

Lake boosts superintendent pay 23 percent in search

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TAVARES — Lake County School Board members are ready to pay big bucks to attract a top-flight superintendent — 23 percent more than the current district chief.

Board members on Monday unanimously approved advertising a base salary of \$195,000, with the ability for the superintendent to earn up to \$34,000 more in performance bonuses.

The package is necessary to allow the district to be competitive in finding best candidate to replace Susan Moxley, who is leaving when her contract expires next year, officials said.

Moxley has held the appointed position since 2008, and board members are trying to get a jump start on the hiring process to have a new superintendent when Moxley leaves.

“That's to meet the market,” School Board Chairman Bill Mathias said of the increase. “If we're going to attract the best and brightest, it was very clear to me that we needed to raise the salary.”