C-45 Recommendations for Administrative and Instructional Personnel Actions](#)

Attachment: [Administrative and Instructional Recommendations Agenda 10-14-14 BD.pdf](#)

Attachment: Administrative and Instructional Recommendations Term Suppt 10-14-14.pdf (Confidential Item)

Minutes:

\*\*\*Approved Personnel Recommendations

are Recorded in

Supplemental Minutes Book 76-A-1, Pages 92 - 125.\*\*\*

- 46. [C-46 Recommendations for Non-Instructional Personnel Actions](#)

Attachment: [Non-Instructional Recommendations Agenda 10-14-14 BD.pdf](#)

Attachment: Non-Instructional Recommendations Term Suppt Docs 10-14-14.pdf (Confidential Item)

Minutes:

\*\*\*Approved Personnel Recommendations

are Recorded in

Supplemental Minutes Book 76-A-1, Pages 92 - 125.\*\*\*

- 47. [C-47 Recommendations for Temporary Duty Assignments](#)

Attachment: [TDA 10-14-14.pdf](#)

Minutes:

\*\*\*Approved Personnel Recommendations

are Recorded in

Supplemental Minutes Book 76-A-1, Pages 92 - 125.\*\*\*

Support Services General Items

- 48. [C-48 OPPAGA report](#)
- 49. [C-49 Safe Schools Additional Officer](#)

Support Services Field Trip Requests

- 50. [C-50 Out of State Field Trips](#)
  - Attachment: [10.14.14 Out of State FT documentation.pdf](#)
  - Attachment: [Out of State Field Trips.10.14.2014.pdf](#)

Work Force - Charter School Division

- 51. [C-51 Charter School Improvement Plans \(SIP\) for Janie Howard Wilson Elementary and Magnolia Montessori Academy](#)
  - Attachment: [School Improvement Plan Magnolia Montesorri School 10-14-14 BD.pdf](#)
  - Attachment: [School Improvement Plan Janie Howard Wilson 10-14-14 BD.pdf](#)
  - Attachment: [Exec Summ SIP 10-14-14.pdf](#)

Regular

Administration - School Board

- 52. [R-52 FSBA Board of Directors - Alternate](#)

Motions:

Motion to appoint Mrs. Hazel Sellers as the District 7 Alternate Director effective November 18, 2014. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Lori Cunningham  
Second: Hunt Berryman

Hunt Berryman	- Aye
Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

Business Services Purchasing Items for Curriculum

53. [R-53 Renew Renaissance Learning On-Line Subscription, \\$337,662.28](#)

- Attachment: [1244395HostingAgreement - Renaissance 2014.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [AR Sole Source Letter.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [BUDGET IMPACT ANALYSIS 2014-15 Renaissance Learning.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [POLK Q1278543 summary for Renaissance Learning AR-STAR 91 schools.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [STAR Reading Sole Source Letter.pdf](#)

Motions:	
Motion to renew Renaissance Learning, Inc.'s online subscription services for 70 K-8 schools at a cost of \$337,662.28.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Tim Harris	
Second: Hazel Sellers	
Hunt Berryman	- Aye
Lori Cunningham	- Aye
Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

Work Force - Charter School Division

54. [R-54 Superintendent's Recommendations for Charter Applications Received August 1.](#)

[2014](#)

Attachment: [Discovery High DOE Evaluation SCHOOL BOARD.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Ridgeview Middle Academy Charter Evaluation.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Winter Haven Motessori DOE Evaluation SCHOOL BOARD.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Exec Summ Charter Recommendations.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Poinciana Community School DOE Evaluation SCHOOL BOARD 10-14-14 BD.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Superintendent LeRoy provided information supporting her decision to deny the charter applicants:

- The applications were evaluated by a team of knowledgeable reviewers utilizing a rubric based upon the application requirements of the Florida Model Charter School Application. The review team was comprised of District Assistant Superintendents, Senior Directors, Directors, a successful charter school operator from Polk County, community representatives, the District's Diversity Council, and two external evaluators.

#### Discovery High School

- failed to adequately include an expense projection that included full accounting of the costs of operation to ensure fiscal responsibility
  - school will be in operation two years without allocating funds to support the outlined instructional program which emphasizes 21st Century Skills in both core and elective classes and STEM. The applicant budgeted \$8000 beginning the third year of operation
  - failed to adequately budget sufficient staff to support the school's identified educational program and curriculum plan
  - did not budget for food services
  - did not budget for custodial services for any of the five years of operation. While the school has a commitment from DALA to provide custodial support for the first two years, the applicant proposes to move to a new location in year three
  - includes Capital Outlay funding for the first year but the school will not be eligible for the funds
- failed to provide an adequate annual financial plan for each of the five years of operation
- pursuant to Florida Statute 1002.33(16)(a)(3), the applicant shall comply with statutes pertaining to the provision of services to students with disabilities
  - failed to convey effectiveness in serving exceptional education students
  - failed to budget for staffing or contracted services for exceptional student education until year three. The budget for year 3 and subsequent years is not adequate to support such services: Year 3 - 0.25 ESE Teacher; Year 4 - .0375 ESE Teacher; Year 5 - 0.05 ESE

Teacher; Contracted Services Year 3 - \$87.00; Year 4 - \$133.00;  
Year 5 - \$180.00

- did not meet the standards for
  - School Climate and Discipline (provides conditions in which a student may be immediately dismissed in violation of F.S. 1000.5 (b))
  - Governance (failed to provide a cohesive description of the legal structure of the governing board in accordance to F.S. 1002.33(7) (a)(15); failed to stipulate that it will appoint a representative to facilitate parental involvement, provide access to information, assist parents and others with questions and concerns, and resolve disputes in accordance to F.S. 1002.33(7)(d)(1))
  - Management (failed to describe a viable and adequate staffing plan; staffing plan and budget do not reflect the hiring of sufficient staff to support the described educational program design and curriculum plan)
  - Food Service (failed to budget for food services nor was attention given to the nutritional requirements for high school age students)

#### Poinciana Community School

- failed to include an expense projection or full accounting of costs of operations to ensure fiscal responsibility
  - the budget excluded expenditures for purchased services, materials and supplies, capital supplies, and other expenses for significant function to operate a school
  - identified several tasks necessary for the opening of school in sections of the application (development of personnel policies, discipline program, professional development plan, financial management procedures and recruitment and selection of staff) but the costs of these tasks, and/or the staff necessary to perform them do not appear to be included in the startup budget
  - failed to provide adequate annual financial plan for each year requested up to five years
    - did not include balance sheet, revenue projections, and anticipated fund balances
    - did not provide all of the assumptions used to prepare the budget
    - provided escalated revenue projections (test utilizing the DOE FEEP calculator provides values significantly different than ones presented in the application)
    - did not identify the source of funds identified in the start-up budget
    - budget included Capital Outlay but the school is ineligible the first year of operation
- failed to provide a detailed curriculum plan that illustrates how students will be provided services to attain the Sunshine State Standards

- applicant states the school will meet high standards of student achievement by providing an innovative and rigorous, standards-based curriculum rooted in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM), with extra emphasis on reading and character development
  - application lacks evidence to support the implementation of STEAM. Consequently, the Education Design and Curriculum Plan does not align with the school's Mission or Guiding Principles
- description of K-5 Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies curriculum is identical to the same subjects for grades 6-8
  - failed to provide differentiated instruction for the two grade level configurations - without this information, the district is unable to determine if the students will be able to master Florida Standards
- provided examples of obsolete reading program specifications
- failed to provide measurable educational goals and objectives for improving student learning and measuring that improvement
  - references utilization of FCAT results to determine level of mastery
  - does not provide specific goals or objectives for each subject area: Reading, Math, and Science
- failed to provide an equitable process to enroll eligible students who submit a timely application, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, grade level or building. In such case, all applications have an equal chance of being admitted through a random selection process
  - specified that eligible students who submit a timely application and whose parents accept the conditions of the Parental Involvement Contract shall be considered for enrollment. The 2015-16 Sample Parent Contract included in the charter application stipulates provisions for a student to lose his/her privilege to re-enroll for excessive absences; excessive tardies; violations of uniform policy, etc. These conditions are in violation of F.S. 1000.05(b)
- did not meet the standards for
  - Governance (failed to provide a cohesive description of the legal structure of the governing board)
  - Facilities (failed to provide sufficient evidence of its ability to purchase land and build a new facility based on the narrative and budget)

Ridgeview Middle Academy    Replication Application

- proposes to serve students in grades 5-8 by replicating the program of its sister school, Ridgeview Global Studies Academy, that serves students in grades K-5.
  - the proposed school, composed mostly of middle grade students, and the elementary school on which the application is based neither share the same characteristics nor are they alike in substance or

## essentials

### Winter Haven Montessori

- failed to adequately include an expense projection that includes full accounting of the costs of operation to ensure fiscal responsibility
  - budgeted \$2000 for contracted services for student support which is unrealistic
  - provided a startup budget of \$3000 which appears to be inappropriate for starting a new school
- failed to provide adequate annual financial plan for each year requested for operation (5 years)
  - budget included revenue from VPK program, tuition from a paid pre-school program, and revenues from the daily extended care program
    - using only FEFP revenues, the school would show approximately a \$200,000 deficit in first year
  - did not provide required balance sheets
- failed to provide measurable educational goals and objectives for improving student learning and measuring that improvement
  - references FCAT testing throughout application
  - measurable objectives for reading, math, and writing utilize FCAT as the tool to measure student academic achievement
  - does not discuss middle school monitoring or grading
- failed to convey the school's effectiveness in serving exceptional education students as required by F.S. 1002.33(16)(a)(3)
  - the staffing plan for ESE teachers is questionable
- failed to provide an equitable process to enroll eligible students who submit a timely application, unless the number of applications exceed the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or building. In such cases, all applications shall have an equal chance of being admitted through a random selection process.
- did not meet the standards for
  - Target Population and student body (provided student preferences for student enrollment which are not supported by F.S. 1002.33 (10)(d))
  - English Language Learners (lacks understanding of the state and federal guidelines in reference to providing a sound plan for education of English Language Learner students)
  - School Climate and Discipline (provided conditions in which a student may be immediately dismissed from the school in violation of F.S. 1000.05(b))
  - Management (failed to describe a viable and adequate staffing plan; the staffing plan and budget do not reflect the hiring of sufficient staff to support services for Exceptional Student Education and English Language Learners)

Motions:

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to deny the charter application of Discovery High School. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Lori Cunningham

Second: Kay Fields

Hunt Berryman - Aye

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Debra Wright - Aye

Motion Minutes:

Mr. Harris stated that this application would place two charters on the same site as a conversion charter school is currently on the property.

Motions:

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to deny the charter application of Poinciana Community School. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Kay Fields

Second: Hazel Sellers

Hunt Berryman - Aye

Lori Cunningham - Aye



Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye

Motion Minutes:

Mrs. Sellers reported she understands the needs of the community but the application failed to meet the requirements of the charter statute.

Superintendent LeRoy stated that Lake Marion School was built as a middle school but was opened as an elementary to meet the needs at that time. This year Lake Marion opened as a middle school, Grades 5-8.

Mrs. Cunningham commented that the Board had to review the application on its merits and the information provided. She reported that Superintendent LeRoy has been in discussions with the Superintendent of Osceola County in a collaborative effort to meet the needs of the Poinciana area.

Mr. Mullenax spoke on the growth occurring in Poinciana and the need to build schools in that area as funding becomes available.

Mr. Berryman was surprised that the application was for a middle school rather than a high school which is needed. He also commented on the Superintendent's conversations with the Osceola Superintendent for a joint high school.

Motions:

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to deny the charter application of Ridgeview Middle Academy - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Lori Cunningham

Second: Kay Fields

Dick Mullenax	- Aye
Hazel Sellers	- Aye
Debra Wright	- Aye
Lori Cunningham	- Aye

Kay Fields	- Aye
Tim Harris	- Aye
Hunt Berryman	- Nay

Motion Minutes:

Mr. Harris noted that this, too, would be a new charter school on the same site as an existing conversion charter school. The Department of Education has not supported having two separate school numbers assigned to the same site in the past.

Mrs. Cunningham reported that numerous emails were sent to the School Board members and clarified that the application was not submitted appropriately. It was submitted as a replication of the current Ridgeview Global Studies which is a K-5 school; however, the application was for a grades 5-8 middle school program. She encouraged the applicant to take advantage of any opportunity of an early application review if and when they resubmit.

Mrs. Fields supported the comments of Mrs. Sellers and Mrs. Cunningham.

Mrs. Sellers reported that last year the courts ruled on the requirements of replicating applications. While Ridgeview Global Academy is a top quality, high performing charter school, the application has to meet the requirements of the statute. She also encouraged the applicant to use the review process in May prior to submitting an application by the August deadline.

Mr. Harris announced that the public should be aware the district is looking at property in the Four Corners area to build a new school to meet the needs of the community.

School Board Attorney Wes Bridges announced that the application was reviewed in its entirety by the Charter Review Committee who determined that the application did not meet the requirements of a replication based upon the ruling on two prior cases by the Appeals Courts. He read the rulings from recent appeal court decisions: the replication application must be substantially similar: of same characteristics and be alike in substance or essentials of the school it is replicating. He commented a middle school program (grades 6-8) is materially different from a K-5 program. The application did not meet the replicating requirements.

Mr. Berryman does not agree with the District's interpretation of the statute and will support the application. He believes the intent was to replicate the global studies program in the higher grades. He noted the application did include using the land adjacent to the current structure which belongs to the Polk County School Board.

Mr. Mullenax commented that two District Courts of Appeal (2 and 5) denied

similar applications that did not meet the description of 'replicating' high performing charters.

Motions:

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to deny the charter application of Winter Haven Montessori Academy. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Tim Harris

Second: Kay Fields

Hunt Berryman - Aye

Lori Cunningham - Aye

Kay Fields - Aye

Tim Harris - Aye

Dick Mullenax - Aye

Hazel Sellers - Aye

Debra Wright - Aye

Motion Minutes:

Mr. Harris commented that he believes this application meets the statute's intent of a charter school - to offer something unique that is not currently offered by the public school system. While the application was missing key components, he hopes they will revise and resubmit next year.

Mr. Mullenax stated he had concerns on the budget and he, too, hopes they will correct the areas noted and reapply.

Public Hearing

Superintendent's Report

55. [Superintendent's Report](#)

Minutes:

The next work session will be held at 12:30 PM on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 in the Superintendent's Conference Room followed by the School Board meeting at 5:00 PM in

the auditorium located at 1915 S. Floral Avenue, Bartow.

Mrs. LeRoy presented highlights of the Summer Learning Programs:

- out of the 4500 openings, approximately 3300 students participated
- programs included K-2 Reading - Power Up Polk and Grade 3 Reading (included 101 Lake Wales Charter students participating at no cost), Algebra 1 Boot Camp, College Readiness and AMP Academies (accelerating maximum potential at Turnaround Schools) for PreK - 5 and Middle School Bridge programs

K-2 Reading Program had 1042 students participating at 10 sites across the district; Gr 3 Reading Recovery had a 20% success rate based on portfolios and SAT-10 of the 848 students participating (another 20-25 have been promoted since school began); AMP Academies showed significant gains thru pre-and post tests in Reading, Mathematics, and Science. Algebra 1 Retakes had the most gains (35%) - 847 Polk County students participated (State success rate was 33%); Algebra 1 Power Up Academy participants had a 47.4% success rate (a six weeks course). This intensified math program is being used this year by every 9th grader in our high schools. The College Bound Academy was for students that had not passed the FCAT graduation requirement had 65 participants. Their pre-and-post test data reflected a 19% gain. We hope to see all 65 that just sat for the SAT-10 will have the passing scores needed to meet the graduation requirement.

Attorney's Report

Auditor's Report

Board Members' Report

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

Minutes:

No report.

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

Minutes:

Mrs. Cunningham voiced her appreciation of Mayor Eugene Fultz and Superintendents Kathryn LeRoy and Dr. Jesse Jackson (Lake Wales Charter Schools) for hosting and participating in a town hall meeting in Lake Wales recently. She looks forward to a continuing dialog between the two school systems to benefit all students in Polk County.

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

Minutes:

Mrs. Sellers attended the Cracker Storytelling event in Homeland this past weekend.

She challenged everyone to participate in InnerAct Alliance's Red Ribbon marathons on November 8th to support the education and importance of drug prevention.

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

Minutes:

No report.

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

Minutes:

Mrs. Fields thanked the Charter Review Committee, Superintendent LeRoy, and Attorney Wes Bridges for all their hard work in reviewing the charter applications.

She commended the 900 Southwest Middle students and staff on their actions during a bomb threat in the middle of their annual concert.

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

Minutes:

No report.

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

Minutes:

No report.

Public Comments Addressing Items Not on Agenda

63. [SPEAKERS](#)

Minutes:

Addison Brown commented on the lack of opportunities afforded to minorities.

L.D. Wilcox voiced concern on the educational needs of minority boys and girls.

Larry Milhorn, President of AFSCME, spoke on the need to improve the working conditions of the food service workers, especially at the high school level.

Marianne Capozziello, President of PEA, spoke on the need to send resolutions to the State addressing the over-testing of students. She would also like to see the issue included on the District's Legislative Platform.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 PM. Minutes were approved and attested this 28th day of October, 2014.

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Dick Mullenax, Board Chair

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Kathryn M. LeRoy, Superintendent