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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
School Board Meeting – MINUTES [Approval 11/6/07]
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)
Tuesday, October 23, 2007 - 6:00 P.M.

Attending

Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman	Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Superintendent
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Vice Chairman	Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Member	Ms. Julie Nieminski, Board Auditor
Mr. Steven K. Teuber, Member	
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Member	Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, at 6:00 P.M. in the School Board Meeting Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. Chairman Jeanne Dozier presided.

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

B. Invocation

Mr. Teuber delivered the Invocation.

C. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Kuckel introduced Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Hodges of the Lehigh Senior High School JROTC who presented the Colors for this evening's meeting. Dr. Kuckel then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

- GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**
(Dr. Scricca)
 - Mrs. Greta Campbell, Director of Finance
- ASBO Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting** (Mr. Chilmonik)
 - Mrs. Greta Campbell, Director of Finance
- The Association of School Business Officials Meritorious Budget Award**

(Mr. Teuber)

- Mrs. Ami Desamours, Director of Budget

4. Project Manager for the Lee County Public Education Center (Dr. Kuckel)

- Ms. Sylvia Haungs

5. Red Ribbon Certified Schools (Mr. Chilmonik)

- Lee Middle School
- Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School

RECESS: 6:32 P.M. – 6:34 P.M.

B. Resolutions

1. Red Ribbon Week

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the week of October 20-28, 2007, as Red Ribbon Week.

2. National School Bus Safety Week

Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the week of October 22-26, 2007, as National School Bus Safety Week.

III. Comments Section

A. Public Comment

John Traube read from a prepared speech, a copy of which is on file with the official minutes.

Kellie Elders commented on the District's ESE programs.

Shawn Elders commented on the District's ESE programs.

Susan Schreiber-Martin commented on the District's ESE programs.

Tammy Richardson spoke in support of the newly-initiated "Be There" Program.

Sheridan Chester commented on speakers at Board meetings.

Raymond Rodriguez inquired as to the next steps for the proposed audit of the District's ESE Program in light of the resignation of the Board Internal Auditor.

Meg Judge, Chairman of the Estero Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Board for their generosity and vision regarding the sale of land that will be the site of a new Estero Post Office. (Ms. Judge was accompanied by Debbie Reardon, Estero Postmaster, and Matt Spielman, Legislative Assistant to Congressman Connie Mack.)

Susan Jacobse stated that the District has wonderful employees, and afforded the success of the District to the Superintendent's leadership. Ms. Jacobse also provided a handout of School Board Policy 1.02, School Board Philosophy, which is on file with the official minutes.

Mrs. Dozier thanked the aforementioned individuals for addressing the Board and noted that no requests were made of the Board or Superintendent.

B. Board Members' Comments/Reports

Mr. Chilmonik: thanked this evening's speakers; stated that the State has directed the School District to perform a self-audit of the ESE programs; asked that the Board conduct a workshop on the amount of money that is being directed to classroom instruction; delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Response to the Lee County School Board, Lee County Schools Accountability Review." *A copy of the presentation slides will be filed with the official minutes.*

Dr. Kuckel: stated that she was reiterating her request that Mr. Chilmonik provide specific responses to the nine questions contained in her public records request.

Dr. Scricca: thanked this evening's speakers; stated that prior to leaving the District, Ms. Nieminski would assist in writing the guidelines and indicators for the District's ESE self-evaluation; stated that the Board would discuss at its November 12th Retreat the possibility of outsourcing the District's auditing needs rather than hiring another internal auditor; asked Mr. Martin to address language in Board Policy regarding business that may be addressed by the Board advisory committees.

Mr. Teuber: none.

Mrs. Dozier: thanked the evening's speakers; encouraged the Board to support the Superintendent's recommendation in connection with the sale of land to the United States Postal Service; questioned whether all of the items mentioned during the PowerPoint presentation were still under warranty at the time repairs were done.

C. Board Attorney's Comments/Reports – None.**D. Board Auditor's Comments/Reports**

Ms. Nieminski stated that she did not feel the quality of the ESE audit would be affected by her departure because the ESE Department has been very hands-on.

E. Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Dr. Browder stated that the District celebrated the Designs & Dreams of Young Artists this evening and that over 600 pieces of student artwork were on display; thanked the teachers, parents and students who participated in this year's event.

IV. Consent Action Items

Motion by Mr. Chilmonik, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

A. Executive Services – Dr. James Browder

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
 - October 9, 2007, Student Hearing
 - October 9, 2007, School Board Briefing Meeting
 - October 9, 2007, School Board Action Meeting

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of these four grant proposals totaling \$475,000.00 with no additional cost to the District. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute related documents, and to approve normal and customary accounting, 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 by the Superintendent will represent best practices, and will conform to funding agency regulations.

2. Approval of the School Improvement Plans submitted by the 92 schools, special centers, and charter schools for the 2007–2008 school year.
3. Approval of the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Cape Coral for the continuation of the School Resource Officer (SRO) and D.A.R.E. Programs for August 11, 2007 to August 10, 2008, at a cost of \$408,925.00.
4. Approval of the Contract for Services with CCSC, Inc. (d/b/a Naplesyacht.com) for Technical and Career Education's Trade Extension Department to provide classroom instruction for Marine Service Technology for foreign naval personnel.

C. Administrative Services – None.

D. Business Services – Mr. Lee Legutko

1. Approval to remove from the Official Property Records, 291 items listed on the computer printout titled Property Records By Bar Code/Tag Number (BI-009) dated October 5, 2007.
2. Approval of the Certification for the 2007-2008 Classrooms for Kids Program which allows the District to use \$35,776,033 in State Lottery Bonds to partially fund the school construction projects listed above.
3. Approval to award RFP # R076595RG to theBigRocks, LLC contingent on Board approval of the Business Software Solution ERP Total Project Cost.
4. Approval of purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$17,325.00; and authorization for the issuance of the four (4) purchase orders as described:
 - a. Wentco, Inc.: Payment to repair underground chilled water leak. Payment includes pipe, fittings, insulation and repiping of existing fan coil unit at J. Colin English Elementary for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. 271679)
 - b. Wentco, Inc.: Payment to replace cooling tower pump at Gulf Middle School for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. D57964)
 - c. Tampa Bay Trane: Payment to repair drain line in outside air unit #10 at Rayma C. Page Elementary for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. 272697)
 - d. Southwest Builders, Inc.: Payment to clean-up, haul away and grade concrete & piping at North Fort Myers Academy of the Arts for Construction Services Department. (Requisition No. 272805)
5. Approval of State Contract No. 600-340-06-1 for Copy and Facsimile Equipment, Maintenance and Supplies, through June 30, 2008, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$300,000.00 with an option to cancel if deemed in the best interest of the District.
6. Approval to award Bid No. B076609LO for classroom improvements at Cape Coral High School to Gulfpoint Construction Co., Inc. at a total price of \$49,500.
7. Approval to increase purchase order number D-49346 to Tampa Bay Trane for parts and labor on Trane Chillers for the period of July 5, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for additional parts and labor required for the chillers in the amount of \$50,000 for a total amount of \$100,000.

8. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure by \$250,000 for Bid No. B066502LO, electrical maintenance and repairs, making a total estimated annual expenditure of \$1,000,000 through January 8, 2008.
9. Approval to renew Bid No. B066487LO for inspections, maintenance and repairs of fire extinguishers and hood suppression systems to Fyr-Fighter, Inc. for the period of November 20, 2007 through November 19, 2008 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$135,000.
10. Approval to renew Bid No. B066482SW for remanufactured fuel injection pumps and injectors to Florida Diesel Injection as primary vendor, Southeast Power Systems as secondary and Wallace International Trucks as alternate for the period of November 7, 2007 through November 6, 2008 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$60,000.
11. Approval to renew Bid No. B066488SW for automotive/equipment filters to Total Truck Parts, Inc. for the period of December 8, 2007 through December 7, 2008 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$63,000.

E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins

1. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including administrative, certificated, support and substitute staff, out-of-field appointments, and annual reappointments.

F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore

1. Approval of the Conveyance Agreement to Florida Government Utility Authority to transfer the water and sewer service connection equipment at Leonard Transportation Center.
2. Approval of the supplemental spot survey to replace Michigan International Academy, remodel the existing Michigan Academy into a public service training facility, convert rooms at Caloosa Middle and Ida S. Baker High.
3. Approval of the acceptance of the Certificate of Final Inspection for Diplomat Elementary Classroom Addition Project dated August 7, 2006 and final payment in the amount of \$233,611.35 to Gates McVey Builders, Inc., and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
4. Approval of the Easement to Lee County Electric Cooperative for a 10' easement to provide electrical service to portable classrooms at Sunshine Elementary School.

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items – None.

VI. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Good Cause – None.

B. Business Software Solution ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) Total Project Cost.

Motion by Mr. Teuber and seconded by Dr. Kuckel to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the three (3) year total project cost of \$32,465,432 for the Business Software Solution ERP Project and to authorize the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents. The total project cost includes hardware infrastructure costs, software licensing and first year maintenance, installation and implementation services, resources, training services, and post implementation support.

Motion to table made by Mr. Chilmonik to allow additional time to consider other options.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Discussion among the Board Members, the Superintendent and Dolores Shelhorse ensued during which Mr. Chilmonik stated that while he was not arguing the need for this system, he was concerned with the cost.

Motion to limit debate made by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 4-1, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the Motion.

Original Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the Motion.

C. Total Project Cost for Mariner High HVAC and Mechanical Upgrades Project.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the total project cost of \$8,132,063 for Mariner High HVAC and Mechanical Upgrades Project and to authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

D. Approval of Closing Documents for Sale to United States Postal Service – 4.57 Acres on Three Oaks Parkway.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve closing documents for the sale of approximately 4.57 acres on Three Oaks Parkway to the United States Postal Service for \$430,380.00, granting authority to the Board Chairman to execute the documents.

VII. Attorney's Recommendations – None.

VII. Public Hearings

Dr. Browder presented his recommendation for this evening's public hearing items.

A. Revisions to the 2007-2008 Athletic Manual.

B. Application for Charter School Status for Bright Scholars Academy Group.

C. Application for Charter School Status for Fort Myers Preparatory and Fitness Academy, Inc. Group.

- D. Application for Charter School Status for Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – North Lee County Campus Charter.**
- E. Application for Charter School Status for Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – South Lee County Campus Charter.**

Mrs. Dozier recessed the Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:55 P.M. She asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the five issues on the agenda for Public Hearing.

The following individual addressed the Board:

Susan Jacobse: spoke in support of charter schools and the way they have positively impacted the School District.

There being no further requests to address the Board, Mrs. Dozier closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Board Meeting at 7:58 P.M.

A. Revisions to the 2007-2008 Athletic Manual.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Dr. Scricca and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the revisions to the 2007-2008 Athletic Manual to reflect changes in the by-laws of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA).

B. Application for Charter School Status for Bright Scholars Academy Group.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Dr. Kuckel and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the application for charter school status and to enter into the contract with Bright Scholars Academy Group for a kindergarten through eighth grade school to be called Bright Scholars Academy Charter School.

C. Application for Charter School Status for Fort Myers Preparatory and Fitness Academy, Inc.

Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Dr. Scricca and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the application for charter school status and to enter into the contract with Fort Myers Preparatory and Fitness Academy, Inc. for a kindergarten through eighth grade school to be called Fort Myers Preparatory and Fitness Academy.

D. Application for Charter School Status for Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – North Lee County Campus Charter.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the application for charter school status and to enter into the contract with Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – North Lee County Campus Charter for ninth through twelfth grade school to be called Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – North Lee County Campus Charter.

E. Application for Charter School Status for Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – South Lee County Campus Charter.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, **seconded** by Mr. Teuber and **carried 5-0** to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the application for charter school status and to enter into the contract with Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – South Lee County Campus Charter for ninth through twelfth grade school to be called Florida High School for Accelerated Learning – South Lee County Campus Charter.

VIII. Other Business

A. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- November 6, 2007, 2:30 p.m., Special School Board Meeting
- November 6, 2007, 2:30 p.m., School Board Briefing Meeting immediately following the Special Board Meeting
- November 6, 2007, 6:00 p.m., School Board Action Meeting

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Scricca, **seconded** by Mr. Teuber, and **carried 5-0** to adjourn the October 23, 2007, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

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Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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