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**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY**  
**School Board Meeting – M I N U T E S** (Approval 12/11/07)  
**Tuesday—November 6, 2007 / 6:00 p.m.**

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

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**I. OPENING EXERCISES**

**A. Call to Order** – The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room for a regular School Board Action Meeting; Vice Chair Kuckel presided. She noted that Agenda Item IV.D.1 under Business Services has been amended; Item J of IV.D.1 has been pulled from tonight's agenda, with the purchase requisitions now totaling \$110,806.62 instead of the previous \$111,406.62. *Motion by Dr. Scricca, second by Mr. Teuber, carried 4-0 to accept the agenda as the Order of Business.*

**B. Invocation** – Dr. Scricca asked to read a true story about an Arkansas teacher's class, veterans, and the right for students to earn a desk/seat in class.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Teuber led the Pledge after the Estero High School JROTC Drill Team presented the colors (LTC Teresa Galgano and 1SGT Bryant Robinson, Instructors).

**A. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Diana Hutnik: 2007-2008 State of Florida Adult & Community Education Administrator** – Dr. Scricca led this recognition (Mrs. Hutnik accompanied by Jim Whittamore and Dr. Constance Jones).

**B. Resolutions**

**1. American Education Week** – *Mr. Teuber presented, for Board adoption, the Resolution proclaiming the week of November 11-17, 2007 as American Education Week; Mr. Chilmonik seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.*

**2. Veterans Appreciation Week** – *Dr. Scricca presented, for Board adoption, the Resolution proclaiming the week of November 4-11, 2007 as Veterans Appreciation Week; Mr. Chilmonik seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.*

**C. Acknowledgment**

**1. Character Word for November (Mr. Chilmonik) – Citizenship/Patriotism:** *The quality of an individual's response to membership in a community – **Be aware, be informed, be involved.***

### III. COMMENTS SECTION (Mr. Martin provided the public comment guidelines.)

#### A. Public Comment

*John Traube* – Noted the U.S. Constitution/violations of such (current undeclared war; loss of privacy, hapus corpus, etc.); first amendment rights; ESE/handicapped students; the School Board; and questioned if symbols of patriotism are only worshipped.

*Bob Rushlow* – Expressed thanks for American Education Week Resolution and noted 11/14/07 as the support staff day; he feels legislative cuts will affect support staff and the latter needs to be acknowledged more this year than ever, with help offered however we can.

*Donna Mutzenard* – Thankful for Resolution; noted applicable week's different days (e.g., 11/13—Invite Parents to School Day, as active parents help reduce students' absenteeism/improve achievement; subs' tough job; business involvement). She noted great public schools are a basic right and our responsibility.

*Sue Jacobse* – Thanked Board/staff; acknowledged Ms. Hutnik and District as a well-oiled/top-notch orderly machine. She noted, re earlier speaker and a major disagreement, that first amendment rights here are fully in force and she will continue to be here to speak of the Board.

Dr. Kuckel thanked the speakers; noted recognizing teachers, support staff, sub teachers, and parents. There's communication between schools and homes (newsletters and other ways).

#### B. Board Members Comments/Reports

*Mr. Chilmonik* – Talked about veterans and time for reflection, noting a role model to him: Civil War Gettysburg veteran (Maine English professor who became governor) who worked with veteran groups into his 80's/impacting people 250 years later—the sense of honor veterans bring. (Veterans in the audience stood: Mr. Wiseman, Dr. Adkins, and Mr. Martin). There was agreement with Mr. Traube by Mr. Chilmonik re constitutional freedom/having a right to say; the latter also noted Saturday's upcoming Veterans Day parade in Cape Coral.

*Mr. Teuber* – Gave legislative update (for Mrs. Dozier), noting legislative platform meeting; last month's conclusion of the legislators' special session and the property tax reform bills passed (60% vote for doubling homestead exemption; school taxes unaffected). He mentioned the Save Our Homes benefit and portability (loss to schools \$2.7 billion) as well as the \$25,000 personal property exemption paid by businesses (10% cap non-homesteaded properties). Mr. Teuber feels legislators will raise RLE (lessening impact). Two of Governor Crist's platforms—double homestead and provide portability (Save Our Homes) were in this round. Our lobbyists did a good job.

*Dr. Scricca* – She's co-chair of FSBA Cultural/Multi-Diversity Committee; there'll be a unique program discussing diversity, with student (varying ethnic), superintendent, and teacher panel. Mrs. Dozier acknowledged for well organized/received conference; great deal accomplished. Dr. Scricca thanked Calendar Committee for commitment, kindness, and patience; she anticipates calendar approval. Autism walk (11/10) noted and hope of community leadership/support provided for autistic individuals. Pride & Patriotism (P&P) on 11/7 noted; Lt. Governor will attend, and there's been a great deal of planning/preparedness for student performances/winners honoring veterans.

*Dr. Kuckel* – Acknowledged Dr. Scricca for her P&P organization and support of the program.

#### C. Board Attorney's Comments – none

#### D. Board Auditor's Comments/Reports – Mrs. Nieminski gave an update on the ESE Compliance Self-Assessment in progress for DOE. Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services overseeing this project; ESE has been contacted directly and school size sample selected for the

different types of evaluation to be looked at. There'll be 13 initial eligibilities tested through schools (two elementary and one charter), with 13 IEPs selected from same schools doing initial elementary and a high school. There'll be 7 reviews (determination)—one high and one middle school—in addition to 8 matrixes of services (254/255 cost factors—support levels 4 and 5 of kids who require more services; there'll be some overlapping with same schools). Of the 7 manifestations, we'll be going to 2 out of 7 transitions when a student moves from high school graduating to lifeskills (latter to be made sure of in program). Testing will start with the final draft; assessment itself is a draft format. DOE will come down and given final assessment program (that's when they start doing review). She's talked with Dr. Brunick re making sure a process document is there for the steps and that personnel address who, what, when and how. We want to make sure staff documents, as it will be ongoing and on an annual basis. She will follow up on the sample (judgmental) of actual students and bring it forward 11/20; there's a 1/31 deadline.

**E. Superintendent's Comments/Reports** – Dr. Browder personally thanked Dr. Scricca, Mrs. Dozier, and Mrs. Mangus for the P&P work; he also thanked principals and teachers, noting the partnership between children and veterans/veterans' organizations. He congratulated Orange River Elementary for the \$5,000 award to update their library portions from Johnson Engineering; the latter deserves a big thank you. The Superintendent concluded by noting the NAACP banquet this Friday, as there is participation from many schools.

**IV. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS** – There were no pulls. *Motion by Dr. Scricca, and second by Mr. Teuber, carried 4-0 for approval of the Consent Agenda items.*

**A. Executive Services** – Dr. James Browder

1. Approval of October 23, 2007 Meeting Minutes – Student Hearing and School Board Action Meeting.

**B. Academic Services** -- Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding and two grant proposals totaling \$346,455 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 to maintain continuity of federal and state grant expenditure 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 EBSCO Information and Learning Company agreement to purchase an online reference tool for District-wide use beginning October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 not to exceed \$56,500.
3. Approval of the Agreement and Articulated Acceleration Plan with Edison College for college level instruction for the 2007-2008 school year.

**C. Administrative Services** – Mr. Michael McNerney

1. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Funds Account at Edgewood Academy, with two signatures required on this account; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.
2. 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 \$.44 per mile Florida Statute 1006.22 (1) (a) and 112.061, and Board Policy 7.02 (11) at total estimated cost of \$1,865.58 for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year.

**D. Business Services – Mr. Lee Legutko**

1. Approval of purchase requisitions in the total amount of ~~\$111,406.62~~ \$110,806.62; and authorization for the issuance of the ~~ten (10)~~ nine (9) purchase orders as described below in items 'a.' through 'i.'
  - a. Cabinet Plus, Inc.: Payment to build and install cabinets to replace contaminated cabinets in art room at Dunbar High School for Maintenance Services Department (Requisition No. 273433).
  - b. Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.: For inspection fees; plan review and permitting for roof replacement at Franklin Park Elementary for Construction Services Department (Requisition No. 273753).
  - c. Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.: For inspection fees; plan review and permitting for re-roofing at Colonial Elementary for Construction Services Department (Requisition No. 273755).
  - d. Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.: For inspection fees; plan review and permitting for aluminum walkway cover at Colonial Elementary for Construction Services Department (Requisition No. 273756).
  - e. Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc.: For purchase and installation of ADA handicapped drinking fountain in playground area at Heights Elementary for Maintenance Services Department (Requisition No. 273074).
  - f. Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU): Open purchase order for admission fee of elementary and middle school students to attend a health education program at Kleist Health Education Center at FGCU for Curriculum Services (Requisition No. 273208).
  - g. Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc.: For purchase of new store front entrance with 3' x 7' door and lockset at Franklin Park Elementary for Maintenance Services Department (Requisition No. 273919).
  - h. Sam Galloway Ford: For the purchase of one (1) 2008 Ford Taurus, oxford white in color, buckets with 3.5L V6, 6 SP automatic transmission; keyless entry, automatic windows and speed control for Transportation Services (Requisition No. 274287).
  - i. Sam Galloway Ford: For the purchase of one (1) 2008 Ford Crown Victoria, vibrant white in color, 4dr, cloth interior with 4.6L V8, automatic transmission; keyless entry, speed control and power driver seat for Transportation Services (Requisition No. 274289).
  - ~~j. Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc.: Payment to replace four (4) steel rollers to four (4) Teflon rollers on the Board Members parking gate for Construction Services Department (Requisition No. 274213). (Pulled prior to meeting – no action taken.)~~
2. Approval to award Bid No. B076611JM for dehumidifiers to Therm-Stor LLC, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$40,000 beginning November 7, 2007 through November 6, 2008; with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendor and the School Board.
3. Approval to piggy-back the Manatee County School Board Bid No. 07-0031-DH, awarded to multiple vendors for discounts on classroom supplies and equipment through October 9, 2008, at an estimated expenditure of \$50,000.
4. Approval to piggy-back State Contract No. 880-001-06-1 for Audio Visual Equipment, awarded to various vendors through January 22, 2008, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$75,000 with an option to cancel if deemed in the best interest of the District.
5. Approval to renew Bid No. B056369JD for mobile video observation systems for District school buses to Rivers Bus and RV Sales for the period of November 21, 2007 through November 20, 2008 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$250,000.

6. Approval to renew Bid No. B0066489LO for elevator maintenance and repairs to General Elevator Sales and Service for the period of December 2, 2007 through December 1, 2008 pursuant to the same term and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$80,000.
7. Approval to renew Bid No. B066498LO for the annual inspections, maintenance and emergency repairs of fire hydrants to Building Systems Evaluation, Inc. dba Fire Sprinkler Systems Company for the period of December 4, 2007 through December 3, 2008 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$25,000.
8. Approval to renew Bid No. B066459SW for the annual purchase of unleaded and diesel small quantity lots (local depot) to Evans Oil Company 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 \$25,000.
9. Approval to renew Bid No. B066496SW for the annual uniform rental, laundry and delivery service to Aramark Uniform Service 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 \$31,000.

**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 correction to item previously approved by the Board.

**F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore**

1. Approval of the acceptance of the Certificate of Final Inspection for Alternative Learning Center–West dated September 4, 2007 and final payment in the amount of \$156,483 to Wright Construction Group and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
2. Approval of the acceptance of the Certificate of Final Inspection for Lee County High Tech Center Central Cosmetology Lab Renovations dated October 15, 2007 and final payment in the amount of \$14,865 to NorStar Construction, Inc., and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
3. Approval of the total project cost of \$483,184 for the Gwynne Building Upgrade Project and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/TABLED ITEMS – none**

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. Good Cause – none**

**B. Naming New Elementary School “V”**

Dr. Browder noted this long-term District employee (G. Weaver Hipps), and the office building complex (Market Street) was named for Mr. Hipps years ago. *Motion was made by Dr. Scricca, and seconded by Mr. Teuber, for Board approval for the naming of one new elementary school: Elementary School “V” to be named G. Weaver Hipps Elementary School.* Mr. Chilmonik

requested the Superintendent provide further public explanation about Mr. Hipps; Dr. Browder noted Mr. Hipps was deputy superintendent a number of years, with a variety of positions; the latter spent over 20 years as a leading figure in Staff Development, with many initiatives. He passed away while on the job. Dr. Browder noted the Annex was named after Mr. Hipps and because the building will be sold, it was thought appropriate to name another facility after him. The wife of Mr. Hipps was a 30+ year educator in Florida (25 years teaching at Michigan); Dr. Browder noted this is an honor to bring. *Motion carried 4-0.*

**C. Increase Piggy-back of Palm Beach County Schools District Bid No. 06C-24E for Software, Peripherals, Computer Accessories and Repair Parts**

*Motion made by Dr. Scricca, with second by Mr. Chilmonik, carried 4-0 for Board approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for piggy-backing Palm Beach County Schools Bid 06C-24E, awarded to multiple vendors for Software, Peripherals, Computer Accessories and Repair Parts, through November 19, 2008 by \$500,000 making the total annual expenditure \$1,000,000.*

**D. Increase Piggy-back of State Contract No. 250-000-03-1, I.T. Hardware**

*Motion made by Dr. Scricca, with second by Mr. Teuber, carried 4-0 for Board approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for piggy-backing State Contract No. 250-000-03-1, awarded to various manufacturers for I.T. Hardware through December 31, 2007 by \$500,000 making the total annual expenditure \$1,500,000.*

**E. Renew RFQ No. R066475LO—Floor Covering**

*Motion made by Dr. Scricca, with second by Mr. Teuber, carried 4-0 for Board approval to renew RFQ No. R066475LO for floor covering to Acousti Engineering Co. of Florida, Barnes First Impressions, LLC and Wayne Wiles Floor Coverings for the period of November 21, 2007 through November 20, 2008 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$1,000,000.*

**F. Award Bid No. R076610LO—Acquisition of Professional Architectural and/or Engineering Services**

*Motion was made by Mr. Teuber, and seconded by Dr. Scricca, for Board approval to award RFQ No. R076610LO for Acquisition of Professional Architectural and/or Engineering Services in ranking order to the following firms with pricing to be negotiated on an as-needed basis: Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc.; Scott D. Bonk & Assoc.; OCI Assoc., Inc.; RWA, Inc.; Ron Sebring, Architect; Exceptional Engineering, Inc.; TLC Engineering for Architecture; Schenkel Schultz Architecture; Alliance Design Group, P.A.; Odle McGuire & Shoop Corp.; Architecture, Inc.; and Focus Engineering, Inc. for the period of November 6, 2007 through November 5, 2008 with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendors and the School Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$500,000. Dr. Scricca noted, for the audience's information, that the Board had been briefed and informed on this and should Board Members have had a question, they were free to phone or meet with the Superintendent to discuss; the motion may be appear automatic but pre-prep was done. *Motion carried 4-0.**

**G. Award RFQ No. R076614LO—General Contractors**

*Motion was made by Mr. Chilmonik, and seconded by Mr. Teuber, for Board approval to award RFQ No. R076614LO for General Contractors on an as-needed basis to the following ranked firms as sole providers: Lodge Construction, Inc.; Wright Construction Group; Gates Butz Institutional*

*Construction, LLC; Gulfpoint Construction Co., Inc.; and Acousti Engineering Co. of Florida for the period of November 6, 2007 through November 5, 2008 with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendors and the School Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$500,000. It was noted the last item was architectural and this one (annual item also) is brought yearly for small projects. In response to Mr. Chilmonik’s question, it was explained that the list is gone through and Mr. Easterly does in relation to such (all providers); there are hard bids on items asked to be done. Motion carried 4-0.*

**VII. ATTORNEY’S RECOMMENDATIONS – Mr. Martin (none)**

**VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS – none**

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Special Request Presentation (Policy 1.31) – none**

**B. Next scheduled meetings of the Board:**

- November 12, 2007 – 1:30 p.m., School Board Retreat (Room 117/Bldg. S, Edison College-FM);
- November 14, 2007 – 10:00 a.m., District Annual Report and Legislative Platform Presentation (Board Annex/Training Rm. D, LCPEC);
- November 20, 2007 – 2:30 p.m., School Board Briefing Meeting (immediately following Student Hearings and/or a 2:30 p.m. Special School Board Meeting, if scheduled);
- November 20, 2007 – 6:00 p.m., School Board Regular Action Meeting; and
- November 29, 2007 – 1:00 p.m., Lee County Legislative Delegation Meeting (Room 117/Bldg. S, EC).

**X. ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Dr. Scricca, and second by Mr. Teuber, carried 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:09 p.m.**

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**Jane E. Kuckel, Ph.D.,** Vice Chair

ATTEST:

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

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