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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
School Board Meeting / Annual Organization of the Board [Minutes Approval 12/11/07]
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)
Tuesday, November 20, 2007 - 6:00 P.M.

Attending

Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Member	Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Superintendent
Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member	Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, 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, November 20, 2007, at 6:00 P.M. in the School Board Meeting Room for a Regular School Board Meeting and the Annual Organization of the Board. Dr. Browder explained that pursuant to Florida Statute 1001.371, the Superintendent acts as Chairman until the Organization of the Board is completed.

B. Invocation

Mr. Teuber delivered the Invocation.

C. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Chilmonik introduced Cadet Captain Ashley Doyle of the East Lee County High School JROTC who presented the Colors for this evening's meeting. Mr. Chilmonik then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Special Presentations

A. Organization of the Board

1. Election of Chairman

Dr. Browder called for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Teuber nominated Mrs. Dozier. Hearing no other nominations, Dr. Browder called for the vote. Mrs. Dozier was elected Chairman of the Lee County School Board for the ensuing year by **unanimous vote**.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Dr. Browder called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Dr. Scricca nominated Dr. Kuckel. Hearing no other nominations, Dr. Browder called for the vote. Dr. Kuckel was elected Vice Chairman of the Lee County School Board for the ensuing year by **unanimous vote**.

3. Establishment of School Board Action Meeting Dates and Times for the Ensuing Year

Dr. Browder recommended that School Board Action Meetings for the period December 2007 through November 2008 be scheduled on Tuesdays at 6:00 P.M., except as noted:

December 11, 2007	July 29, 2008 / <u>Special Board Meeting at 5:05 P.M.</u>
January 8, 2008	July 29, 2008
January 22, 2008	August 12, 2008
February 12, 2008	August 26, 2008
February 26, 2008	September 9, 2008 / <u>Special Board Meeting at 5:05 P.M.</u>
March 11, 2008	September 9, 2008
March 25, 2008	September 23, 2008
April 22, 2008	October 7, 2008
May 6, 2008	October 21, 2008
June 3, 2008	November 3, 2008 / <u>Monday</u>
June 17, 2008	November 18, 2008

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mr. Teuber and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to establish the meeting dates and times of School Board Action Meetings for the period December 2007 through November 2008 as presented.

The Organization of the Board having been completed, Dr. Browder turned the meeting over to Mrs. Jeanne Dozier, Chairman.

B. Adoption of the Agenda as the Order of Business

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

C. Recognitions – None.

D. Resolutions

1. National Inclusive Schools Week

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the week of December 3-7, 2007, as National Inclusive Schools Week.

III. Comments Section

A. Public Comment

John Traube commented on the alleged mistreatment of ESE students and the alleged mishandling of School District funds.

Bob Rushlow, President of the Support Personnel Association of Lee County, encouraged the Board to support the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2008-2009 instructional calendar (Agenda Item VI.C.).

Sue Jacobse addressed the Take Stock Scholarship & Mentor Model Program and the Citrus Park Computer Club. (*Handouts provided will be filed with the official minutes.*)

Mrs. Dozier responded to the aforementioned speakers as follows: stated that the Board cannot publicly discuss the discipline of District students and that there has been no documentation to support the allegations of student mistreatment; stated that the Board appreciates the work of the Calendar Committee; and encouraged support of all efforts to raise scholarship funds.

B. Board Members' Comments/Reports

Mr. Chilmonik: thanked this evening's speakers; encouraged anyone who knows about the abuse of children to report it to the appropriate authorities; congratulated Mrs. Dozier on being elected Chairman.

Dr. Kuckel: thanked the Board for all that has been accomplished; wished District staff a Happy Thanksgiving; welcomed her family who was visiting from out of town.

Dr. Scricca: stated that she had the privilege of serving on the Calendar Committee and that she is pleased that the Superintendent will be bringing forth the recommendation for the 2008-2009 instructional calendar; thanked District administrators, teachers, staff and parents for all they do to keep the system on the fast track and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Teuber: expressed his gratitude to Mrs. Dozier and Dr. Kuckel for their service over the past year and for their willingness to serve again; expressed his appreciation to the Calendar Committee for their efforts and stated that he would be supporting the recommendation for the 2008-2009 instructional calendar.

Mrs. Dozier: stated that she would be supporting the recommendation for the 2008-2009 instructional calendar; encouraged everyone to give thanks for the good things in their lives.

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

Ms. Nieminski stated that, in follow up to the Briefing Meeting, she put approximately 25 hours of work per week into the final report.

E. Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Dr. Browder, in response to comments made during Public Comment, stated that if there had been any instances of physical/mental abuse of students, he was certain they would have been reported and that the Board Auditor has not uncovered any fraud or mishandling of District funds; stated that Microsoft will be providing each student at Dunbar High School with Microsoft certification and that this is the only high school in America where

this will be occurring; announced that \$150,000 was raised during an auction last weekend and that these dollars will come back into the District.

IV. Consent Action Items

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

A. Executive Services – Dr. James Browder

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
 - October 23, 2007, School Board Briefing Meeting
 - November 6, 2007, School Board Special Meeting
2. Approval of the Florida School Boards Association 2008 Legislative Platform: Priorities for the 2008 Legislative Session.

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of two grant proposals and one related agreement at 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 continually 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 2007-2008 School Advisory Council Membership lists from ninety schools, special centers, and charter schools.
3. Approval of the Service Agreement for Occupational Therapy Services with Easter Seals Florida, Inc., effective November 26, 2007 through June 10, 2008, at an estimated cost to the District of \$70,000.

C. Administrative Services

1. Approval to reimburse the identified persons qualified for transportation of isolated/handicapped students to and/or from a public school facility or authorized school bus stop. The rate of \$.48 per mile per Florida Statute 1006.22 (1) (a) and 112.061, and Board Policy 7.02 (11) at a total estimated cost of \$4,183.20 for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year.

D. Business Services – Mr. Lee Legutko

1. Approval to remove from the Official Property Records, 600 items listed on the computer printout titled Property Records By Bar Code/Tag Number (BI-009) dated November 6, 2007.
2. Approval to authorize the elected Board Chairman and the Secretary and Superintendent of Schools to sign checks on the following School Board of Lee County bank accounts: Accounts Services with Bank of America, Accounts Payable Imprest with Bank of America, Payroll Imprest with Bank of America, Food Service Account with Bank of America, Public Interest Checking with Bank of America. If a new Board Chairman is selected, it is further recommended that the Board approve the continued

- use of the former Chairman's facsimile signature until a new facsimile is ordered and received.
3. Approval of purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$283,455.10; and authorization for the issuance of the eleven (11) purchase orders as described.
 - a. Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.: Purchase of 119-gallon hot water heater State 119G, 18 KW, 480V, 3PH hot water, ASME at Dunbar Middle School for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. D59982)
 - b. Tampa Bay Trane: Payment to replace two (2) compressors and one (1) condenser coil at Rayma C. Page Elementary for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. 274239)
 - c. Wright Construction Corp.: Purchase of new/installed air conditioning unit for teachers' lounge at Fort Myers Beach Elementary for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. 274242)
 - d. Creel Tractor Inc.: Purchase of quick attach 48" pallet forks for Mariner High School. (Requisition No. 274268)
 - e. Cabinet Plus, Inc.: Purchase of cabinets and countertops for cosmetology classroom at Lee County High Tech Center Central. (Requisition No. 274293)
 - f. Achieve3000: Purchase of deluxe site license TeenBiz3000 for Curriculum Services. (Requisition No. 274390)
 - g. Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc.: Payment to replace old front door with two (2) new doors for single point entrance at Villas Elementary for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. 274423)
 - h. Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc.: Payment to replace old front door with two (2) new doors for single point entrance at Tanglewood/Riverside School for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. 274424)
 - i. SimplexGrinnell: Payment to install fire alarm systems in four (4) portables at Lehigh Middle School for Construction Services Department. (Requisition No. 274529)
 - j. Laundry Pro of Florida Inc.: Payment for one (1) Dexter 40lb. soft-mount washer (non-coin) for Mariner High School. (Requisition No. 274589)
 - k. International Baccalaureate of NA: Payment for one thousand five hundred and forty-three (1,543) subject registration fees and for two hundred and thirty-six (236) candidate registration fees for the International Baccalaureate program for Evaluation and Testing Department. (Requisition No. 274891)
 4. Approval to award Bid No. B076608JM for pizza service for selected Lee County Schools to EMP d/b/a Domino's Pizza, Happy Pizza d/b/a Papa John's Pizza, IL Primo Pizza & Wings V, Inc., Island Dough Johnny'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 Pizza, for the period of December 14, 2007 through December 13, 2008 at an annual estimated expenditure of \$235,000.
 5. ~~Approval to award Bid No. B076615LO for chiller replacements at Hancock Creek Elementary School to North Star Building Services, Inc., at a total price of \$154,000. Pulled from the agenda prior to the start of the meeting.~~
 6. Approval to renew Bid No. B066497SW for the annual on call security guard services to Allegiance Security Group, LLC formerly Allied Protection Services, Inc. for the period of January 8, 2008 through January 7, 2009 pursuant to the same terms and

conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$242,000.

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, and corrections to item previously approved by the Board.
2. Approval of the Amendment Master Consulting Service Agreement for the web-based TeacherInsight interview with the Gallup Organization to provide services, technology, consultation, training and updates for the period of January 18, 2008, to June 30, 2008, at a maximum cost of \$20,000.
3. Approval of the positions of Occupational Therapist and Physical Therapist, effective November 26, 2007; approval of the job descriptions for these new positions; and incorporation of these new positions into the TALC Salary Schedule.

F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore

1. Approval of the Easement to Comer Taylor for access across the Tower Road Property.

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items – None.

VI. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Good Cause

1. Award Bid No. B076615LO – Chiller Replacements at Hancock Creek Elementary School.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mr. Teuber and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to award Bid No. B076615LO for chiller replacements at Hancock Creek Elementary School to Debonair Mechanical, Inc., at a total price of \$154,600.

B. Total Project Cost for Estero High School HVAC Phase II.

Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the total project cost of \$4,111,945 for Estero High School HVAC Phase II and to authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

C. Approval of the 2008-2009 Instructional Calendar.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve 2008-2009 Instructional Calendar as presented

VII. Attorney's Recommendations – None.

VII. Public Hearing

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

A. Revisions to Policy 5.09, Substitute Teachers.

Mrs. Dozier recessed the Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 P.M. She asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the one issue on the agenda for Public Hearing.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

John Traube opined that a college education should be one of the minimum requirements.

Sue Jacobse stated that this suggestion insults those individuals who hold a GED; and that she trusts the decisions made by the Superintendent and the principals at each school.

There being no further requests to address the Board, Mrs. Dozier closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Board Meeting at 6:58.

A. Revisions to Policy 5.09, Substitute Teachers.

Motion by Mr. Chilmonik and *seconded* by Mr. Teuber to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the revisions to Policy 5.09, Substitute Teachers, to outline the present minimum qualifications for a substitute teacher.

Mr. Chilmonik stated that he would not be supporting the Superintendent's recommendation because educational standards should be set at the highest level and that all substitute teachers need to have a bachelor's degree.

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

VIII. Other Business**A. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:**

- December 10, 2007 – 5:30 p.m., Holiday Greeting Card Ceremony and LCPEC Open House
- December 11, 2007 – 2:30 p.m., Special School Board Meeting
- December 11, 2007 – Briefing Meeting immediately following the Special Meeting
- December 11, 2007 – 6:00 p.m., School Board Action Meeting

IX. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Teuber, *seconded* by Dr. Scricca, and *carried 5-0* to adjourn the November 20, 2007, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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