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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
School Board Meeting – M I N U T E S (Approved 2/27/07)
Tuesday, January 23, 2007 - 6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman	Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Board Member	Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Board Member
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Board Member	Dr. James W. Browder, Ed.D., Secretary & Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney	
Mrs. Julie Nieminski, Board Auditor	
Ms. Sonia M. Roberts, Recording Secretary	

Order of Business

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

Chairman Dozier called the School Board Meeting of January 23, 2007 to order at 6:01 p.m. Chairman Dozier read the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Teuber seconded by Dr. Scricca and carried 5-0 to adopt the agenda.

B. Invocation – Dr. Elinor Scricca delivered the invocation for this evening's meeting.

C. Presentation of Colors – Mr. Bob Chilmonik

The Colors for the Pledge of Allegiance were presented by Cadet Second Lieutenant Maria Mendoza of Estero High School JROTC Program – Lt. Col. Teresa Galgano, Senior Instructor.

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

1. Dr. Kuckel led the recognition of the following 34 teachers for National Board Certification.

*Kristine Blasucci, Allen Park Elementary School
Andrea Hollan, Allen Park Elementary School
Donna Snyder, Allen Park Elementary School
Tina Barker, Bayshore Elementary School
Mary Carroll, Caloosa Middle School
Kimberly Clements, Colonial Elementary
Lilsa Williams, Cypress Lake Middle School
Vlerie Laplante, Cypress Lake Middle School
Shannon Migut, Cypress Lake Middle School
Sandra Reyes, Diplomat Elementary School
Kristine Scanza, Edison Park Creative / Expressive Arts
Jayne Klinker, Estero High School
Nancy Foley, Estero High School*

Jennifer Pinkard, Fort Myers High School (This teacher was unable to be present at this meeting; but is scheduled to receive her recognition on February 13, 2007 Board Meeting.)

*Rebecca Mendes, Gateway Elementary School
Mirta Torres Gateway Elementary School
Theresa Stanley, J. Colin English Elementary School
Sheryle Terepka, J. Colin English Elementary School
Diane Elswick, Lehigh Elementary School
Jennifer Anderson, Orange River Elementary
Alison Conant, Pelican Elementary School
April Ketrone, River Hall Elementary School
Colleen McCarthy, Skyline Elementary School
Vanessa Snyder, South Fort Myers High
Mary Beth Graziani, Spring Creek Elementary School
April Tennesen, Tanglewood/Riverside Elementary
Ileana Adams, Tropic Isles Elementary School
Janet Stovall, Tropic Isles Elementary School
Michelle Mell, Veterans Park Academy for the Arts*

B. Resolution – Mr. Steve Teuber

1. ***Motion*** by Mr. Teuber ***seconded*** by Dr. Scricca and ***carried 5-0*** proclaiming the week of February 5-11, 2007 as Student Services Week.

Mr. Shafer, Director of Student Services introduced Ms. Mattie Young, Student Welfare & Attendance Ms. Sharon Warnecke, Coordinator of Student Health Services and Ms. Jean Campbell, Coordinator of Safe & Drug-Free Schools and thanked them for all their contributions.

(A two minute recess was taken in order for the award recipients to leave the room. The meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m.)

- C. **Presentation to Board** - Ms. Chris Tenne Pendleton, Edison Home
Ms. Chris Tenne Pendleton, CEO of the Edison-Ford Estates presented Ms. Karen Flanders (Art Teacher at Allen Park Elementary) with a plaque and a memory book for her work with the Estates. Miss Flanders thanked Lee County Art Teachers for

their participation: Ms. Caron Pearson, Ms. Lynn Olsen, Ms. Carolyn Gora and Ms. Mary Carroll.

III. Comments Section

A. Public Comments Mr. Martin presented the policy on public speaking.

Mr. John Traube, President of the Lee County Substitute Teachers Association spoke on the bullying issue; a January 12th article in the News-Press re Sanibel; a complaint by a parent on a busing problem; ESE issues and the situation related to himself and Ms. Sheridan Chester.

Mr. Anthony Thomas, Jr. spoke about minorities on the Board; his attendance at the swearing-in of the first female Speaker of the House; Mr. Chilmonik's attendance at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration; the creation of a Hispanic and African-American advisory board; expanding the size of the School Board to 7 members with a minority on the School Board and having a parent on the Board.

Mrs. Dozier spoke on the issue of the substitute teachers' compensation in comparable terms and having Mr. Traube receive an updated copy of these comparables.

Mr. Chilmonik - the ESE issue and asked if Dr. Browder would present an ESE update. Dr. Browder gave an update.

Dr. Scricca asked Dr. Browder if he would entertain the strategy that when an issue is brought up publicly it be responded to. This would avoid public perception of Board complacency.

Mr. Teuber stated he will not give consensus on an updated report and does not support public opinion driving how the Board operates and suggested that if Mr. Chilmonik has additional questions about this issue, he should speak with Dr. Browder. Mr. Teuber reminded the public that he is a parent who sits on the Board; advisory board idea should be taken under advisement and supports these issues going to Dr. Browder for follow-up.

Dr. Kuckel agrees with Mr. Teuber, however updating the substitute information, if available, might be warranted; advisory board idea is a workshop topic that we might want to consider.

Mr. Chilmonik on ESE matters requested that this issue be discussed at a workshop. The Board should look at the expansion of the Board and the minority advisory committees.

Mrs. Dozier agrees with the question of diversity and expansion of the board; background information should be collected on the expansion issue and suggested

scheduling a workshop to begin to have this discussion on the procedures required i.e., re-districting and re-elections; re Sanibel, she expressed confidence in Dr. Lohmeyer to handle this problem and asked Dr. Browder to keep the Board informed; re the request for a mediation group, Board consensus was not given to place this item on a workshop agenda. Items for a workshop agenda: discussion of a minority advisory board and discussion on expansion of the board and procedures required, i.e., re-districting and re-elections.

B. Board Members' Comments/Reports

Dr. Scricca – no report at this time.

Mr. Chilmonik. Spoke on the issue of the sale of the District buildings and asked Dr. Browder when this discussion can take place. Dr. Browder requested, and consensus given by the Board, for the scheduling of a 45-minute discussion at a workshop.

Dr. Kuckel – no report at this time.

Mr. Teuber – no report at this time.

Mrs. Dozier. Re. letter she sent to all the Chambers, municipalities as well as the County Commissioner on a tax reform statement. {Mrs. Dozier asked Ms. Roberts to give a copy of that letter to each Board member.} Re. the Senate Education Committee will be meeting this week and will take up discussion on the calendar and asked the Superintendent to send something to the principals notifying them that this will be a critical meeting; she urged the public to write letters to let them know that the District Calendar Committee can make good decisions on behalf of the students.

C. Attorney's Comments/Reports – No report at this time.

D. Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Dr. Browder mentioned the importance of recognition of teachers and staff for their commitments. Regarding the frequent comments about substitute teacher pay packages, he mentioned that the public is given inaccurate information by these comments. He appreciates the dedication and commitment of the substitute teachers of Lee County. He commended Dr. Lohmeyer, the Principal, teachers and parents of the Sanibel School for their commitment.

IV. Consent Action Items

No pulls.

Motion made by Dr. Kuckel seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented..

A. Executive Services – Dr. James Browder

1. Approval of minutes of School Board meetings.
 - December 5, 2006, Student Hearings
 - December 5, 2006, Special School Board Meeting
 - December 5, 2006, School Board Briefing Meeting
 - December 5, 2006, School Board Meeting

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of the renewal agreement of the NovaNET subscription service, which will be funded at a total cost not to exceed \$153,225.00 for the 2006-07 school year.
2. Approval of the amendment to the November 21, 2006 contract with Goodwill Academies of Southwest Florida, Inc. to add grades nine through twelve; and termination of the October 19, 2004 contract with Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc.

C. Administrative Services – Mr. Michael McNerney (None)

D. Business Services – Mr. Lee Legutko

1. Approval of the Budget Amendment dated November 3, 2006 to amend the 2006-07 annual school budget.
2. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the period ending November 3, 2006.
3. Approval of the Budget Amendment dated December 8, 2006 to amend the 2006-07 annual school budget.
4. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the period ending December 8, 2006.
5. Approval of the Certification for the 2006-07 Classrooms for Kids Program which allows the District to use \$73,681,172.00 in State Lottery Bonds to partially fund the school construction projects.
6. Approval of purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$54,410.00; and authorization to issue the four purchase orders:

- a. Florida Gulf Coast University: Open PO for payment of admission fees for elementary and middle school students to attend a health education program at Kleist Education Center of Florida Gulf Coast University for Curriculum Services. (Requisition No. 24964)
 - b. Wright Construction Corporation: Payment for the removal and disposal of remaining piping and debris at River Hall Elementary portable sites for Construction Services. (Requisition No. 250714)
 - c. Wentco, Inc.: Purchase of materials and labor to replace one chiller pump at Lee County High Tech Central for Maintenance Services. (Requisition No. Q-0064141)
 - d. Wright Construction: Purchase of labor and materials to install Grantex flooring in all ground floor bathrooms including teachers' bathrooms at Cypress Lake Middle School for Maintenance Services. (Requisition No. Q-0064146)
7. Approval to piggy-back The City of Jacksonville Bid No. SC-0511-06, awarded to multiple vendors for park and play equipment, through May 31, 2007, at an estimated expenditure of \$200,000.00.
 8. Approval to award RFP #R066503RG for the LCPEC Nortel PBX system to Ronco, Inc., effective January 24, 2007, at a total cost of \$263,736.00; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all related documents.
 9. Approval to award Bid No. B066506LO for vegetation and invasive tree removal at North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts to Billy Hay Excavating, Inc., at an estimated total price of \$48,990.00 plus \$240.00 per load for clean fill and \$300.00 per load for non-vegetative debris disposal, if required, at the District's discretion.
 10. Approval to award Bid No. B066511LO for the purchase of one new tractor/loader and one new dual axle trailer to Creel Tractor Co. for alternate three at a price of \$53,350.00 and for the trailer at a price of \$14,800.00 for a total price of \$68,150.00.
 11. Approval to award Bid No. B066512LO for backflow repairs/replacements related to domestic/potable water to United Mechanical, Inc., at an estimated annual expenditure of \$100,000.00 beginning January 23, 2007 through January 22, 2008 with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendor and the School Board.
 12. Approval to award Bid No. B076516LO for restroom improvements at Trafalgar Middle School Gym to The Walter Contracting Group, Inc., at a total price of \$44,500.00.
 13. Approval to award Bid No. B076517SW for vended bottled water to Coca Cola Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Florida Coca Cola Bottling Company, having submitted the overall lowest and best responses meeting specifications,

effective for one year beginning January 26, 2007 through January 25, 2008 with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendor and the School Board, at an annual estimated expenditure of \$250,000.00.

14. Approval to renew Bid No. B056349CP for plumbing and HVAC supplies with Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. and Noland Company for the period of February 27, 2007 through February 26, 2008 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$75,000.00.
15. Approval to renew Bid No. B056407CP for fertilizer, herbicides, insecticides and pesticides for the period of February 13, 2007 through February 12, 2008 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$50,000.00.
16. Approval to renew Bid No. B056410CP for rebuilt or remanufactured alternators and starters for the period of February 13, 2007 through February 12, 2008 with Sam Galloway Ford and Southeast Power Systems pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$75,000.00.
17. Approval to renew Bid No. B066431CP for liquid petroleum gas for the period of March 31, 2007 through March 12, 2008 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$100,000.00.

E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins

1. Approval of the Master Consulting Service Agreement for the web-based TeacherInsight interview with The Gallup Organization to provide services, technology, consultation, training and updates at a maximum cost of \$78,000.00.
2. Approval to reclassify the position of Pest Control Technician from Pay Grade S-5 to Pay Grade 6R, effective January 24, 2007, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$5,013.58.
3. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including administrative, certificated, support and substitute staff, out-of-field appointments, annual reappointments, and corrections to items previously approved by the Board.

F. School Support Services – Mr. Bill Moore

1. Approval of the supplementary survey to classify .09 acres at Heights Elementary School as unnecessary for education purposes and execution of a deed to transfer the property to Lee County to widen Gladiolus Drive.

2. Approval of the supplementary survey to classify .55 acres at Cape Coral High School as unnecessary for education purposes and execution of a deed to transfer the property to the City of Cape Coral for Right of Way.
3. Acceptance of the Certificate of Final Inspection for Michigan International Academy roof replacement dated November 1, 2006 and final payment in the amount of \$480,785.00 to Crowther Roofing and Sheet Metal of Florida.; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
4. Acceptance of a reduction to five percent in the retainage to the contract with Walbridge Aldinger Company for East Lee County High School in the amount of \$1,130,347.27; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items

VI. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Good Cause – None

- B.** *Motion* made by Dr. Scricca and *seconded* by Mr. Teuber, *carried 5-0*, to approve the agreement with Partnership for Academic and Community Excellence (PACE) Center for Girls-Lee.

VII. Attorney's Recommendations – Mr. Keith Martin asked for a specific motion to extend, or not extend, the employment agreement of Mrs. Nieminski for the specific time period.

A. Extension of Term of Employment Agreement for Internal Auditor to the School Board.

Motion made by Dr. Kuckel and *seconded* by Dr. Scricca and *carried 5-0* to extend the employment agreement of Mrs. Nieminski as the Internal Auditor to the School Board for an additional one-year period.

VIII. Public Hearings

A. Revisions to AR-3.61, Transportation of Students in Vehicles Other Than School Buses.

Superintendent Browder presented his recommendation to the Board and Chairman Dozier recessed the regular school board meeting at 7:15 p.m., and reconvened a hearing to discuss the above item. There being no public comment on this issue, Chairman Dozier reconvened the regular meeting of the Board at 7:15 p.m.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel *seconded* by Dr. Scricca *carried 5-0* to approve the revisions to AR-3.61.

IX. Other Business

A. Special Request Presentation (Policy 1.31) – None

B. Next scheduled meetings of the Board:

- February 6, 2007 at 5:00 p.m., School Board workshop
- February 13, 2007 at 3:00 p.m., Special School Board Meeting (following Student Hearing)
- February 13, 2007, 3:30 p.m., School Board Briefing Meeting
- February 13, 2007, 6:00 p.m., School Board Meeting

X. Adjournment

Motion made by Dr. Kuckel and *seconded* by Mr. Teuber *carried 5-0* to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

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Jeanne S. Dozier., Chairman

ATTEST:

James W. Browder, Ed.D., Secretary and District Superintendent

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