



VISION
To be a world-class school system.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
Special School Board Meeting – M I N U T E S (Approved 10/24/06)
Thursday – September 7, 2006 / 2:00 p.m.

Attendees: Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Chairman
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Board Member
Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary & District Superintendent

Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Vice Chair
Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Mrs. Denise Mangus, Recording Secretary

I. OPENING EXERCISES

A. Call to Order – The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Thursday, September 7, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room for a Special School Board Meeting; Chairman Teuber presided and noted that although Mrs. Dozier and Dr. Kuckel were unable to be here today due to attending a Florida School Board Association (FSBA) Meeting, there was a quorum to conduct business. *Motion made by Dr. Scricca, and second by Mr. Chilmonik, carried 3-0 to approve the agenda as the Order of Business.*

B. Invocation/Moment of Silence – Mr. Chilmonik led this for today.

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Dr. Scricca led the Pledge.

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – none

III. PUBLIC COMMENT (Mr. Martin provided the Public Comment guidelines)

John Traube—Read an 8/28/06 press release from the Lee County Association of Professional Substitute Teachers (copy on file) which commented on areas of all teachers' salaries, non-local conferences, his reprimand letter re mold, school builders/construction issues, etc.

Bob Rushlow (SPALC Pres.)—Pleased with 83% contract ratification—believes it's fair/equitable on state monies received but continue lobbying legislators though for adequate salaries; he urges Board approval. Support personnel must be competitive with other districts and private sector.

IV. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS – IV.D.2.f was pulled for discussion (Mr. Chilmonik); *motion by Mr. Chilmonik, and second by Dr. Scricca, carried 3-0 to approve the remainder of the consent agenda.*

A. Executive Services – Dr. James Browder

1. Approval of July 31, 2006 minutes: Student Hearings; Special School Board Meeting; School Board Briefing Meeting; Special School Board Meeting (5:05 p.m. Tentative Budget); and School Board Meeting.

B. Academics – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of the Contract for Occupational Therapy with Michele Tanner at an estimated total cost of \$32,400 effective August 30, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
2. Approval of the seven agreements for the implementation of Supplemental Educational Services as selected by parents for the 2006-07 school year with services based on a per student allocation of \$1,151.00 and a total not to exceed \$2,528,700:
 - Studentnest.com
 - Markem, Inc.
 - Sunshine After School Child Care, Inc.
 - Conquest Learning Solutions, LLC
 - A to Z In-Home Tutoring, LLC
 - ClubZ! In-Home Tutoring Services, Inc.
 - Education Station, LLC
3. Approval of the renewal of the Interlocal Agreements with the Cape Coral Police Department and the Sanibel Police Department for the continuation of the School Resource Officer (SRO) and D.A.R.E. Programs for August 11, 2006 to August 10, 2007 at a cost of \$360,900.
4. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Collier County School District for reimbursement from Tech Prep Grant Funds for salary and benefits for a .50 Career Specialist position; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute any related documents.
5. Approval of the 2006-2007 Lee Charter Academy School Improvement Plan.

C. Administrative Services – Mr. Michael McNerney

1. Approval to open a checking account for River Hall Elementary School Internal Fund at Bank of America with two signatures required on the account; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.
2. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Fund Accounts at Bonita Springs Middle, Cypress Lake Middle, Estero High, Pinewoods Elementary and Dr. Carrie E. Robinson Littleton Elementary, with two signatures required on these accounts; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.

D. Business Services – Mr. Lee Legutko

1. Approval of the Final Budget Amendment to amend the 2005-06 annual District budget.
2. Approval of purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$334,652.13; and authorization to issue the six purchase orders:
 - a. Contract Connection, Payment for installation of equipment and materials for one WOW Playstructure, landscape fabric, wood carpet mulch, swing set and tables for

- the Early Childhood Learning play area at Lee County High Tech Center Central (Req. No. 239875);
- b. Williams Scotsman, Inc.: Payment for rental of portables for Head Start at six elementary schools for Early Childhood Services (Requisition No. 240009);
- c. Kent Technologies Technologies: Payment for the yearly maintenance agreement for Cisco Smartnet Equipment WS-C4006-S2, WS-C6006-1000AC, WS-4506 switches for Information Technology Support (Requisition No. W-23182);
- d. W.W. Rewis Bobcat: Purchase of taking out a sidewalk, Handicap ramp and dead trees and stumps at Spring Creek Elementary School for Maintenance Services (Req. No. Q-0063122);
- e. W.W. Rewis Bobcat: Installation of catch basins on the east and west sides of Varsity Lakes Middle School for Maintenance Services (Requisition No. Q-0063054); and
- (Pulled)* f. Sunshine Recycling of South West Florida: Open purchase order for recycling services for mixed papers and corrugated cardboard for The School District of Lee County for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 (Requisition No. W-23251).
3. Approval to award Bid No. B066409CP for cafeteria, custodial and maintenance supplies to Cheney Brothers, Inc., Dade Paper Company, Peninsular Paper Company, Pyramid II, Pyramid School Products, Calico Industries, Inc., Central Poly Corporation, Pride Enterprises and AFP Industries, Inc. for standard warehouse delivery and Pyramid II for Option A as a supplement to warehouse stock supply; per site delivery and if the primary vendors are unable to meet the needs of the District, authorization for staff to proceed to the next low bidder(s) until the requirements of the District have been satisfied at an estimated annual expenditure of \$705,000 with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendors and the School Board.
4. Approval to award Bid No. B066455CP for uniforms for school bus drivers, attendants and monitors to Medical Department Store and Discount Uniforms, Inc. and if the primary vendor is unable to meet the needs of the District, authorization for staff to proceed to the next low bidder(s) until the requirements of the District have been satisfied at an estimated annual expenditure of \$155,000 beginning August 29, 2006 through August 28, 2007, with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendor and the School Board.
5. Approval to award Bid No. B066470LO for emergency glass materials and repairs to Smith Glass, Inc. at an estimated annual expenditure of \$25,000 beginning August 29, 2006 through August 28, 2007, with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendor and the School Board.
6. Approval to award Bid No. B066471LO for site materials and preparation to Gulf Paving Co., Inc. and W. W. Rewis at an estimated annual expenditure of \$200,000 beginning August 29, 2006 through August 28, 2007, with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendor and the School Board.
7. Approval to renew Bid No. 6210 for vehicle parts to Bumper to Bumper for the third and final year period beginning September 7, 2006 through September 6, 2007 pursuant to the

same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$100,000.

8. Approval to renew Bid No. 6213 for purchase and installation of fencing to Century Fence Company and Smith Fencing Company for the third and final period of September 7, 2006 through September 6, 2007 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$1,000,000.
9. Approval to renew Bid No. 6214 for wheel seals to Fleetpride for the third and final year period beginning September 7, 2006 through September 6, 2007 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$45,000.
10. Approval to renew Bid No. 6117 for HVAC filter replacement program to Kleen Air Research through April 6, 2007 or until new bids are solicited and awarded at an estimated annual expenditure of \$120,000 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board.

E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins

1. 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. Acceptance of a reduction to five percent in the retainage to the contract with Gates McVey Butz Institutional Construction, LLC for the Hancock Creek Elementary School addition in the amount of \$196,790.81; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
2. Acceptance of a reduction to five percent in the retainage to the contract with ACI Construction Services, Inc. for the Pelican Elementary School addition in the amount of \$408,654.97; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
3. Approval of the Easement Agreement with Lee County Electric Cooperative for a 16' easement to provide electrical service to East Lee County High School.
4. Approval of the Deed of Conservation Easement to South Florida Water Management District for a 4.179 acre portion of the East Lee County High School site.
5. Approval of the Agreement for Mutual Termination of Lease and Simultaneous Grant of Perpetual Utility and Access Easement with The Island Water Association, Inc.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/TABLED ITEMS – A motion by Mr. Chilmonik, with a second by Dr. Scricca, was made to approve the pulled item of Consent Action IV.D.2.f. Dr. Browder

confirmed it's for mixed paper; Wayne Nagy (Food Services) operates recycling for schools (there's other programs in schools—e.g., toner cartridges). Mr. Chilmonik requested a list of companies the District does business with re recycling; he's been reading that companies may have to be certified to do over certain tonnages. Mr. Teuber and Dr. Scricca gave consensus to proceed for the request. *Motion carried 3-0.*

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Good Cause (None)

B. 2007 Legislative Platform

Dr. Browder noted there's been input from Board Members, with the Cerra Consulting Group developing the document. *Dr. Scricca made a motion, with Mr. Chilmonik seconding, for Board approval of the 2007 Legislative Platform for the School District of Lee County.* Dr. Scricca congratulated the consulting team; Mr. Teuber concurred and acknowledged Mrs. Dozier for the hard work with the FSBA. *Motion carried 3-0.*

C. Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the School Board of Lee County and the Support Personnel Association of Lee County (SPALC)

Motion was made by Mr. Chilmonik, with Dr. Scricca seconding, for Board ratification of the three-year collective bargaining agreement with SPALC. Mr. Chilmonik feels more can be done and wants to look at ideas for cost-cutting in a workshop but this is good, and he'll support. Dr. Scricca noted the 83% vote, teamwork, collaboration, and the reasonable expectation of working together in the future. Mr. Teuber thanked the bargaining unit, Dr. Browder, and staff for the long hours; insurance costs and other issues were faced within the budget, and it was a very good collaborative effort. *Motion carried 3-0.*

D. Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2005-06

Motion by Dr. Scricca, and second by Mr. Chilmonik carried 3-0 for Board approval of the Annual Financial Report for the School District of Lee County, Florida, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. Dr. Scricca noted Mrs. Greta Campbell having her team with her today and thanked them for all the work in the report preparation, putting the District in a good light. Mr. Teuber commended and thanked the group.

VII. ATTORNEY'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Adoption of Regular Board Meeting Date

Dr. Scricca, with a second by Mr. Chilmonik, moved to rescind the Board's action of November 22, 2005 setting a Regular Meeting on November 7, 2006; motion carried 3-0. *Dr. Scricca then made a motion, with Mr. Chilmonik seconding, to schedule a Regular Meeting on November 6, 2006; motion carried 3-0.*

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING (none)

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Special Request Presentations (Policy 1.31) – none

B. Board Member Comments/Reports

Mr. Chilmonik – He inquired about steps taken re the diabetic child in the News-Press. Dr. Browder noted those needs were addressed not only for that student but a variety; the school in that situation has a full-time nurse now though the child's presently home-schooled. There's a process for dealing with diabetics as the numbers have grown; the District, per Dr. Browder, is there to meet the needs of other children too—e.g., asthma. One side of the story was portrayed; a summary will be provided of what's going on. Mr. Teuber noted Mr. Chilmonik can talk with the Superintendent privately as others do for additional information.

Mr. Chilmonik asked Mr. Teuber, re a Civic Association Forum on 8/26, about public comments on a housing initiative being worked on by Dr. Browder re subsidized housing on school property versus stipends. Mr. Teuber noted that the person at the podium was looking at housing on school property; Mr. Teuber noted the District nor the Board has addressed or voted on this. The second part—impact fees, Board vote takes the interest amount towards 400,000 and people qualifying could get full reimbursement (impact fee is the \$10,000 amount); it was noted, re Mr. Martin, the application of reimbursement of school impact fees for those that qualify. At the Sanibel forum, Mr. Teuber noted the business people initiative and our efforts with the Board of County Commissioners to work with funding.

Mr. Chilmonik, re Mr. Traube's comments, asked the Superintendent to look closely at compensation; Mr. Chilmonik noted his new theme is how we're doing nationally—salaries, achievement, etc., and Mr. Traube has some points.

Dr. Scricca – she had no comments/reports today.

Mr. Teuber – Thanked Mrs. Dozier and Dr. Kuckel for today's FSBA attendance. Separately, re sub teacher salaries, he noted Dr. Browder's given comparables in surrounding counties and nationally (and other states'); the District is at or above those areas as well.

C. Attorney Comments/Reports (Mr. Martin had none)

D. Superintendent Comments/Reports

Dr. Browder – He noted venues have been surveyed, re sub teacher salaries, but Mr. Traube stands at the podium and says what he says. Dr. Browder noted we'll do as much for all employees. Teachers may earn \$76,000 in New York but property taxes are much higher. Re our cost of living and taxes, we're not in a bad place to be. Bargaining units study as well as us; all will be looked at critically. Re Mr. Traube's press release, Dr. Browder noted this is the norm. An indoor quality study was done at Cafferata Elementary, and the data sent to the Board; the air quality and testing is as good as anywhere in Lee County (and the company's done this for a number of years). The District has a mold remediation group and

there's a lot of recognition for that group re mold/mildew issues; there are loggers in the schools. The District is doing more for indoor air quality (a/q) than most in the state. A speaker at a recent meeting reviewed/noted what we're doing for indoor a/q is very positive. When Dr. Browder became Superintendent 3-1/2 years ago, there were law suits—but no issues in the last 3 years as a result our aggressively dealing with this. Lastly, the contracts with the bargaining units represent hard work on both parts; it was noted Dr. Adkins' work with the groups. Dr. Browder hopes the state dollars continue to flow.

- E. **Next Scheduled 2006 Meetings:** September 12—2:00 p.m., Board Workshop; 3:00 p.m., Special School Board Meeting; 3:00 p.m., School Board Briefing Meeting; 5:05 p.m., Special Board Meeting for 2006-07 Final Budget Hearing; and 6:30 p.m., School Board Meeting.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT** – *As there was no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.*

/dwm

MINUTES BOOK NO. 41 - FY07

Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Chairman

ATTEST:

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

An audio/visual tape of this meeting has been produced to provide a verbatim record of the proceedings. Members of the public may obtain a copy of the tape of any meeting by making a request for such through the Communications Department and paying the actual cost of copying the tape. Members of the public may view any Board meeting tape at the Communications Department at no cost. Anyone wishing to view a Board meeting tape should contact the Communications Department at 337-8327 to make such a request.