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*The MISSION of the Monroe County Schools is to empower all students to become responsible and contributing global citizens.*

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:**

1. *Climate and Culture for Excellence*
2. *Outstanding Student Achievement*
3. *Effective Communication & Community Engagement*
4. *High Performing Workforce*
5. *Leader in Technology and Innovation*
6. *Accountable Resource Management*

**September 23, 2015 ~ 5:00 PM**

Regular Meeting

Marathon High School Media Center  
350 Overseas Highway  
Marathon

**Attendees:**

Chairman John R. Dick  
Andy Griffiths  
Bobby Highsmith  
Ed Davidson  
Ron Martin  
Dirk Smits, Esq.

Mark T. Porter  
Superintendent

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING – TIME APPROXIMATE 5:00 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** lead by Commander Tom Horton.

**B. ADOPT AGENDA AND FORMAT** – Superintendent’s and/or School Board Members requests to amend the agenda or remove items from the consent agenda.

**Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent**

Ed Davidson motioned and Ron Martin seconded to adopt the Agenda as presented.

Motion was approved without objection.

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**C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent**

Ed Davidson motioned and Ron Martin seconded to adopt

1. Adopt Minutes of [August 25, 2015](#) and [September 15, 2015](#) 09.24.15 Mr. Griffiths noted that the final vote on the budget should be amended. Amendment noted and will be made prior to posting.

Motion passed without objection.  
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**D. RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE IN THE MONROE COUNTY SCHOOLS**

1. Marathon Disabled American Veterans Chapter 122, Commander Tom Horton & Auxiliary Commander Jerry Smithbower - Contributions to Marathon High School and Stanley Switlik Elementary.

2. GEMS – Ms. Michelle Franck, Volunteer of the Year.

**CITIZEN INPUT** - No one from the public addressed the Board.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA** All items listed as consent agenda items are considered routine and non-controversial by the School Board and will be approved by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. Prior to this meeting, Board Members have had the opportunity to review each of these items and may request that any item be moved to an Action Item for individual consideration.

**Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent**

Ed Davidson motioned and Ron Martin seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda

1. [Approve the Personnel Recommendations for the 2015-2016 School Year.](#)
2. [Approve District Travel.](#) 09.23.15
3. Approve Legal Services Invoices: [Vernis & Bowling.](#)
4. [Accept the Procurement Card Transaction Statement.](#)
5. [Approve the Pre-Approval Budget Amendments.](#)
6. [Accept Head Start Annual Report.](#)
7. [Adopt the Head Start Eligibility Rule.](#)
8. [Approve Contract with Discovery Education Streaming PLUS for K-12.](#)
9. [Approve Contract with Xerox.](#)
10. [Approve District-Wide Phone System Upgrade with Mitel.](#)
11. [Approve VMTurbo Data Center Tool Purchase.](#)
12. [Approve Contract with BIS Digital.](#)
13. [Approve Islamorada Elevator.](#)
14. [Approve Second Lease Addendum with FKCC for Adult Education.](#)
15. [Approve FOCUS Master License Agreement for Adult Education.](#)
16. [Approve Contract with Certiport for Career Education.](#)
17. [Approve Lease Renewal with The Learning Center.](#)
18. [Approve Split Award of ITB 2016602 to Gomez & Son Fence Corporation & Florida Fence Corporation.](#)
19. [Approve Contract Addendum with Rapid Solutions Group.](#)
20. [Approve Contract with Advanced Med.](#)
21. [Approve Bus Purchases.](#)

Motion passed without objection.  
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**CITIZEN INPUT** - No one from the public addressed the Board.

**F. REPORTS**

## **Strategic Objective 2 – Outstanding Student Achievement**

1. [Head Start Board Update](#), Marla Russell

## **Strategic Objective 6 - Accountable Resource Management**

1. Audit & Finance Committee Update, Dan Dombrowski – Members were not able to attend the Board Meeting. Mr. Horton's resignation was reluctantly accepted.
2. [Construction Update](#), Patrick Lefere 09.25.15

### **Legal:**

1. Dirk Smits advised that the District prevailed in the Gootee matter.

### **Superintendent:**

1. Superintendent Porter spoke concerning his attendance in the FADSS Fall Leadership Conference, and release of cuts scores today, and the Leadership Florida Conference.

### **Board:**

1. Mr. Highsmith had a wonderful weekend and was able to meet with KWHS Salutatorian at Duke University this weekend in North Carolina.
2. Mr. Davidson spoke concerning his 55<sup>th</sup> trip to Tallahassee. He also spoke concerning the Monroe County Affordable Workforce Housing committee meeting progress. He asked for an analysis on fuel savings by switching to natural buses.
3. Mr. Martin spoke concerning intensive reading. Superintendent Porter will provide an updated format and share it with the Board. He would like an update on class size for the next meeting. Employment sight is listing openings from April 2015. Will the testing committee reconvene? He will share a post from a teacher concerning testing. Take Stock In Children fundraiser was well attended and it was a great event. He walked through the middle keys schools and was impressed by the cleanliness of the schools.
4. John Dick wondered about better security in the locker rooms and asked for a recommendation to solve this problem. He also raised concerns with the push on the AP program is creating an increase in students requesting to withdraw from the classes.

## **G. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Pulled Consent Items. No items were pulled.

### **Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent**

Ed Davidson moved, and Ron Martin seconded to approve

2. [Adopt the Five \(5\) Year Plan](#). Mr. Davidson is cautiously concerned over the 22 million price tag placed in the Architect contract so as to not pose issues in the future. Mr. Griffiths asked about having an outside firm review the architect contract on behalf of the District. He wanted an accountability scale.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Davidson Yes  
Mr. Griffiths Yes  
Mr. Highsmith Yes  
Mr. Martin Yes  
Mr. Dick Yes

Motion passed without objection  
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**Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent**

Ed Davidson moved, and Andy Griffiths seconded to approve

5. [Approve Contract with Zyscovich Architects for the Plantation Key School Construction Project.](#)

Mr. Davidson wanted to include the Florida Statute wording on public records. Mr. Dick would the records to be provided as we go along.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Davidson Yes  
Mr. Griffiths Yes  
Mr. Highsmith Yes  
Mr. Martin Yes  
Mr. Dick Yes

Motion passed without objection  
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**Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent**

Ed Davidson moved, and Ron Martin seconded to approve

4. [Adopt the Plant Survey 4.3 Amendment.](#)

Motion passed without objection  
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**Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent**

Ed Davidson moved, and Ron Martin seconded to approve

3. [Adopt the 2015-2016 Student Assessment Calendar.](#)

Motion passed without objection  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

John Dick  
Chair

Mark T. Porter  
Superintendent