



**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY**  
**SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP --**  
**MINUTES** (APPROVAL 9/25/07)  
**DISCUSS RESOLUTION AND STATE BUDGET ISSUES**

**Tuesday, August 28, 2007 – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Board Room Annex**

**Present:**

Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman  
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Ph. D., Vice President  
Mr. Robert Chilmolik, Board Member  
Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J. D., Board Member  
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Board Member

Dr. James W. Browder, Ed. D., Superintendent  
Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney  
Mrs. Julie Nieminski, Board Auditor  
Ms. June Halladay, Recorder

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**Order of Business**

**I. Welcome/Call to Order**

Mrs. Jeannie Dozier, Board Chairman, called the workshop to order at 1:30 p.m.

**II. Introductions:**

Mrs. Dozier introduced the people attending the meeting.

**III. Discussion: 2007/08 Proposed Legislative Resolution and State Budget Issues:**

Mrs. Dozier asked if any of the Board Members or the Superintendent had any "Budget cuts at the state level that they could identify for consideration in the Resolution that we have that could come before the Board." A Board Member presented an email which had been sent to all School Board Members and School District Superintendents from the Florida School Boards Association, Inc. It was suggested that they look over the proposals.

Dr. Browder suggested that they consider postponing class size reduction requirements for one year.

**IV. Follow-Up Issues**

It was the consensus of the Board that they delete the following from the Resolution:

- *Support local flexibility to utilize leftover dollars from our district's MAP allocation to satisfy a portion of the district's allocated general revenue cuts from the Legislature;*
- *Consider use of the statewide School Recognition allocation to satisfy a portion of the state general revenue shortfall.*

It was the consensus of the Board that they add the following to the Resolution:

- *Delay implementation of, and/or reduce appropriations for, all bonus award programs and redirect the funds to cover any education shortfall. Bonus award programs include, but are not limited to:*
  - *the unexpended balance from the 2006-2007 STAR Program appropriation;*

- *the Merit Award Program currently funded at \$147.5 million;*
- *the School Recognition Program currently funded at approximately \$157 million.*
- *Waive statutory, proviso, and implementing language to allow school districts total flexibility over use of all appropriated funds – including lottery, FEFP, categorical, and 2-mill funds – to meet revenue shortfalls so long as school districts continue to meet student and fiscal accountability requirements.*
- *Reduce the distribution of lottery funds to School Advisory Councils to \$5 per FTE and redirect approximately \$53 million to cover any shortfall.*
- *Waive the penalty that redirects dollars from operating to capital accounts for any district that fails to meet Class Size Reduction goals.*
- *Delay implementation of unfunded mandates. Unfunded mandates that are scheduled to be fully implemented in 2008 include, but are not limited to:*
  - *the development and administration of end-of-course exams for all grade groupings and subjects;*
  - *operating and capital costs relating to the establishment of school concurrency.*
- *Redirect \$490 million in vetoed allocations to cover any shortfall.*
- *Consider postponing class size reduction requirements for one year.*

It was the consensus of the Board that the changes be brought before the School Board at the August 28, 2007 Action Meeting as a Good Cause Item.

**V. Good of the Order**

Mr. Chilmonik stated that he did not support reducing appropriations for bonus programs.

**VI. Adjournment**

Mrs. Dozier adjourned the Board Workshop of August 28, 2007, at 1:45 p.m.

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**Mrs. Jeanne Dozier**, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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