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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
Special School Board Meeting - MINUTES
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)
Monday, May 19, 2008

Attending

Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Member
Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Member
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Member
Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman (*via telephone*)

Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Superintendent
Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Monday, May 19, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. in the School Board Meeting Room for a Special School Board Meeting. Vice Chairman Jane Kuckel presided.

Chairman Jeanne Dozier was out of town; however, she participated in the meeting via telephone.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 5-0 to accept the agenda as the Order of Business.

II. Public Comment

John Traube spoke in support of a referendum to transfer capital funds to operating funds.

Dr. Kuckel requested that Dr. Browder, during Superintendent's Comments, address Mr. Traube's comments.

III. Consent Action Items – None.

IV. Unfinished Business / Tabled Items – None.

V. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Good Cause – None.

B. Personnel Recommendations – Administrative.

<u>Transfer</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Leona Lynn Herrell	Veterans Park Academy for the Arts	Bayshore Elementary	07/01/08

Transfer and Change of Assignment	From	To	Effective Date
Brian Botts	Assistant Principal, East Lee County High	Principal, Fort Myers Middle Academy	05/20/08

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the administrative personnel actions including transfer and transfer and change of assignment.

VI. Other Business

A. Board Members' Comments/Reports

Mr. Teuber: none.

Dr. Scricca: none.

Mrs. Dozier: none.

Mr. Chilmonik: stated that he believed a referendum to exchange capital dollars for operating dollars would assist the District with its current economic problems and asked the other Board Members to support directing the Superintendent to research such a referendum for placement on the August 2008 ballot.

Dr. Kuckel asked Dr. Browder for his comments regarding this matter.

During his comments, Dr. Browder stated that he felt it would be fiscally irresponsible to take any action at this time because it could cause damage to the capital side of the budget to areas such as the capital plan, the technology plan, the ability to fund needed reservations to existing facilities, etc. He stated that he must be cautious about bringing any recommendations to the Board because he believes that this is only the beginning of what will be seen within the next couple of years. Dr. Browder recommended that the District construct a plan and then see what happens next year, which might be another \$15 million shortfall. He informed the Board that he has a meeting with some members of the *News-Press* Editorial Board on Wednesday because they want more information regarding this matter. Dr. Browder added that he has begun collecting information that he plans to present to the Board on June 3rd.

Motion by Mr. Chilmonik that the School Board direct the Superintendent to research and bring back a recommendation with regard to conducting a referendum in the August 2008 primary to ask voters to reduce the ad valorem tax millage for capital projects of the Lee County School District and increase the ad valorem millage for operations by an equivalent amount.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Dr. Kuckel: none.

B. Attorney's Comments/Reports – None.

C. Superintendent's Comments/Reports – provided earlier.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- May 30, 2008, 10:30 A.M., Special School Board Meeting

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, *seconded* by Mr. Teuber, and *carried 5-0* to adjourn the May 19, 2008, Special School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 P.M.

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Jane E. Kuckel, Ph.D., Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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