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**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY**  
**School Board Meeting - MINUTES**  
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)  
**Tuesday, February 26, 2008 - 6:00 P.M.**

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**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	
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Member	Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

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**I. Opening Exercises**

**A. Call to Order**

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, 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 Dr. Kuckel and carried 4-0 to adopt the agenda as the Order of Business.*

Mrs. Dozier announced that Mr. Teuber was unable to attend this evening's meeting due to a family matter.

**B. Invocation (Mr. Chilmonik)**

**C. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance (Dr. Kuckel)**

- Cadet Colonel Chelsea Aquino, North Fort Myers High School JROTC
- Command Sergeant Major Billy Lansberry, JROTC Instructor

**II. Special Presentations**

**A. Recognitions**

- 1. 2007-2008 Principal of the Year Finalist (Dr. Scricca)**
  - Mr. Carl Burnside, Principal, Dunbar High School
- 2. 2008 Florida Association of School Nurses' School Nurse of the Year (Dr. Kuckel)**
  - Mrs. Shelley Bumm, R.N.

**B. Resolutions****1. Arts in Our Schools Month – March 2008** (Dr. Kuckel)

*Motion* by Dr. Kuckel, *seconded* by Mr. Chilmonik, and *carried 4-0* to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the month of March 2008, as Arts in our Schools Month.

**2. Florida Foreign Language Week – March 3-9, 2008** (Dr. Scricca)

*Motion* by Dr. Scricca, *seconded* by Dr. Kuckel, and *carried 4-0* to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the week of March 3-9, 2008, as Florida Foreign Language Week.

**3. Purchasing Month – March 2008** (Mr. Chilmonik)

*Motion* by Mr. Chilmonik, *seconded* by Dr. Kuckel, and *carried 4-0* to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the month of March 2008, as Purchasing Month

**4. “Read Across America” Day – March 3, 2008** (Dr. Scricca)

*Motion* by Dr. Scricca, *seconded* by Dr. Kuckel, and *carried 4-0* to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the March 3, 2008, as “Read Across America” Day.

**C. Special Presentations to the Board – None.****D. Staff Presentation to the Board** (Al Shilling, Assistant Director of Career and Technical Education)

Career Academies: Connecting Students and the Future.

**III. Public Comment**

*Bill Gibson* requested that the school bus stop at the River Trails Mobile Home Park in North Fort Myers be moved from the mailbox area to the gated entrance to the Park in order to relieve congestion and to avoid the buses having to turn around inside the Park.

*Norma Berry* reiterated Mr. Gibson’s comments and noted that Park Management was responsible for moving the bus stop to its current location.

*John Traube* expressed pleasure with the District’s Career Academies and stated that it would be nice to have the same programs in middle school; stated that if there were enough funds available to provide a raise for the superintendent position then money should also be available for teachers, support staff and substitutes.

*Mark Castellano*, President of the Teachers Association of Lee County, spoke in opposition to the “65% Solution” proposed by the State.

*Bob Rushlow*, President of the Support Personnel Association of Lee County, commented on the negative impact that the “65% Solution” would have on the school system.

*Dawn Itzkowitz*, Co-Chair of Walk Now for Autism highlighted some of the symptoms of autism and thanked the School District for its support of the recent Walk Now event.

*Elly Hagen Memoli*, Co-Chair of Walk Now for Autism presented the Community Partner Award to the District in recognition of the District’s support of and participation in the recent Walk Now event.

*Sue Jacobse* stated that the ESE Advisory Committee provides parents with excellent educational pieces; stated the importance of recognizing District employees for their accomplishments.

Mrs. Dozier responded to speakers as follows: thanked Mr. Gibson and Ms. Berry for bringing the matter of the school bus stop to the Board's attention and added that the Superintendent's staff would meet with them to further discuss the issue; told Mr. Traube that she agreed that Career Academies need to also be in middle schools; thanked Mr. Castellano and Mr. Rushlow for their comments regarding the "65% Solution" and asked the Board for consensus for her to write a letter of concern to the Governor, Lt. Governor and members of the Lee County Legislative Delegation. Mr. Chilmonik expressed reluctance.

***Motion** by Dr. Scricca and **seconded** by Dr. Kuckel to have the Chairman write a letter expressing the Board's nonsupport of the "65% Solution" for forwarding to the Governor, Lt. Governor and members of the Lee County Legislative Delegation.*

***Motion carried 3-1**, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the Motion.*

Mrs. Dozier thanked Ms. Memoli and Ms. Itzkowitz for their work in connection with autism and added that the Board/District wants to do everything they can for the special needs students.

#### **IV. Consent Action Items**

Mr. Chilmonik requested that Item IV.F.3. be pulled for discussion.

***Motion** by Dr. Scricca, **seconded** by Mr. Chilmonik, and **carried 4-0** to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item IV.F.3.*

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

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
  - February 12, 2008, School Board Student Hearings
  - February 12, 2008, School Board Briefing Meeting
  - February 12, 2008, School Board Action Meeting
2. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Kendall's Colonial Plantation, LLC to help meet the housing needs of School District employees, at no cost to the District; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute the document.

##### **B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones**

1. Approval of the School Advisory Council Membership list from River Hall Elementary School.
2. Approval of the AVID Implementation Agreement to provide membership, curriculum and teacher professional development for Lehigh Senior High School, Varsity Lakes Middle School and Lehigh Acres Middle School at a cost not to exceed \$44,610.00 for FY 08-09.
3. Approval of the application seeking to retain exclusive authority to authorize charter schools within geographical boundaries of the Lee County School District for the 2008-2009 school year at no cost to the District.

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

1. Approval to open a checking account for Oak Hammock Middle 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 change the authorized signers on the Internal Fund Accounts at River Hall Elementary and Treeline Elementary, with two signatures required on these accounts; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.

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

1. Approval of purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$355,823.75; and authorization for the issuance of the twenty-six (26) purchase orders as described:
  - a. Press Printing Company: Payment for printing of “Teach Near the Beach” inserts and folders for Professional Standards and Equity. (Requisition No. D-65466)
  - b. Tropic Supply Inc.: Payment for A/C repair on 3-ton 230V phase bard wall hung unit at Orange River Elementary for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. D-65469)
  - c. Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.: For inspection fees; plan review and permitting at various locations for Construction Services Department. (Requisition No. 280318)
  - d. American Management Resources Corp. (AMRC): Payment for inspection and assessment (Limited Indoor Air Quality Assessment) at Gulf Elementary for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. D-65470)
  - e. Tropic Supply Inc.: Payment for A/C repair on 3-ton 460V phase bard wall hung unit at Michigan International Academy for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. 280387)
  - f. eInstruction: For the purchase of twelve (12) wireless chalkboards including shipping and handling for Three Oaks Middle School. (Requisition No. 279955)
  - g. eInstruction: For the purchase of one (1) 32-pad IR Classroom Performance System and one (1) wireless chalkboard including shipping and handling for Rayma C. Page Elementary School. (Requisition No. 280079)
  - h. Rivers Bus and RV Sales: For the purchase of one (1) 77 seat capacity bus with Carrier A/C –Seltec - 13112333; transynd fluid; PA w/ radio; exterior body light monitor; red light emergency door; 3/2 seating; driver’s seat w/ integrated seat belt; delivery to Lee County; air ride suspension; Goodyear tires – G14911R22.5G for High Tech Center – Central. (Requisition No. 279751)
  - i. Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.: For the purchase of two (2) 100 gallon, aluminum LP water heaters at Lehigh Senior High for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. 280411)
  - j. Bartleys Sporting Goods: For the purchase of six (6) face guards for softball batting helmets for Island Coast High. (Requisition No. D-65688)
  - k. Gulf Lawn and Tree Services, Inc.: Payment to trim palms; lift and thin hardwoods and dispose of all debris at Trafalgar Middle School for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. 279364)
  - l. Gulf Lawn and Tree Services, Inc.: Open purchase order for tree trimming and removal services on an as needed basis through June 30, 2008 for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. D-65719)

- m. Global Education Technologies: Payment for annual renewal of software maintenance/support for Excent Online from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for Exceptional Student Education. (Requisition No. 280365)
  - n. Creel Tractor Company: Open purchase order for misc. parts for district mowers and tractors good through June 30, 2008 for Transportation Services Department. (Requisition No. 280742)
  - o. Noland Company: For the purchase of plumbing components for classroom instruction at High Tech Center - Central.
  - p. Sanford Brands-mimio: Payment for twenty (20) mimio interactive wireless whiteboards and twenty (20) mimio wireless upgrade kits for Harns Marsh Elementary School. (Requisition No. W-28559)
  - q. Sanford Brands-mimio: Payment for twenty (20) mimio interactive wireless whiteboards; twenty (20) mimio wireless upgrade kits and five (5) mimio stylus pens for Harns Marsh Elementary School. (Requisition No. 279794)
  - r. Armstrong Medical Industries Inc.: For the purchase of instructional training devices for administering IV's at High Tech Center – North. (Requisition No. 280651)
  - s. Tom Barrow Company: For the purchase of multi-pocket cotton filters for Sternvent dust collector at Mariner High School for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. 280959)
  - t. Scott Paint Company: Payment for paint supplies at maintenance stockroom for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. 280942)
  - u. Exceptional Engineering: Payment for survey of two (2) property corners and to put survey markers down on side of the property at Rayma C. Page Elementary for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. 280957)
  - v. Parlant Technology: Payment for customer care program renewal – Parentlink software maintenance agreement for the period of January 31, 2008 through January 31, 2009 for Information Systems Department. (Requisition No. 280303)
  - w. Sanford Brands-mimio: Payment for twenty (20) mimio interactive wireless whiteboards and hook-ups to display on wall for Tanglewood Riverside School. (Requisition No. 280383)
  - x. Computrac Interactive Solutions: Payment for twenty-two (22) 77.5” diagonal writing boards; blue tooth; dual rechargeable pen units; wall-mount brackets; RS-232 & USB interface and floor stands. Prices also include freight for Mariner High School. (Requisition No. 280860)
  - y. Camcor, Inc.: Payment for twenty (20) Elmo TT-02S visual presenters for Mariner High School. (Requisition No. 280861)
  - z. Tropic Supply Inc.: Payment for Copeland condensing unit for walk-in freezer at Food Services Warehouse for Maintenance Services Department. (Requisition No. D-66226)
2. Approval to piggy-back Miami-Dade County Bid No. BW7123-3/07-3, Purchase and Lease of Copy Machines, awarded to various vendors through June 30, 2008 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$200,000.
  3. Approval of Bid No.B086638SW for petroleum products to BV Oil Company, Inc.; Edison Oil Company; Evans Oil Company; Newsom Oil Company and Palmdale Oil Company, Inc. at an annual estimated expenditure of \$150,000 beginning February 26, 2008 through February 25, 2009, with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendors and the Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.

4. Approval to renew Bid No.B076522SW for furnish and install signage to Annat, Inc. d/b/a Municipal Supply and Sign and to Image Graphic Specialties, Inc. for the period of March 12, 2008 through March 11, 2009 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$50,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
5. Approval to renew Bid No.B056313CP for uniforms for support personnel to Unifurst Corporation for the period of April 12, 2008 through April 11, 2009 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$103,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
6. Approval to renew Bid No.B066432CP for Thomas Built OEM parts to Atlantic Truck Center for the period of March 27, 2008 through March 26, 2009 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$175,000.
7. Approval to renew Bid B076501LG for lawn equipment parts catalog discounts to Gravely Tractors, Inc. and Wesco Turf, Inc. for the period of March 13, 2008 through March 12, 2009 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$50,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all 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, and annual reappointments.
2. Approval of the job description for and the position of Interim Executive Director of ESE and Student Services, and appointment of Dr. Carl Brunick to the position, at a fiscal impact of \$8,802, including benefits, effective February 27, 2008.

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

1. Approval of the following ranking of Civil Engineer firms to provide services for Lehigh Elementary School: (1) Exceptional Engineering, Inc., (2) Barraco & Associates, Inc., and (3) RWA, Inc., (4) TKW Consulting Engineers, Inc.; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents. In the event negotiations with the top ranked firm is not successful, I recommend authorization to proceed with negotiation and execution of a contract following the ranking of the Interview Committee.
2. Approval of the following ranking of Construction Management firms to provide services for Lehigh Elementary School: (1) Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc., (2) Gates Butz Institutional Construction, LLC; (3) Target Builders Incorporated; (4) Wright Construction Group; (5) Lodge Construction, Inc.; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents. In the event negotiations with the top ranked firm is not successful, I recommend authorization to proceed with negotiation and execution of a contract following the ranking of the Interview Committee.

3. Approval of acceptance of the Certificate of Final Inspection for Lee County Public Education Center Phase IV dated November 9, 2007 and final payment in the amount of \$25,080.00 to Gulfpoint Construction, Inc. and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents. *Pulled for discussion under the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda.*

## V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items

IV.F.3. Certificate of Final Inspection for Lee County Public Education Center – Phase IV.

*Motion by Mr. Chilmonik and seconded by Dr. Kuckel to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Lee County Public Education Center Phase IV dated November 9, 2007, and final payment in the amount of \$25,080.00 to Gulfpoint Construction, Inc.; and to authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.*

Mr. Chilmonik stated that he had not yet received the Cuthill and Eddy audit report that he had requested.

Dr. Browder replied that he did not remember receiving a request for the report but that he would see that Mr. Chilmonik is provided a copy.

*Motion carried 4-0.*

## VI. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. **Good Cause** – None.

B. **Increase Piggy-Back of Volusia County School District Bid No. TR-673KP - Auto & Light Truck Parts.**

*Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve increasing the estimated annual expenditure for piggy-backing Volusia County School District Bid No. TR-673KP, awarded to multiple vendors for the purchase of auto and truck parts, by \$30,000 making the total annual expenditure \$110,000 through April 30, 2008.*

C. **Second Addendum to Lease Agreement with TWI 75, L.C. - Tice Street Property.**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Second Addendum to the Lease Agreement with TWI 75, L.C. extending the lease on the property located at 5451 Tice Street until December of 2012.*

D. **Resolution / Certificates of Participation, Series 2008A to Refund a Portion of the Certificates of Participation, Series 1995A.**

*Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Resolution authorizing the issuance of Certificates of Participation, Series 2008A in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 for the purpose of refinancing certain educational facilities under the Master Lease Program, and the execution and delivery of certain documents in connection with the issuance of the Series 2008A Certificates.*

**RECESS**

At 7:16 P.M., Mrs. Dozier recessed the School Board Meeting for the purpose of convening a meeting of the Lee County School Board Leasing Corporation.

At 7:21 P.M., Mrs. Dozier reconvened the School Board Meeting.

**VII. Attorney's Recommendations****A. Renewal Contract with Heather W. Hawkins, Esq., as Attorney - Planning, Real Estate, and Support Services.**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Dr. Kuckel and carried 4-0 to accept the Attorney's recommendation to approve the employment contract with Heather W. Hawkins as Attorney for Planning, Real Estate and Support Services for a term of one year at an estimated cost of \$140,131.00.*

**VII. Public Hearings**

Dr. Browder presented his recommendations for this evening's Public Hearing items.

**A. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency with the City of Bonita Springs.****B. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency with the City of Fort Myers.****C. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency with Lee County.****D. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency with the City of Sanibel.**

Mrs. Dozier recessed the Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 P.M. She asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the four issues on the agenda for Public Hearing.

*Sue Jacobse commended Attorney Heather Hawkins for her work and observed that she could be making a great deal more money in the private sector.*

There being no further requests to address the Board, Mrs. Dozier closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Board Meeting at 7:27 P.M.

**A. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency with the City of Bonita Springs.**

*Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency with the City of Bonita Springs to comply with Sections 163.31777 and 163.3180, Florida Statutes.*

**B. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency with the City of Fort Myers.**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency with the City of Fort Myers to comply with Sections 163.31777 and 163.3180, Florida Statutes.*

**C. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency with Lee County.**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency with Lee County to comply with Sections 163.31777 and 163.3180, Florida Statutes.*

**D. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency with the City of Sanibel.**

*Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency with the City of Sanibel to comply with Sections 163.31777 and 163.3180, Florida Statutes.*

**VIII. Other Business**

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

Mr. Chilmonik: stated that the District would try to get some relief for the River Trails Mobile Home Park residents; stated that he supported Career Academies in middle schools; shared some statistics he had in relation to the "65% Solution" and added that he would like to speak with someone about the proposal in order to ensure that the money goes to the classrooms; proposed having a future Lee County school named after Rosa Parks.

Dr. Kuckel: none.

Dr. Scricca: none.

Mrs. Dozier: offered congratulations to the Fort Myers High School Mock Trial team on winning this year's competition and added that the students would be going to State competition to represent Lee County; stated that the "65% Solution" does not include guidance counselors.

**B. Attorney's Comments/Reports – None.**

**C. Superintendent's Comments/Reports**

Dr. Browder: thanked the ESE Task Force on Autism for their efforts during a recent meeting at which some areas of study were identified; announced that another Task Force meeting has been scheduled as well as a meeting of the Superintendent's ESE Committee; announced that information on Walk Now for Autism had come through Dr. Brunick's office and thanked him and his staff for their time; thanked the student interns for their part in the Career Academies presentation this evening; announced that he learned during a conference call with the Commissioner of Education that the District could expect another shortfall of approximately \$7 million and that he would ask the Board to allow using contingency funds should that occur; stated that the District might also realize a \$3 million shortfall in FTE revenue.

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

- March 11, 2008, 2:30 p.m., Special School Board Meeting
- March 11, 2008, 2:30 p.m., School Board Briefing Meeting
- March 11, 2008, 6:00 p.m., School Board Action Meeting

**IX. Adjournment**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 4-0 to adjourn the February 26, 2008, School Board Meeting.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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**Jeanne S. Dozier**, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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