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**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY**  
**School Board Meeting – M I N U T E S (Approved 12/5/06)**  
**Monday—November 6, 2006 / 6:30 p.m.**

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**Attendees:** Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Chairman  
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Board Member  
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Board Member  
Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary & District Superintendent  
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Vice Chair  
Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Board Member  
Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney  
Mrs. Denise Mangus, Recording Secretary

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**I. OPENING EXERCISES**

- A. Call to Order** – The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Monday, November 6, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room for a regular School Board Meeting; Chairman Teuber presided. Mr. Teuber noted the following agenda changes: Items II.A.2—Recognition and VII.A.—Attorney’s Recommendation are pulled; Good Cause Items added of VI.A.1—Superintendent’s Recommendation, Personnel Recommendation/Administrative and II—Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management East Lee County High School. *Motion was made by Dr. Scricca, and seconded by Dr. Kuckel, to accept the agenda as the Order of Business; motion carried 5-0.*
- B. Invocation/Moment of Silence** – Mrs. Dozier led tonight’s invocation/moment of silence.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance** – Dr. Kuckel led the Pledge after South Fort Myers High School JROTC Color Guard (Cadets SGM Kayla Murray, SGM Alicia Garcia, SGM Victoria Paroj-Vides, and SGM Amanda Woods) presented the colors (SFC John Humphries, Instructor).

**II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Recognitions**

- 1. Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge** – Mr. Chilmonik led the recognition of Nicholas Anthony from Three Oaks Middle School.
- 2. Community Partnerships -- pulled**
- 3. Who’s Who of Prevention Leaders in Florida** – Mrs. Dozier led the recognition of Jan Klein.

**B. Resolutions**

1. **Veterans Appreciation Week** – *Dr. Scricca presented a resolution proclaiming November 5-11, 2006 as Veterans Week; Mr. Chilmonik seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0. John Ebling (Lee County Veterans Office) accepted.*
2. **American Education Week** – *Dr. Kuckel presented a resolution proclaiming November 12-18, 2006 as American Education Week; motion was seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0. Donna Mutzenard read the theme of American Education week and thanked for support (we need legislators' help for more funding); Bob Rushlow noted SPALC supports this resolution, the National Education Support Day is 11/15, and noted the basic right for every child.*

## B. Acknowledgment

1. **Character Word for November** – *Mr. Chilmonik read "Citizenship: The quality of an individual's response to membership in a community."*

## III. PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Martin provided the public comment guidelines.

*Sheridan Chester* – Noted praising soldiers while she feels her rights violated; she denied the allegation of threatening the President in her 10/17 letter. Believes her character defamed and mentioned victims and pretending to care about children.

*John Traube* – Feels subs not included in education resolution and there's a lack of subs being treated as professionals; he noted his and Ms. Chester's recent letters and stated some others being put on don not call. Feels subs receive less due process than students.

*Liz McGrath* – Re Ms. Chester and Mr. Traube, she sees this as similar to Ernie Scott situation of upsetting the wrong people (she noted she had inside information on that case). Doesn't want mistakes repeated or money taken from classrooms (e.g., legal settlements).

## IV. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS – There were no pulls from the agenda for discussion. *Motion by Dr. Scricca, with second by Mrs. Dozier, carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.*

### A. Executive Services – Dr. James Browder

1. Approval of October 10, 2006 Meeting Minutes – Student Hearings, Special School Board Meeting, School Board Briefing, and School Board Action Meeting.
2. Acceptance of the Internal Fund audit reports for the 77 schools completed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, as required by Section 6A-1.087(2) of the Florida State Board of Education Rules.
3. Approval of the agreement with Cerra Consulting Group to provide services regarding federal legislative proposals for the period October 16, 2006 through October 15, 2007, at a cost of \$24,000.

**B. Academics – Dr. Constance Jones**

1. Approval of eight grant proposals at no additional cost to the District:
  - a. SUCCEED Florida Career Florida Career Paths “South Fort Myers High School Academy of Building Construction”
  - b. SUCCEED Florida Career Paths “Ida S. Baker High School Academy of Medical and Biotech”
  - c. SUCCEED Florida Career Paths “Ida S. Baker High School Academy of Public Service”
  - d. SUCCEED Florida Career Florida Career Paths “South Fort Myers High School Academy of Public Service”
  - e. SUCCEED Florida Career Paths “East Lee County High School Manufacturing and Automotive Academy”
  - f. SUCCEED Florida Career Paths “Ida S. Baker High School Academy of Building Construction”
  - g. SUCCEED Florida Career Paths “East Lee County High School Academy of Building Construction
  - h. SUCCEED Florida Career Paths “South Fort Myers High School Academy of Medical and Biotech”

Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute related documents and to approve normal and customary accounting, amendment, bookkeeping, and payroll processes to maintain continuity of federal and state grant expenditures during fiscal year changes and other technical transitions. Any processes so approved will represent best practices, and will conform to funding agency regulations; and to submit proposals and receive awards in subsequent cycles of these specific grant programs and direct successors without further Board action, providing subsequent proposals do not include a major change in focus. The Superintendent may also bring such subsequent proposals forward for Board action for any other cause, at the Superintendent’s discretion.

2. Approval of the of the agreement with Florida Gulf Coast University for the lease of rooms at High Tech North from January 1, 2007 until December 31, 2009 at no cost to the District.
3. Approval of the amended Interagency Agreement with the Lee County Juvenile Assessment Center for FY07; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.
4. Approval of the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with The City of Fort Myers for the continuation of the School Resource Officer (SRO) and D.A.R.E. Program for August 11, 2006 to August 10, 2007, at a cost of \$324,810.

**C. Administrative Services – Mr. Michael McNerney**

1. Approval declare buses 205 and 211, which have been retired by the District, as surplus; and transfer of ownership to Lee County for use by the Parks and Recreation Department.

2. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Funds Account at Varsity Lakes Middle, with two signatures required on the account; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.

**D. Business Services – Mr. Lee Legutko**

1. Approval to remove from the Official Property Records, 577 items listed on the computer printout titled Property Records By Bar Code/ Tag Number (BI-009) dated October 20, 2006.
2. Approval of purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$225,583.74; and authorization to issue the six purchase orders:
  - a. All Phase Electric: Payment for the replacement of 16 light fixtures in the day care center at Lee County High Tech Center Central for Maintenance Services Dept. (Req. No. Q-0063516);
  - b. All Phase Electric: Payment for the installation of new exhaust fan in room 250 of the Cosmetology area at Lee County High Tech Center North for Maintenance Services Department (Requisition No. Q-0063512);
  - c. McQuay Service: Payment for the labor and materials to replace compressor #4 on Chiller #1 at Caloosa Elementary School for Maintenance Services Department (Requisition No. Q-0063626);
  - d. Anixter, Inc.: Purchase of video surveillance equipment for ALC Central, Bonita Springs Middle and for inventory items for Information Technology Support Department (Req. No. 246151);
  - e. All Phase Electric: Payment for the installation of District supplied fan and misting system including all switches, electric supply and water supply necessary to operate system at the physical education pavilion for Lehigh Elementary School (Requisition No. 246573);
  - f. The Knox Company: Payment for 85 Knox Box Vaults for various locations throughout the School District for Safety, Security and Inspections Department (Req. No. W-05775).
3. Approval to award Bid No. B066478CP for pizza service, to Dave's Italian Kitchen, EMP d/b/a Domino's Pizza, Happy Pizza d/b/a Domino's Pizza, Mione Pizza d/b/a Domino's Pizza, PJ Fort Myers, Inc. d/b/a Papa John's Pizza, Ro Ho Ho, Inc. d/b/a Papa John's Pizza, Sheer Pizza, Inc. d/b/a Domino's Pizza and Team St. Pete, Inc. d/b/a Domino's Piza for the period December 14, 2006 through December 13, 2007 at an annual estimated expenditure of \$275,000.
4. Approval to award Bid No. B066482SW for remanufactured fuel injection pumps and injectors for Transportation Services to be awarded to Florida Diesel Injection as primary vendor, Southeast Power Systems as secondary vendor and Wallace International Trucks as alternate vendor, effective for one year beginning November 7, 2006 through November 6, 2007 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 \$31,001.

5. Approval to award Bid No. B066488SW for automotive/equipment filters for Transportation Services to Total Truck Parts, Inc., having the lowest overall responses meeting specifications and if the primary vendors are unable to meet the needs of the District to authorize staff to proceed to the next low bidder(s) until the requirements of the District have been satisfied, effective for one year beginning December 8, 2006 through December 7, 2007 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 \$63,000.
6. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. 6174, strobe light assemblies and equipment by \$30,000 making a total anticipated expenditure of \$54,000 through May 2, 2007.
7. Approval to increase purchase order number D-18935 to Heritage Product Resources for an increase in the amount of material required for the front drapes at Fort Myers High School in the amount of \$1,586 for a total amount of \$30,181.
8. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. B066427CP, office supplies to Apex Office Products, AFP Industries, Inc., CompUSA, Corporate Express, General Binding Corporation, Pyramid Schools Products, Ricoh Corporation, School Specialty, Smith Office and Computer Supply and Standard Stationary Supply Company by \$45,000 making a total anticipated expenditure of \$140,000 through 5/8/07.
9. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. B066433CP, clinic supplies to Dade Paper Company, Henry Schein, Inc., Medco Supply Company and Moore Medical Corporation by \$12,000 making a total anticipated expenditure of \$40,000 through April 3, 2007.
10. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. B066471LO, site materials and preparation, to Gulf Paving Co., Inc. and W. W. Rewis by \$200,000 making a total anticipated expenditure of \$750,000 through August 28, 2007.
11. Approval to reject all bids for Bid No. B066446RG for upgrading the Symposium call center for Transportation Services; and authorization to solicit new bids using revised specifications possibly in the future.

**E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins**

1. Approval of the Adopting Resolution for the School District's Amended Flexible Benefits Plan Document and Summary Plan Document, effective November 6, 2006.
2. Approval of the reclassification of Bookkeeper to Junior Accountant for District Intervention Programs.

3. Approval to adopt the job description for Associate Band Instructor – TALC Supplemental Salary Schedule; and Coordinator, Safety and Security, and Coordinator, Information Technology Training – Administrative Salary Schedule.
4. 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 Amendment to Declaration of Reciprocal Easements and Covenants for the East Zone Staging School to more accurately reflect the existing surface water management system and utilities
2. Approval of the Sign Easement Agreement to Lee County Homes Associates II, LLLP for approximately 8,436 square feet on the 13 acre site in Botanica Lakes.
3. Acceptance of the Certificate of Final Inspection for Cypress Lake High School gymnasium, physical education and wrestling room addition dated May 30, 2006 and final payment in the amount of \$233,972.95 for the gymnasium and \$154,747.24 for the physical education and wrestling room addition to Wright Construction Corporation; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
4. Acceptance of the Certificate of Final Inspection for South Fort Myers High School Athletic Fields dated 10/23/06 and final payment in the amount of \$41,701 to Bateman Contracting and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/TABLED ITEMS (none)**

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS (Dr. Browder noted Mrs. Crotty's promotion)**

**A1. Good Cause – Personnel Recommendation/Administrative**

*Motion was made by Mrs. Dozier and seconded by Dr. Kuckel to approve the transfer and change of assignment for Dr. Ruth Lohmeyer from Principal, Orangewood Elementary, to Administrator-on-Assignment, Elementary Operations. Mr. Chilmonik asked if Board Members knew of this prior as he just received the Good Cause item today (all received on fax 11/6/06) and if this was Dr. Browder's recommendation of which the latter responded all recommendations are his. Motion carried 5-0. Dr. Scricca welcomed Dr. Lohmeyer to the A-O-A team. Dr. Kuckel noted she's top notch and dedicated. Mrs. Dozier noted the A-O-A development years ago, with a rotation from schools; she supported this recommendation as Dr. Lohmeyer's skills will be shared (a big footprint left on Orangewood). It was noted that Dr. Browder puts good people in good places.*

**A2. Good Cause – Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management / East Lee County High School**

It was confirmed Emergency Management will fund all costs for generator for this special needs shelter. *Motion by Dr. Scricca, with second by Dr. Kuckel, carried 5-0 for approval of the Federally-Funded Subgrant Agreement for Emergency Power Generator for Special Needs Shelter for East Lee County High School.*

**B. Naming New Elementary Schools “U”, Y, and Z**

*Motion was made by Dr. Kuckel, and seconded by Dr. Scricca, for Board approval for the naming of three new elementary schools: Elementary School “U” to be named Manatee Elementary School; Elementary “Y” to be named Patriot Elementary School; and Elementary School “Z” to be named Treeline Elementary School. Dr. Scricca confirmed the process was fulfilled as indicated by the Superintendent in addition to serious East Zone growth (two of these schools are East). Motion carried 5-0.*

[Dr. Browder acknowledged Christine Busenbark and Linda Boyle for their personnel changes.]

**VII. ATTORNEY’S RECOMMENDATIONS -- pulled**

**VIII. PUBLIC HEARING -- none**

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Special Request Presentations (Policy 1.31) – None**

**B. Board Member Comments/Reports**

*Dr. Scricca – She’s listened over past weeks quite intently, observed name calling, media assumptions re oath of office without her responding to a phone call or inquiry from media. Unfortunate a ceremony’s debased by excerpts (which Dr. Scricca read from the News-Press article). She noted a mockery of an occasion of a sincere event. Deep personal issues indicate sham and not a good example of behavior. She asked Mr. Teuber and Mr. Chilmonik to join her, prior to 11/21 meeting at 6:15—thereby saving the taxpayers’ bill (refreshments, invitees’ postage, overtime); it will take 1-1/2 minutes each and take place at Board table (prior the beginning the meeting). She noted their subsequent performance as Board Members will demonstrate to the public that differences will be resolved or not; more time may be needed. Re the invitations’ printing costs, she’ll remit her 1/3--\$33. The only consideration to agree is one judge or three for the nine-minute ceremony. This is not an effort to squelch comments. Her vote is her voice; her performance is her bond to the public, rhetoric notwithstanding.*

*Mr. Chilmonik* – Addressed speaker comments to Dr. Browder in that after listening to comments and allegations against two individuals, he’s shown concerns. One of his is focused in on purported presidential threat; Mr. Chilmonik asked about witnesses to this, the tone, etc. His concern is process/lack of investigation; someone’s good name could be irreparably damaged. If something happens, wants thoroughly researched. After looking at forms, it appears some statements could be double hearsay and possibly slandered; Mr. Chilmonik didn’t see the back-up. He’ll send a memo for more info on how info collected. Wants all employees treated as professionals. He doesn’t know if info buttoned down in this case. Mr. Teuber noted he didn’t open the floor for discussion; Mr. Chilmonik noted he’d respond to allegations and he’s being very calm/measured. Next point re oath of office—it’s very commendable about cost and money but he paid the postage (mailed yesterday) and he invited Mrs. Dozier and Dr. Kuckel to his ceremony.

*Mrs. Dozier* – Noted a couple of things: knows as Board, process discussed for notifying subs and same process 20 years. She would ask to look at current process (at a Briefing sometime) and if any improvements can be made; we certainly want to be fair with all employees. Next she touched on the comment of neglecting subs on the education resolution this evening. National Education resolution is an acknowledgment of all employees, including subs; national education week encompasses within the education setting. All on the Board know the importance of subs. There’s even a substitute teachers resolution during the school year for recognition.

*Dr. Kuckel* – Talked about teacher retention strategies a few months ago. Michelle Cort-Mora doing some research; she wants timeline for next year and when new teachers come on board. For Board Members, re drop out prevention, maybe could be one of the Board’s goals. Wants to present thought every year—specific strategies to reverse that trend.

*Mr. Teuber* – Re sub process, he obtained consensus for a briefing. There was consensus also on the strategies for teacher retention. Re the swearing in, this is example of another issue he believes takes away from what they been elected to do (not meant to political; for families and friends)—it does not deal with children and he tried to remove himself and stop the talking re a non-issue as he went to the courthouse that day (around 11/2) and was sworn in with his wife and daughter. He’ll pay \$33 for the invitations. Drop-out prevention is a great goal.

**B. Attorney’s Comments/Reports (Mr. Martin had none)**

**C. Superintendent’s Comments/Reports**

*Dr. Browder* – He shared with the Board about looking into issues/review reasons principals used to put someone on do not call; it’s not an investigation but around the reasons they did. Dr. Browder wanted to say tonight, based on Ms. Chester’s situation, the reason he didn’t call when he first read the report is what was reported from the school; school noted these are several of inappropriate statements made and the school was asked if they thought she really meant the (presidential) threat. Dr. Browder didn’t call the Secret Service because he didn’t think she was a danger but the Superintendent noted Mr. Chilmonik said he’d call (Mr. Chilmonik denied but was ruled out of order by the Chair);

Dr. Browder called because it was based on a Board Member request. Dr. Browder followed everything he was supposed to. He noted the retreat to utilize our ITV system better—he noted the Algebra I hotline we’re currently operating under (line comes into the room and the teacher’s there). Dr. Browder noted shared activities for parents and students—web based type programs to protect students. He’s talked with Director Shaffer and parent comments will be heeded re serious look at we do to inform public re issues on web. He noted the 12/4 Seminar re the web and children; we need to provide support to parents for awareness of serious situations kids get into.

**E. Next Scheduled Meetings:**

- November 15, 2006 – 2:00 p.m., Press Conference;
- November 17, 2006 – 10:00 a.m., Lee County Legislative Presentation;
- November 21, 2006—3:00 p.m., School Board Briefing; and
- November 21, 2006—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 7:43 p.m.*

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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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