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

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**Attendees:** Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman  
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Board Member  
Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary & District Superintendent  
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Vice Chair  
Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Board Member  
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, December 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room for a regular School Board Action Meeting. *Motion by Dr. Kuckel, second by Mr. Teuber, carried 4-0 to accept the agenda as the Order of Business.*
- B. Invocation** – Mr. Teuber provided this for tonight’s meeting.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance** – Dr. Kuckel led the Pledge after Cypress Lake High School JROTC Cadet SGT Major Jose Funes presented the colors (Col. Gary Morgan/U.S. Army Retired, Sr. Army Instructor).

**II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Recognitions**

- 1. Will Stout & the Realmark Group** – Mr. Chilmonik led this recognition for contributions (\$25,000 high school scholarships; “Educational Field Day”; etc.) made by this individual and group to education in the School District of Lee County.
- 2. High School Student Artists** (Alexis Bannaruk, Antonio Villarreal, Kimberly Donlon, Elizabeth Gburski, Kelsey Younger, Jordan Alejandro) – Mr. Chilmonik led this recognition of the Holiday Annual Greeting Card winners.
- 3. Academy for Technology Excellence** – Mr. Teuber led this recognition of Dunbar High (first U.S. high school) to pilot-project for all students to be Microsoft certified (over 12 recognized industry standard computer certifications in areas associated with information technology).
- 4. Dr. Elizabeth Karas: Lifetime Achievement Award** – Dr. Kuckel led this recognition of Dr. Karas (retiring this month after 27 years of District service); the latter was recognized for her significant achievements/distinctions (national and state also) for Head Start/Early Intervention.

**B. Resolutions** – none

**C. Acknowledgment**

- 1. Character Word for December** (Dr. Kuckel)/*Kindness/Compassion* – Demonstrating concern for the well-being of others: giving support and showing empathy; *be kind, treat others as you have them treat you.*

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

**A. Public Comment**

*John Traube* – Noted recent newspaper articles on substitute teachers' qualification requirements; he mentioned concern of lowering standards, quality in the classroom, and wants this issue addressed with salaries raised.

*Diane Robinson* – Transportation employee who praised the recent huge department project of collecting items for military personnel. She thanked the Board and Superintendent for assistance in getting the 100+ packages sent; Ms. Robinson noted thanks to all and for the cooperation.

*Raymond Rodriguez* – Noted he's Orangewood Elementary parent and commended the Board and Superintendent for the past five years re business practices and level of professionalism. He would want consideration of keeping the Internal Auditor to the Board, as he feels it's a business investment.

*Nadine Fraser* – Noted a heavy heart but not here to focus on negative; it's a good school system. She asked for a look at Pinewoods' administration in concern for others (she's removed her child from school for now); she noted it's a good school though with great educators, intervention, and resolution.

*Sue Jacobse* – Acknowledged FMHS chorus; noted the efforts and legacy of Dr. Karas (who drove from Cape Coral) for starting a Naples church Sunday School program. Ms. Jacobse noted her daughter's smooth transition from Edison to Pinewoods and positive principal experience of latter.

Mrs. Dozier (addressing speakers' public comments) noted sub teacher standards weren't reduced this year (two-year review) but maintained, thus some of Mr. Traube's comments were incorrect. She thanked Ms. Robinson for speaking on the wonderful holiday project and attending this meeting and others in the past. Mrs. Dozier noted to Mr. Rodriguez that the Board is listening to his request but discussions on the Internal Auditor have only just begun. She asked that an administrator talk with Ms. Fraser (latter who commended Dr. Lohmeyer) and bring back some resolution. Mrs. Dozier acknowledged Ms. Jacobse's passion and that she's right on target re Dr. Karas.

**IV. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS** – Item IV.D.17 was pulled (Mr. Teuber). *Motion by Mr. Chilmonik, and second by Dr. Kuckel, carried 4-0 for approval of the Consent Agenda items with the exception of the pulled item.*

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

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
  - November 6, 2007 – School Board Briefing Meeting;
  - November 6, 2007 – School Board Action Meeting;
  - November 14, 2007 – School Board Legislative Presentation;
  - November 20, 2007 – School Board Briefing Meeting; and
  - November 20, 2007 – School Board Action Meeting.

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

1. Approval to amend the 2007-2008 post-second fees for the High Tech Centers.
2. Approval of the amendment to the contractual agreement, originally approved on January 1, 2007, with the School District and PACE Center for Girls effective from January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Also, authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.
3. Approval of the amended Cooperative Agreement with the Department of Juvenile Justice which meets the individual education, security and treatment needs of youth while attending the aforementioned centers effective April 1, 2007 through June 30, 2011.

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

1. Approval to open a checking account for San Carlos Park Elementary Internal Fund at Bank of America 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 \$.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 \$3,564.10 for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year.

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

1. Approval to remove from the Official Property Records, 226 items listed on the computer printout titled Property Records by Bar Code/Tag Number (BI-009) dated November 27, 2007.
2. Approval of Mainline Information Systems, as agent for the IBM Corporation, to continue licensing for the currently installed enterprise server (mainframe processor) software for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, at a cost of \$102,528, and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related document.
3. Approval of purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$9,482,584.37; and authorization for the issuance of the seventeen (17) purchase orders as described.
  - a. Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc.: Payment for new powder coated entry gate with finish to match existing school; price includes panic hardware and closers at Villas Elementary for Maintenance Services Department (Requisition No. 275126).
  - b. Cabinet Plus, Inc.: Payment to replace contaminated cabinets in classroom at North Fort Myers High School for Maintenance Services Department (Requisition No. 275172).
  - c. A+ Cooling & Heating, Inc.: For the purchase and installation of (2) 5-ton air conditioning systems at North Fort Myers High School for Maintenance Services Department (Requisition No. 275177).
  - d. Sam Galloway Ford: For the purchase of one (1) 2007 Ford cargo van E35NSD, including towing package, bens, security screen, and ladder rack; also for the purchase of one (1) 2008 Ford R144 Ranger pick-up, with tool box and bedliner for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. 275179).
  - e. Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc.: Payment to replace drinking fountain which includes all plumbing, electric and stainless steel backsplash at Allen Park Elementary for Maintenance Services Department (Requisition No. 275735).
  - f. South Seas T's: For the purchase of two hundred sixty-four (264) sweatshirts, royal in color for students enrolled in the Fire Academy Program through the Trade Extension Department (Requisition No. 275958).
  - g. Excelsior Software, Inc.: Payment for the annual software fees for Pinnacle Software for the period from December 1, 2007 through November 30, 2008 for Information Systems Department (Requisition No. 275966).
  - h. Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.: Inspection fees for outdoor courtyard at Franklin Park Elementary and plan review for platform at Mariner High School for Construction Services Department (Requisition No. 276005).
  - i. Scott D. Bonk and Associates Inc.: Payment for additional inspections required for roof project due to non-performance of previous vendor at Trafalgar Middle School for Construction Services Department (Requisition No. 276207).
  - j. Dell Computer Corp.: Payment for data protection software system that will protect data throughout Lee County School District; this software will perform 2 primary functions. First, ComVault will be used to manage the current data protection hardware already installed in the LCPEC Data Center. In this role, ComVault will be responsible for making back-up copies of

E-mail, databases, documents and other critical files; and storing those back-up copies on existing magnetic tape and hard drive array systems. Having reliable back-up copies of these crucial files will allow us to quickly and confidently recover from data loss due to human error, hardware failure or natural disaster. Second, ComVault will be used to protect the documents of faculty and staff at school campuses throughout the County. The documents created and used by these individuals every day are stored on servers at each school site. ComVault will allow us to collect and protect these important files in the Data Center here at the LCPEC facility. In the event one of these files is lost or damaged, technical staff in the IT Support department or authorized technical staff at the appropriate school site will be able to quickly recover the missing data for Information Technology Support (Requisition No W-23191).

- k. Tropic Supply Inc.: Payment for freon and HVAC parts for maintenance warehouse stock for Maintenance Services Department (Requisition No. 276101).
  - l. Press Printing Enterprises: Open purchase order for outsource of small finishing and press requirements through 01/31/08 for Printing Services Department (Requisition No. 276224).
  - m. Mac Papers Inc.: Open purchase order for purchasing paper through 1/31/08 for Printing Services Department (Requisition No. 276232).
  - n. Rivers Bus and RV Sales: For the purchase of fifteen (15) Type C conventional busses, 47 seat capacity with wheelchair lifts for Transportation Services (Requisition No. 275330).
  - o. Rivers Bus and RV Sales: For the purchase of five (5) Type C conventional busses, 29 seat capacity with wheelchair lifts for Transportation Services (Requisition No. 275334).
  - p. Rivers Bus and RV Sales: For the purchase of seventy-two (72) Type C conventional busses, 77 seat capacity without wheelchair lifts for Transportation Services (Requisition No. 275339).
  - q. Xpedx: Open purchase order for purchasing paper through 01/31/08 for Printing Services Department (Requisition No. 276941).
4. Approval to piggy-back State Contract No. 450-000-04-01 for Maintenance, Repair and Operation (MRO) supplies awarded to various vendors, through November 13, 2008, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$250,000.
  5. Approval to piggy-back the Charlotte County School Board Bid No. 05/06-313, awarded to multiple vendors for discounts on various items, through February 8, 2008, at an annual estimated expenditure of \$50,000.
  6. Approval to piggy-back Columbia County School Board Bid No. 3150, for classroom, auditorium, office, cafeteria, and media furniture awarded to multiple vendors, through August 31, 2008, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$2,750,000.
  7. Approval to increase the annual expenditure of State Contract No. 880-001-06-1, for Audio Visual Equipment awarded to multiple vendors, through January 22, 2008, by \$100,000 at an estimated annual expenditure \$175,000.
  8. Approval to increase the annual expenditure of State Contract No. 420-420-07-1, for Educational and Institutional Furniture awarded to multiple vendors, through June 30, 2008, by \$1,700,000 at an estimated annual expenditure \$2,000,000.
  9. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. B056407CP, awarded to multiple vendors for the purchase of fertilizer, herbicides, insecticides and pesticides, through February 12, 2008, by \$25,000 making a total annual estimated expenditure of \$75,000.

10. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure by \$20,000 for Bid No. B076599SW uniforms for Trade Extension, making a total estimated annual expenditure of \$40,000 through September 5, 2008.
11. Approval to increase the annual estimated expenditure of Wichita, KS Public Schools Bid No. 02-04-011 for School Furniture awarded to Virco, Inc., through December 31, 2007 by \$1,000,000 to an estimated annual expenditure \$1,300,000.
12. ~~Approval to award Bid No. B076604JM for mobile storage containers and trailers to The Mobile Storage Group and Williams Scotsman, Inc., for the period of December 12, 2007 through December 11, 2008, at an annual estimated expenditure of \$60,000. **Pulled Prior to Board Meeting.**~~
13. Approval to award Bid No. B076620LO for fan coil unit replacements at Royal Palm Exceptional School to Page Mechanical Group, Inc., at a total price of \$195,335 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
14. Approval to renew Bid No. B066494LO for termite control, for the period of January 8, 2008 through January 7, 2009 to USA Termite and Pest Control, Inc. for items one, two, four and five and to Truly Nolen of America, Inc. for item three pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$40,000.
15. Approval to renew Bid No. B066484SW for rental vehicles, 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 \$60,000.
16. Approval to reject Bid No. B076561LG for the purchase of paper for Printing Services Department and authorization to solicit new bids utilizing revised specifications.
17. ***Pulled for discussion*** (considered during V. of the agenda—Unfinished Business/Tabled Items.)
18. Approval to renew Bid No. B056389LO for utility connections for portable classrooms to Halfacre Construction Co. and Wright Construction Corp. for the period of December 13, 2007 through December 12, 2008 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$750,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
19. Approval to renew Bid No. B066499LO for portable classroom repairs to Arthur Walker Construction, Inc. for the period of January 9, 2008 through January 8, 2009 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$750,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
20. Approval of the digital divide program and expenditures of District budgeted funds up to \$6,000; and to authorize the Superintendent to execute all related documents.

**E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins**

1. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including administrative, certificated, support and substitute staff, out-of-field appointments, annual reappointments, and corrections to items previously approved by the Board.
2. Approval of the reclassification of the Paraprofessional, Head Start Instructor position to the Paraprofessional, Head Start Instructor- Level I, SPALC Pay Grade 8; and to Paraprofessional, Head Start Instructor–Level II, SPALC Pay Grade 10 at an approximate annual cost of \$36,200. It

is further recommended that these reclassifications become effective upon Board action and are retroactive to July 1, 2007.

3. Approval to renew the current Contract with Gallagher Benefit Services (GBS) to provide benefit consulting services to the District for the one-year period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.
4. Approval of the renewal policy with AIG to provide voluntary cancer insurance for School District employees for April 1, 2008, through March 31, 2009.
5. Approval of the renewal policy with Delta Dental Insurance Company to provide voluntary dental insurance for School District employees for the two-year period April 1, 2008, through March 31, 2010.
6. Approval of the renewal agreement with Minnesota Life Insurance Company to provide District-paid basic life insurance for regular full-time employees for the period April 1, 2008, through March 31, 2011, at an estimated cost of \$630,000 per year. Employee-paid supplemental and dependent term life insurance coverages are available through payroll deduction and retiree coverage is available through direct billing.
7. Approval to renew the voluntary disability insurance plan offered by UNUM Life Insurance Company of America for the two-year period April 1, 2008, through March 31, 2010.

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

1. Approval to award Bid #CS202 for Cypress Lake High School Tennis Courts and Concession Building to Bradanna, Inc., in the amount of \$369,169 plus an amount not to exceed \$18,500 for contingency, if required, at the District's discretion and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
2. Approval to award Bid #CS203 for Rayma C. Page Elementary School P.E. Covered Pavilion to Bradanna, Inc., in the amount of \$287,940 plus an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for contingency, if required, at the District's discretion and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
3. Approval to award Bid #CS204 for Alternative Learning Center Central Re-Roof to Crowther Roofing and Sheet Metal of Florida in the amount \$450,550; plus an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for plywood or metal decking and for repairs, if required, at the District's discretion and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
4. Approval to award Bid #CS205 for Transportation West Parking and Paving Improvements to Gulf Paving Company, Inc., in the amount of \$350,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
5. Approval of final payment for Fort Myers High School Retention Renovation in the amount of \$13,540 to Bateman Contracting.
6. Approval of acceptance of Certificate of Final Inspection for Lee County Public Education Center Phase III dated August 31, 2007 and final payment in the amount of \$1,232,842.59 to Gulfpoint Construction, Inc., and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

7. Approval of acceptance of Certificate of Final Inspection for Manatee Elementary School "U" dated June 7, 2007 and final payment in the amount of \$687,657.99 to Gulfpoint Construction, Inc., and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
8. Approval of acceptance of Certificate of Final Inspection for Mirror Lakes Elementary School Addition dated October 18, 2006 and final payment in the amount of \$261,580.13 to ACI Construction Services, Inc., and authorization for Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
9. Approval of acceptance of Certificate of Final Inspection for River Hall Elementary School dated November 27, 2006 and final payment in the amount of \$399,271.66 to Target Builders, Inc., and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
10. Approval of acceptance of Certificate of Final Inspection for Sunshine Elementary School Addition dated November 7, 2006 and final payment in the amount of \$283,847.06 to ACI Construction Services, Inc., and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/TABLED ITEMS** – *Motion was made by Mr. Teuber, and seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, to approve Consent Agenda Item IV.D.17: Approval of Bid No. B07660ISW for purchase and installation of fencing; and that groups A through H be awarded to Carter Fence Company, Inc.: Smith Fence Company of Fort Myers, Inc.: and Southeast Fence Contracting Team, Inc. on as needed rotation basis using negotiated unit pricing, group I be awarded to Century Fence Company, Inc.: as the primary vendor, Carter Fence Company, Inc.: as the secondary vendor and Smith Fence Company of Fort Myers, Inc. as alternate vendor, and group J be awarded to Century Fence Company, Inc. as the primary vendor: Carter Fence Company, Inc. as the secondary vendor: and Arc Tech Construction by Design, Inc. as alternate vendor at an estimated annual expenditure of \$600,000 beginning December 11, 2007 through December 10, 2008, with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendors and the School Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents. Prior to leaving the room, Board Member Teuber made a statement that he would be abstaining from the vote due to one of the vendor companies in this bid group is a client of his law firm. Mrs. Dozier noted Mr. Teuber has the right, by state law, to recuse himself from the vote; she had the Superintendent re-state the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed 3-0. (Mr. Teuber returned from another room to the Board table.)*

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. Good Cause** – none

**B. Total Project Cost for East Zone Transportation Building**

*Motion made by Dr. Kuckel, and second by Mr. Teuber, (no discussion) carried 4-0 for approval of the total project cost of \$3,965,000 for East Zone Transportation Building at the Leonard and Leonard site and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.*

**C. Ratification of Agreement of Purchase and Sale for 13.21-Acre Parcel on Trafalgar Parkway**

*Motion was made by Mr. Chilmonik, with second by Mr. Teuber, for approval of the ratification of the agreement to buy land in the amount of \$1,769,875 with Daybreak Baptist Fellowship, Inc. for 13.21 acres on Trafalgar Parkway, Cape Coral; approve due diligence and closing costs up to \$100,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to enter into any addenda to the agreement addressing non-financial matters and execute a settlement statement and any other documents required by the closing agent. In response to Dr. Kuckel's question on the intent for this size property, Dr. Browder confirmed it would be for an elementary school. Motion carried 4-0.*

**D. Ratification of Agreement of Purchase and Sale for 20-Acre Parcel on Trafalgar Parkway**

*Motion was made by Dr. Kuckel, with second by Mr. Teuber, for approval of the ratification of the agreement to buy land in the amount of \$2,200,000 with Greentree Admiral, LLC, for 20 acres on Joel Boulevard, Lehigh Acres; approve due diligence and closing costs up to \$100,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to enter into any addenda to the agreement addressing non-financial matters and execute a settlement statement and any other documents required by the closing agent. Dr. Kuckel commended Dr. Browder and staff re both purchases as they're centrally located with good transportation; Dr. Browder noted the cost is very positive and that it will be a middle or elementary school, depending on the need. Motion carried 4-0.*

**E. Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Benefit Bank Dollars for Employees Who Decline Health Insurance**

*Motion was made by Dr. Kuckel, with second by Mr. Teuber, for approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Teachers Association of Lee County (TALC) and Support Personnel Association of Lee County (SPALC) to give employees who decline District-provided health insurance \$25 per paycheck for 24-pay employees or \$30 per paycheck for 20-pay employees of Benefit Bank dollars to spend on dental, vision, and/or cancer insurance and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents. Dr. Kuckel noted this is a step in the right direction re equity and fairness for those who don't use insurance; Dr. Browder was thanked. Motion carried 4-0.*

**F. Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Pharmacy Co-Payment for Generic Prescription Drugs**

*Motion was made by Mr. Teuber, with second by Dr. Kuckel, for approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Teachers Association of Lee County (TALC) and Support Personnel Association of Lee County (SPALC) to waive the pharmacy co-payment for generic prescription drugs covered by the District's self-funded health plans (BCBS 927, 903, 706, and 118 PPO plans) effective April 1, 2008 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents. Mr. Teuber noted agreement with Dr. Browder (in bringing this item) as it's a thing we can do for employees; insurance is one of his big concerns and is a big concern to employees. Mr. Teuber will be supporting this step in the right direction. Dr. Kuckel noted it's good for beginning teachers and those not at the top of the salary scale; it helps make a dent, and she will continue to support staff. Mrs. Dozier noted generic is good and reminded employees to ask for generics but not to take prescriptions unless medically necessary; she noted studies have proven costs actually go down with the rate of coverage, and these companies ought to know if it's a good deal or not. Mrs. Dozier noted it's a benefit to employees and the classroom. Motion carried 4-0.*

**VII. ATTORNEY'S RECOMMENDATIONS** – Mr. Keith Martin had no recommendations tonight.

**VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS****A. Revisions to Policy 1.18, Community Involvement Opportunities**

After Dr. Browder read the recommendation (14 words being deleted from the policy which are not applicable now), Mrs. Dozier recessed the Board Action Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m. She asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the issues on the Agenda for Public Hearing tonight. Mr. Traube: spoke re the Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) possibly reviewing the Internal Auditor's audit report; noted a Board Member raised money-handling questions; commented half his taxes go to the District; and noted he wants safeguards. Ms. Jacobse suggested public hearing items be at the back of the room so others can have coherent

points/intelligent discussion/talk to the issue; she observed a FAC meeting last month and noted impressive committee members' and staff's professionalism. Mrs. Dozier closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular School Board Meeting at 7:06 p.m.; she asked Dr. Browder to re-state the motion. *Motion was made by Mr. Teuber, and seconded by Mr. Chilmonik to approve the revisions to Policy 1.18, Community Involvement Opportunities, to update the purpose of the Finance Advisory Committee.* It was noted this was briefed prior. Mr. Teuber noted: the words being deleted; state statute now doesn't allow the Board to vote on their own salaries; the committee doesn't work on salary schedules (e.g., there are bargaining units/unions); there was consensus for Dr. Browder to bring forth the change; and that the Committee works on other matters. *Motion carried 4-0.*

## **IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Board Members' Comments/Reports:**

*Mr. Chilmonik* – Asked all of the public to watch out for students who will be on holiday break after 12/21. Secondly, he noted forwarding an e-mail recently to the Superintendent re Ms. Fraser (public comment speaker). Mr. Chilmonik stated he has prepared and sent to different media sources his position on filling the Internal Auditor to the Board position and he anticipates talking to Dr. Browder this week, and then he may have more comments.

*Dr. Kuckel* – Apologized for missing this afternoon's meetings, noting her minor facial surgery went longer than expected. She is interested in the discussion at an upcoming January workshop (date TBD) of the Internal Auditor to the Board; the Board reached consensus last month to discuss after Dr. Browder brings back information on outside audit firms. Mrs. Dozier requested the recording secretary tonight to ask Mrs. Lesansky to work on/set the workshop date. Dr. Kuckel noted discussions by the Compliance Committee (e.g., audit plan) and she'll share at the workshop; she would want the Committee invited to the January workshop. Mrs. Dozier noted the Compliance Chair gave a report this afternoon at Briefing; Mr. Teuber noted the Committee as well. Dr. Kuckel expressed that the Committee Chairman is doing a good job and moving ahead. She wished a good holiday season to all and that it will be restful so as to move the District forward next month.

*Mr. Teuber* – He apologized for postponing his Briefing Board Report/Comments to tonight. He noted last week's FSBA meetings in Tampa where 67 school boards/counties talked about policies/different things and he gave accolades to Mrs. Dozier (FSBA President) for: setting great meetings/agendas; having cutting-edge technology speakers; and the opportunity to showcase students from Lee County School District schools who performed via JROTC color guards, choruses, A Cappella singing groups, marching bands, national anthem soloists, etc. (Mr. Teuber mentioned the majority of our county schools who participated). It exemplified our students.

*Mrs. Dozier* – She concurred with Mr. Teuber praising our student participants, noting tears in her eyes many times and that it was phenomenal. She noted the presentation of Mrs. Shelhorse and attributed last week's success to Superintendent Browder and the Board. Mrs. Dozier expressed thanks to all who attended the District headquarters' holiday card ceremony; she noted the ribbon-cutting was for the Lee County Public Education Center and it was given to the community. She explained history was made last night, as this is a remarkable facility and it belongs to the community. The Hospital Board already meets here and is able to have their meetings televised now; she noted it's partnerships like this and it's the true meaning of this education center to a Board Member. This is a community building; offices of the Sheriff are housed here. She wished all the merriest of holidays, safe travel, and a happy new year.

### **B. Board Attorney's Comments/Reports – none.**

**C. Superintendent’s Comments/Reports** – Dr. Browder thanked all teachers and staff for a positive first half/almost half of the school year; it was a wonderful opening, and all that’s done for our children and effort put forth to make kids ready for success is appreciated. He noted not being able to say more than Mr. Teuber or Mrs. Dozier regarding last week’s conference performances; the positive of what’s thought about Lee County is being moved forward by having the FSBA President from here. Dr. Browder is grateful for the staff inside the District and what they bring; he noted some ESE staff in the audience tonight, as well as principals, and the support for what they’re doing. The Superintendent explained that oftentimes people have kind and/or unkind things to say but that’s the American process. Lastly, he wished all happy holidays.

**D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:**

- January 8, 2008 – 2:30 p.m., School Board Briefing meeting (immediately following Student Hearings and/or a 2:30 p.m. Special Board Meeting, if scheduled); and
- January 8, 2008 – 6:00 p.m., School Board Action Meeting.

**X. ADJOURNMENT** – Motion by Mr. Teuber, with second by Dr. Kuckel, carried 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 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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