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**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**School Board Workshop – MINUTES (Approved 8/15/06)**  
**Monday, July 10, 2006 - Board Room**

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**Workshop**

**Participants:** Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D. – Chairman  
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Board Member  
Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary & District Superintendent  
Ms. Sonia M. Roberts, Recording Secretary  
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca – Vice Chair  
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Board Member  
Mr. Robert Dodig, Staff Attorney

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**I. CALL TO ORDER** – The School Board met on July 10, 2006 at 3:50 p.m. for a workshop immediately following the Special Meeting. Mr. Teuber presided. Mrs. Dozier is out of town.

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Browder advised the Board that this meeting is to present an updated overview to the Board on preliminary budget information. On July 24<sup>th</sup> the Board members will receive the budget for the July 31 tentative budget meeting. If Board members have any questions on the information they receive, Dr. Browder asked that they should call him. Mr. Legutko briefly reminded the Board of what occurred on June 20 meeting related to requesting authorization to proceed to advertise the necessary items related to the mileage and approval of the budget.

Ms. Desamours began her presentation of the Agenda (attached to these minutes) which included:

- Purpose of this meeting is to discuss the highlights of Superintendent's Proposed Tentative Budget.
- Highlight changes from prior budget workshop.
- Identify prior Board approval to advertise all appropriate notices and to set a public hearing on the 2006-2007 tentative budget.
- Inform the Board that millage and revenues will be updated by DOE by July 19<sup>th</sup> based on statewide certified tax rolls and will be incorporated in Tentative Budget and advertisement.

Ms. Desamours gave a Power Point presentation on the Preliminary Budget FY07 (attached to these minutes). At this time the federal estimates are not included in this report, however, at the Tentative Budget meeting scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup>, those funds will be included. The ESE, IDEA teacher funds will come out of the federal funds. Reviewing the final budget for last year and then reviewing it with the tentative budget for this year was a suggestion Dr. Browder made to Mr. Chilmonik. Discussion on lobbying for federal money – Mr. Legutko spoke on this and the FSBA's involvement in this effort; the hiring of a firm to do these lobbying efforts on behalf of Lee County; FSBA, ASA, all of these groups have a consortium that lobby those issues in Washington. Dr. Browder spoke of the size of Lee County District and that we might want to discuss in the future having a firm to represent us in Washington, D.C. This is an area where we will discuss in the future.

Dr. Browder clarified the issue of the class-size amendment - at Mr. Chilmonik's request - and the requirements the District must adhere to in order to meet those requirements - resulting in the District support areas struggling because in order to stay above water we must meet the Class Size Amendment

first as this is the law. Mr. Teuber spoke of the ramifications of this Amendment and that because of this Amendment we are unrealistically having support staff work harder. Dr. Browder advised the Board that it is support staff, such as maintenance, transportation, and payroll who always meet deadlines, who are keeping this District going and that they should be thanked whenever a Board member meets them.

Ms. Desamour ended her presentation by updating the Board on items that will be coming before them on the Tentative Budget.

**II. ADJOURNMENT** - Mr. Teuber adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

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*MINUTES BOOK NO.41 FY07*

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**Steven K. Teuber, J.D.**, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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