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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
School Board Briefing Meeting – M I N U T E S (Approval 4/22/08)
Tuesday – March 25, 2008 / 2:30 p.m.

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

(Dr. Kuckel called the meeting to order at 2:58 p.m.)

A. ITEMS WITH GUESTS

- 1. Board Committee Chair Reports** – Ms. Trish Leonard, Construction Advisory Committee (CAC), noted meeting work on the design construction of guard houses; to-date, updates have been given and they've met with Ida Baker, South Fort Myers High, and East Lee County High. The project is moving along (design next month); construction will occur in August 2009, and students will have the opportunity to design and build. There will be presentations on 5/7 at the LCPEC; it's anticipated that a Board recognition will take place 6/3 for two secured project sponsors (not costing the District much), and McDonald's will provide value meals to the students (during project construction). Ms. Leonard has spoken with Mr. Donzelli re press releases of this good news involving the community, students, sponsors, etc. CAC will also review the 5-year facility plan and budget; she commended Messrs. Snell and Moore. Green design is being looked at though more expensive sometimes. CAC plans to tour school sites once completed and look at ways to save the District money (lighting, a/c, water flow in toilets, etc. without having to lose jobs) and look at facilities; more creativity will be explored, and CAC is open to other items the Board desires. Mrs. Dozier commended Ms. Leonard for accepting the election of committee chair when the unexpected vacancy occurred, and CAC didn't miss a beat; Mrs. Dozier was unable to attend March's meeting but sent information. Dr. Kuckel echoed Mrs. Dozier's positive comments and noted filling in at a very productive meeting; she is excited about the application-based project for students.

Dr. Connie Dennis, Curriculum Advisory Committee, noted work on the concern of safety and planning re bullying research, with an invitation to Debbie Johnston for info on her legislative bill. There'll be a presentation on gangs and what to look out for in schools. There's concern about state District funding; Mr. Chilmonik showed his editorial at last meeting (in today); Mr. Teuber attended/provided understanding of tax situation and importance of what's being faced. Patsy Howell is coordinating with another committee re mentoring; Dr. Browder's continuing concern is in this area, and data is tracked (mentors—adults, college students, etc.). Dropout prevention research has been discussed for a few months, and Drs. Jones and Tihen showed students' impressive achievement; there's always room for improvement. Dr. Dennis emphasized arts/fun curriculum things to keep students in school; she sees this on the middle school level. Many students' intensive course loads are without these opportunities (so they do after school). Relative curriculum and strong administrative support is important as well as cultural/diversity in staff so students can see. The idea of comprehensive schools at a middle school level was noted and perhaps there could be a pilot school; it may help keep kids in school. Mr. Chilmonik is looking at different districts to aggregate/analyze data and see what's involved. Mr. Chilmonik thanked Dr. Dennis and Mr. Teuber (latter for attending); he invited other Board Members to attend/speak. Mr. Chilmonik added that Adequate Yearly Progress was talked about and he noted some percentages on minority graduation rates. Dr. Kuckel noted thanks and noted four important areas to the Board—safety, budget, mentoring, and drop-out.

Mr. David Hall, Finance Advisory Committee (FAC), thanked District staff for being informative/supportive, answering all questions satisfactorily. Ami Desamours briefed FAC on the '08/09 budget prep progress and decreasing enrollment. FAC commends moving internal budget meetings month earlier—enables more discussion time; they understand difficult decisions and agree with funding classroom activities as much as possible. Again, FAC recommends reserve maintained near top of the 3-5% range as suggested by state. FAC is also pleased Dr. Browder's continuing as Superintendent, as he knows the system thoroughly during these tough economic times and where cuts can be made effectively in lessening long-term negative impact to students' education. Greta Campbell reviewed Finance's activities during the past year and accounting for the District's funds; it was very informative. FAC discussed the vacant Internal Auditor to the Board position; it's felt the Board should develop a written analysis of what the person is to accomplish. Mr. Hall recently learned the District has an established internal audit function satisfying requirements of internal controls. Analysis may conclude outside firm could do audits on as-needed basis vs. hiring full-time person; it's suggested Board take appropriate time for specs development of exact wants and work towards that end in a prudent fashion. In conclusion, Mr. Hall noted Bill Moore reviewed activities of the District's construction and maintenance departments, which was helpful in looking at the District's capital budget. Mr. Teuber thanked Mr. Hall (latter has been Committee Chair since

inception) for the keen input, noting the Board has had a lot of discussion re the Internal Auditor. Mr. Hall's expertise is appreciated; there might not be any right answer re the Board Auditor. It's prudent for the Board to take recommendations to get things in order and identify as critical or non-critical for when the budget does come down. Mrs. Dozier commended Mr. Hall for his work. She noted point of some not knowing about internal audit department; she suggested committees be made aware of this, as this department (as others) works very hard and monitors what the Board wants as well as different things Dr. Browder puts forward in addition to state requirements. A volunteer sheet (Horizon Council coordinated before, now Foundation for Lee County Public Schools) was distributed for the Foundation's career academy days in May at the three comprehensive high schools; community business volunteers (Board welcome) are sought to talk about their jobs/experience. Drs. Kuckel and Scricca noted appreciation. Mr. Teuber noted thanks to the Horizon Council. Reports for Compliance and DAC are anticipated for another Briefing (chairmen unavailable).

2. **GHASB45/Other Post-Employment Benefit Requirements** – Dr. Browder noted requirement to do and we're audited for such. Statement 45 deals with medical insurance/retirees. Mr. Rizzo (one of the presenters) noted retirees are offered life; medical can be charged (average blended premium/rate). Some districts offer free coverage; he noted the retirees' subsidy is being picked by the District. We have to have an actuarial forecast of long-term costs. While working, an employee is earning a little at a time re the subsidy. Re what other districts are doing (some are generous), we're complying. The Board is paying \$3.47 million in subsidy (an amount typical for districts offering a minimum; it must be put in by June 30, 2008). Staff is looking at ways to mitigate liability. The last item on the list is what employers are doing; money could be into trust to help finance long-term obligation (which will increase), like some cities put into pension plan (this could help significantly reduce) but would require real cash—a detail. This is all that about can be done to mitigate liabilities. The year after, liability's approximated to grow another \$8 million (then \$10 million after that). Per Mrs. Dozier's question, Mrs. Greta Campbell noted the number of employees being talked about is 1,146; it was also confirmed to Mrs. Dozier that it's a qualifying trust being mentioned—dedicated solely to reimburse the District for subsidy. Dr. Browder explained that Susan Strong is looking at options and will talk with the Insurance Task Force so they're aware of long-haul impact/budget. After Mrs. Dozier's suggestion, consensus was given to have a Board discussion of the different options for security to offset the growing cost; Dr. Kuckel mentioned having a workshop.

3. **Investment Policy/Strategies** -- Dr. Browder noted Jerry Ford will present and outline again where we are, share some plans and what we've done. Dr. Browder noted thanks to Mrs. Campbell and Mr. George for a lot of this work; Mr. Ford commended Mrs. Campbell. At the present, we have in excess of \$632 million in investments; 57% is at the Bank of America (SBA has remainder). We're working on investment policy (available in a few weeks). A concern of money in one place had been noted prior. Staff went out for letters of interests to institutions—collateralization levels, interest in deposits, rate of deposits; proposals were received from many of the banks last Thursday and are being reviewed now. Rates in commercial banks will be higher than in the past (not tremendously though)—8 to 20 basis points/additional yield. The District drew done monies [\$14.6 million] to AAA market account; it's not a life fund but reserve primary fund (reserve is oldest fund and prime; similar to securities SBA is allowed to invest in) and is at about 2.75% the past 30 days (a good pick-up up on interest but should ongoing+). Dr. Browder has given direction to look at a mix of funds—AAA market, banks, etc.; these funds have same-day availability (until 5:00 p.m. transfer and it's there). Progress is being made re increasing District's yield. Funds are not collateralized 100% totally each day but monthly); noted was 25% of deposits up to 50% range of deposits (collateral in U.S. government agency securities—mortgage-backed securities). Mr. Ford noted it was thought the firm hired (by the state) would do a due diligence review of SBA and take a hard look at the quality of securities today in SBA (seeing what they'd pay); he has been through the report and is disappointed. Some recommendations were made but things were noted that we knew. An assessment of the current securities' quality may not have been given due to the scope. The report noted SBA was in guidelines when securities bought; communication though and lack of follow-up was criticized; it also suggested Pool A and B wind down and dissolve, with a new state pool created. Also recommended is adding additional trustees to the SBA trustees. Unfortunately in doing so, it doesn't provide definitions of the roles/responsibilities (silent on this) and the why of this is unknown (Mr. Ford won't speculate). It's difficult for Mr. Ford to get comfortable with a process where there are no defined roles for trustees on articulating to governments within the state.

Re Mr. Chilmonik's question on possibly pulling out our money of SBA with a 2% penalty, Mr. Ford noted there's no information to do this now (report didn't give). Mr. Ford talked with Mr. Giblin; the lead to conduct a diligence project on those securities was noted. Mr. Ford/others approached Senator Rubio on different scope, with latter concerned on narrowness of report and discussion whether to go back and get more comprehensive analysis of Fund A. Mr. Ford noted as soon as more info is obtained, he'd let us know. Re Mr. Chilmonik's fund stability question, Mr. Ford noted report was silent on this. Dr. Browder noted (re Mr. Chilmonik's inquiry of one fund more secure than other in marketplace), Mr. Ford noted some signs of funds maturing and becoming more liquid. Dr. Browder feels questions should be about

Fund B as Fund A has AAA rating inside of it; it's going to take some time for everything to mature—18 months as of 6 months (January 09). It's the smaller of two amounts having some concerned re SBA talk. Although it's a substantial amount of money, Dr. Browder is hopeful Fund B will pay off if given time to materialize and bring dollars to table; if not the case, it's a lawsuit in relation to this (possibly class-action, on behalf of other affected municipalities, school districts, etc.). It was confirmed to Mrs. Dozier, for the benefit of the audience, that the SBA trustees are the Governor, Attorney General, and Chief Financial Officer of the state; to this point, no one has accepted responsibility for SBA under their watch. Mr. Ford noted there's a great deal of discussion about roles/responsibilities but not roles of trustees; in initial reports, there is no definition of what trustees are—today or in the future. Mrs. Dozier inquired if it would be beneficial for us to write a letter referencing the report and lack of information in it; with respect to the FSBA individuals she knows (in speaking for FSBA as President), more was anticipated from the report than what came out. Mr. Ford was agreeable to the District/Board voice being heard, and he appreciates it. Dr. Blanton, Mr. Monfort, and an advisory committee have discussed re wording that's being done. Mr. Ford was concerned and surprised (re report) and he's noted many times the hesitancy to address particular issues. Dr. Kuckel requested Mrs. Dozier take the initiative re the suggested letter. Re Dr. Scricca's question on the report's narrowness and maybe a possibility to form a new group, Mr. Ford noted it's difficult to speculate reasons why; it could be the scope's definition from day one for those hired to do the task. We do know cities, counties, and school districts wanted a broader scope and—specifically—focused analyzed quality of what's in pool B (and assurances of what's in Fund A). Thanks were noted to Mr. Ford.

2. **Legislative Update** – Mrs. Dozier noted this week's conference call with several individuals (including Drs. Browder, Jones, Adkins, and Mrs. Desamours); it's felt the up-front Tallahassee news will be slow and may come late/quickly. Legislators have an amount of money to deal with the entire state; as soon as the budget's released, they'll hear from all. Several associates were to meet last night and give indication as far as how the runs were going to be/estimates (didn't happen); there's significant amount to be cut out school budgets (e.g., teacher leave money, teacher bonus program, etc. totaling \$250 million—a long ways away). Per Mr. Cerra, there's chipping away at the education budget and other areas being identified for getting to \$1 billion. There could be \$20-26 million cut from Lee—higher than thought. Mr. Cerra's concerned about how the House and Senate budgets are coming in very low and then to work up; the data just received from the initial first House run puts Lee at about \$30 million; there was hope for it not to exceed \$26 million as the worst case. Mrs. Dozier noted 2 mill money and the required local effort re students (additional monies could be picked up by increasing \$35/student). The education budget is the big target; they're looking at where we have funding for teacher in-service (nothing in education is sacred right now). Dr. Kuckel noted this was the same budget said to hold education harmless; Mrs. Dozier noted such initially, re the legislature, and Amendment 1 but stated now as then—if sounds too good to be true, it probably is. The new tax on the ballot will have to be monitored and people have to be informed as to what will happen. There are no definite numbers—just speculation. Mrs. Dozier noted her position of this being unacceptable—re reducing base student allocation, reducing county monies—all totally unacceptable. The legislature is elected to look for stable sources of revenue to be identified and having to look at the big picture/whole organization/entire state. She will craft, in a concise message (attending FSBA Days in the Legislature) and put them on the hot spot to identify revenue sources to sustain basic qualities of life that every state should have; it's not happening.

There are several bills—e.g., class reduction effort and some language continues to move forward but the Senate hasn't picked it up yet and it's unsure where it will go; p.e. middle school requirements may be flexible—one semester each year—and parents can opt students out. Class expenditure (65%) temporarily passed in council but if not given a hearing in committee, it will be a dead bill (good for us). Re the bullying bill, one senator is going to back off from keeping passage of the bill. There are charter school issues—re 2 mill language, it needs to be watched as language may give some of our entitlement to charters; this is unacceptable as we can't use those seats when counting the number we have. School start date has been put back in board but no House version—thus may not go anywhere for super majority of board. Mrs. Dozier mentioned the corporate income tax/voucher program; latter is still out there and there's talk about increasing to \$88 million (would expand program as we know now; when looking at those sponsors, may have special interest). Re the elected committee of education, the Senate passed but the House is unknown; it was taken off the previous government (went to appointed committee), and elected would provide answering to the people. There's also a bill to sponsor school break programs in middle and high; if it gains momentum, there could be a difference of what it means to some schools. Mrs. Dozier spoke with Senator Gates; he has a new bill re school accountability, and he's trying to understand education but doesn't have house companion though he does have respect level. They want to change re high school grading; FACT now determines, and he said it shouldn't be the only thing—base on number of students tested, AP tests, drop-outs in school. Senior teachers who work in high school don't feel they've any input/buy-in of high school's grade; want to ensure accountability is for everyone. Mrs. Dozier noted this is a step in the right direction, and Sen. Gates is doing a lot of research as he recognizes for all to play fair since a previous elected school superintendent. Mrs. Dozier noted Dr. Browder may have more to add. Mrs. Dozier represents the Board, encouraging

all to phone legislators; she appeals to community members to do the same re feelings on important issue of funding. Mr. Chilmonik commented that the news appears to be getting worse re the budget. Mrs. Dozier noted having a list of bills being monitored; funding is obviously one being looked at and will affect how we do business every day. The District is preparing for the worst; each time an estimate is given, we have to go back and plan more and it's creating fear, hurting morale, providing for opportunity for instability within organizations. Mrs. Dozier feels next year will be worse (this is an election year). Mr. Chilmonik inquired about Mrs. Dozier meeting with committee members who generate financial numbers; she noted that numbers come out DOE for the process but she's had 2-3 meetings with the Commissioner of Education and anticipates another one. Once the numbers come out of that office, then the Senate decides this much in dollars; different organizations are asking for money. Dr. Scricca thanked Mrs. Dozier for the work she does and inquired as to how many legislators have opponents (e.g., local delegation). Dr. Kuckel thanked Mrs. Dozier on behalf of the Board; it's interesting to Dr. Kuckel that budget cuts come to a state that's funded 46 out of 50 states.

C. ACADEMIC SERVICES

1. **District Strategic Plan 2008/09** – Dr. Browder noted, for the interest of time, the District satisfaction survey done last year; this year's is similar but not as many will be mailed. The surveys will be done via SACs and on-line; high participation is desired and advertising may be done to get the community involved. There isn't a lot of return when sending 5,000 pre-paid envelopes, and the ESE return rate was very low out of the 16,000 sent. Re the opportunity to look at the Strategic Plan goals and Board goals, Dr. Browder noted there's one small change—the split of math and science to focus individually; he noted to look at the top 13 counties in Florida and the ESOL numbers of Brevard vs. Lee. We'll look at ones closest to us because of how they measure up to us and use comparisons that match up “apples to apples.” Dr. Scricca is pleased with using similar comparisons, and she mentioned another indicator valuable to us is the mobility (transient) rate; Lee is at 40% and she would like to know what other districts are at. Dr. Browder will have other data provided. Palm Beach and Hillsborough counties are ones that will be looked into.
2. **Stakeholder Satisfaction Surveys (SP08)** – covered above.
3. **Policy 2.061, Title I Parent Involvement (new) 4/22** – This is a compliance policy under NCLB and a DOE-provided template was specifically developed after information received from feds and after an audit. One pages 3-7, there are more specifics on what our district will provide (e.g., participation level in addition to decision level); this will come to the Board at a 4/22 public hearing. Dr. Browder noted this being about compliance and we have to adopt it; Dr. Clarke noted her group and two individuals in particular for their work this past year. In response to Mrs. Dozier's policy question about providing translators, it is an unfunded mandate; if there are more than 15 in a group in Florida, Dr. Browder noted we're required to have translator. Dr. Clarke noted for the District, it would be in Spanish and Creole.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE/SUPPORT SERVICES – none

E. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. **FY09 Budget/Capital and Debt Service Budgets** – Dr. Browder noted wanting to set the stage inside the budget and to start discussion reductions; in going to the Governor's budget, which Dr. Browder believes is a high watermark, the latter required some reduction--\$5+ million. We've now gone to 5% below (versus previous 2%) the Governor's budget. In the area of assessed valuation, property tax dollars and revenue to be brought in—we went 3% inside of this, giving \$17 million in reductions. The bargaining units and others are anxious to fix and move forward in a positive fashion. Dr. Browder and Mrs. Desamours started reviewing newspaper articles around the state; districts of 50,000 enrollment are cutting between \$20-30 million from their budgets, and perhaps we were being too cautious within ours. If we apply 5% right across to the Governor's budget, it would increase the figure to 26%; we went 3% in revenue and 5% in everything else, giving \$17 million. Mrs. Desamours has talked with other districts; Seminole was close to us. Sarasota, Manatee, and Orange are looking at millions more; others are taking guidance and charging student fees. Lee may be between \$26-30 million in reductions; if it's more than that, Dr. Browder noted us not standing and operating as before and it will hit schools and affect children. Dr. Browder noted we're begging for 5%. Mrs. Dozier noted we won't get budget information until late; if received in the next two weeks, it would give four weeks but Dr. Browder commented that we may get it the last week when the legislators meet. He feels we're the luckiest district, as we've a bargaining unit to look at less disruption to services, children, families and those who work; they're at the heart of discussions and this is very important in his five years as superintendent. Families and friends will be impacted. He distributed a page of almost \$9 million suggested reductions as a result of 2-1/2 weeks work (prepared to this point), of which \$3.76 million is the total for suggested personnel reductions. Dr. Browder noted showing what they're thinking and that inside of this, there can't be secrets; we've got to lay it out on the table the best we can. We're going to look at a body of information of what it

could be like in two years (re budget); this year could be devastating to the District. Dr. Browder will share non-personnel issues (list not provided today of names re personnel; information for the one-page summary was just completed today at 1:00 p.m.). Non-personnel suggested reductions are: Nature Center rental--\$45,000; Transportation Department overtime--\$112,500; Support for Foundation--\$24,000; Weaver Hipps delayed opening (600 students displaced)--\$750,000; District travel--\$300,000; energy reductions--\$500,000; broadband lease/cell tower rentals--\$1,000,000; field trips with few exceptions--\$100,000; and 1.5% Contingency--\$1,000,000 (total \$3.8 million). Re a note on reducing contingency, there are \$10 million revenue and \$10 million FTE shortfalls; we can't run risk with hurricanes, per Dr. Browder, as \$5 million spent before. There's \$18 million additionally to possibly find; it's the hope/prayer legislature puts more money in the budget. Work continues re additional money to lay out opportunity for us to ensure balanced budget. Dr. Browder's prepared to go as deep as he has to. We've withheld flex money from schools (\$2 million); if he has to take, people in schools who serve schools would lose jobs. The principals have said: don't give to them now but maybe later give to them so as not to underestimate, then having to cut more later. There's almost \$4 million within the district level; service as we know it will halt (with fewer things done without). Navigator project will help us do more with less; the return on investment money is already in there. Based on growth, people may be put back in three years and more service provided. Fear within the organization is not easy to get around; there are comments that it's easy to do this but we have to be thoughtful, per Dr. Browder, in saying a program being done is not necessary—everything we do is important and necessary. Looking at if it's essential is when we get to this point.

Dr. Browder is the most concerned now in his 36 years; people will not have jobs due to funding. He noted in his serious debates with Mrs. Desamours, she stood up for children. Field trips can't be subsidized as in the past (schools weren't charged full cost); Dr. Browder wants to maintain but there'll be stepping away. Mr. Teuber noted looking at what's required by state law; he feels this comes before essential. There could be programs cuts across liberal arts—e.g., band, art; it was noted putting a price tag on required things and not required in the District so public understands. Mr. Teuber added the uprising won't occur until after cuts made but it will be decisions made as a Board from Briefings (no matter how much public comment), and it will be gone. He wants the community to understand importance in contacting legislators now and not in three months; once the monies are cast in stone, they're appropriated. He noted from experience in Michigan that for two years, there was no bussing, lunch, sports/extracurricular, etc. People may exit Florida like a plague he commented, and it will be too late—e.g., scholarships, sports ineligible, etc. He concluded that the Board is prepared to pick up the pieces. Mrs. Dozier has encouraged contacting legislators; Mr. Teuber doesn't see sense of urgency in the community and noted there are high figures of bankruptcy, foreclosures, decreased construction. He added the academics and education of children can't be affected. Dr. Browder noted if it's higher than \$26 million, it will change how he goes about it. It was said as a group to stay as far away from schools re cuts; he noted cutting inside district offices as deep as needed. He respects what Mr. Teuber is saying. We can rev up the community. Dr. Browder doesn't feel comfortable (before he talks about art. p.e., orchestra); it's important for children. Dr. Kuckel noted clear messages being felt/disappointment legislators putting education in this situation. Mr. Chilmonik's surprised to receive one e-mail re editorial. Dr. Scricca appreciates what Messrs. Teuber and Chilmonik are saying and feels low public response is: they're suffering—talking about foreclosures, bankruptcy, loss of jobs. Priority of education comes a little bit late if families preoccupied with putting put food on the table/keeping their home. Dr. Browder respectfully agrees and he feels public trusts us to protect the children. The bargaining units are depended on and fear should not be driven into the community. Dr. Browder noted he might eat those words in not cutting services to children but doesn't want fear driven as he feels it's not the right thing. He added that if we have to get there, he'll bring us there. Dr. Browder feels the best minds in the community are looking at things in addition to the bargaining units and the community trusting us.

Dr. Kuckel noted a request of the humanistic side—fear in our buildings and in our staff. She suggests putting on a broadcast to the employees re the gravity of the situation and where it comes from—worst case, best case, scenarios, etc.; the newspapers will be reporting tomorrow. Dr. Browder noted an e-mail to all district employees requested input. Dr. Scricca is okay with a broadcast by Dr. Browder to employees if the Board feels appropriate. Mr. Chilmonik feels it should include the community in a broadcast. Mrs. Dozier noted, re communication, a piece needs to be sensitive to employees and entire county. Dr. Browder noted what's currently on the web re the budget situation, Lee in the Loop budget edition, his talking points of what we're doing (he'll send to Board in next several days). Some things will be done on TV and ITV. Dr. Scricca noted communication piece is important but from her past experience, it will hit home once a family's directly impacted in what it does to their children; it's recognized that Dr. Browder's forewarnings can't be specific. Dr. Kuckel noted she didn't mean for her suggestion to be a call of action but an explanation to staff.

Re capital plan, Mrs. Desamours went over her PowerPoint. Several things are up in the air and it's subject to change since legislation pending. Capital information plan is built on information we now know and whether we go forward. The five-year plan contains all construction projects (based on latest student projections, with a conservative average for

growth of each zone and sub-zone); she sat with Mike Smith after October survey and the average rates reviewed, using most conservative. There were re-calculations of students 5-10 years out and was scaled down (as growth has). Before we fund (given to us by Tallahassee), we must have survey approved and in-line with projections; all schools in our survey (on capital plan) must be approved by Tallahassee (will be scaled down). Re tech plan, equipment, and bus equipment—all components on capital plan as well as estimated revenue to us, 2 mill, impact on capital outlay services, etc. Classroom for kids program will end in 2010; tax rolls will decrease 2-3% in next few years but FY13 brings it back up to 5% with hopeful growth levels by then and rebound. There’s been \$7 million collected this year (no more expected from license). There’s limited school construction in appropriations—scaled down to match growth project over next five years but maintenance of existing buildings on plan in addition to tech plan, busses, school technology retrofitting (latter starts with Title 1). Dr. Browder noted, in core, Smart Board type technology (ability for teachers to utilize modern technology in instruction). New school cost estimates are at \$27 million—elementary; \$40 million—middle; and \$78 million—high school. Land purchases have been eliminated as we’ve landbanked to fill our needs in next five years. Changes will be brought, re plan, as we go along and major changes can still be made pending any reduced revenues received from state, any changes from impact fees (talk about it at local level), class size changes, etc. Mrs. Dozier requested a brief summary/overview of projects themselves; Dr. Browder will provide such to the Board.

F. **HUMAN RESOURCES** – none

G. **EXECUTIVE SERVICES** – none

H. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Sue Jacobse noted it’s absolutely incumbent upon all for speaking clearly to elected officials re budget; she noted SBA irresponsibility and people to know political parties of those elected in Tallahassee making the budget. She encourages the community to spread the talk with parents, teachers, and Tallahassee legislators on behalf of children.

I. **BOARD ATTORNEY / SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS** – Mr. Martin had none. Dr. Browder requested of Mr. Chilmonik to see tonight the plan the latter indicated in his editorial today. The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

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Jane E. Kuckel, Ph.D., Meeting Chair

ATTEST:

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

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