



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY

2007-08 AUDIT PLAN WORKSHOP–Minutes (Approval 9/11/07)

Thursday, August 2, 2007 – 3:00 p.m.
Board Room Annex

Present:

Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman

Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Board Member

Dr. Mr. Robert Chilmonik, Board Member

Dr. James W. Browder, Ed. D., Superintendent

Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney

Mrs. Julie B. Nieminski, Board Auditor

Ms. June Halladay, Recorder

Order of Business

I. Welcome/Call to Order

Mrs. Jeannie Dozier, Board Chairman, called the workshop to order at 3:00 p.m.

- II. Introductions:** Mrs. Dozier introduced the people attending the meeting. She also stated that a consensus of the Board Members requested that Mrs. Nieminski be the Board Liaison for the Compliance Advisory Committee, and that Mrs. Nieminski should start attending all the meetings.

III. FY 2007—2008 Audit Plan Presentation- Mrs. Julie Nieminski

Mrs. Nieminski presented her ideas for the ESE Program Audit and the Grants Audit for FY 2007-2008. She stated that the ESE Audit could be divided between the gifted program and the disability program. She stated that she would be studying the IEP process level of service and funding. She stated that she would start the audit looking at the gifted program, which would take about 300 audit hours, then proceed to the disability program

She also stated that the Grants Audit would look for standard operating procedures between all locations who apply for grants. She stated that her goal was to make the processes more efficient and effective and create more efficient operations.

IV. Discussion of Proposed Audit Plan for FY 2007-2008

Two board members expressed concern that the whole year's audit plan would be used auditing the ESE and Grants Programs. Mrs. Nieminski stated that the Gifted portion of the Audit could be skipped, freeing up 300 audit hours. It was the consensus of the Board Members present that she should wait to audit the Gifted portion of ESE until another year. Dr. Scricca stated for the record that she has a strong interest in the gifted part of ESE, but she agrees that the 2007—2008 audit should be on the disabilities side of ESE.

V. Discussion of Board Priority Results

Dr. Richard Itzen started explaining the handout, "Board Priority Results/Targets." A Board Member had a question about why the numbers on the handout were different than those on the DOE website. Dr. Itzen explained that since each district and state tests different grades of students, they wanted to take out that variable. Therefore all results of SAT scores were judged against the top 10% of their class.

Dr. Itzen stated that the Strategic Plan has eight areas, and that those areas had not been changed. He stated that they had added seven Board Priority Goals. He stated that the departments at district level have been led to create department goals which align with Board Priority Goals. He stated that even School Improvement Plans will be aligned with Board Priority Goals within State requirements.

There was discussion about whether there should be an explanation for the Board Priority Results/Targets.

VI. Follow-Up Issues

- Ms. Halladay will set up another Workshop with Mrs. Lesansky when other Board Members are present to decide how to use the 300 audit hours left from dropping the Gifted portion of the Audit Plan.
- There was a consensus that the Board Priority Results/Targets should be discussed at the August 14, 2007 School Board Briefing Meeting when all the members would be present.
- There was a consensus that the Gwynne Building discussion should take place at the August 14, 2007 School Board Briefing Meeting when all the members would be present
- A Board Member brought up an article from the Bonita Daily News misquoting Dr. Browder regarding budget cuts. The Chairman of the Board suggested that the paper's editor be contacted and that a retraction be written.
- A consensus of the Board Members requested that Mrs. Nieminski be the Board Liaison for the Compliance Advisory Committee, and that Mrs. Nieminski should start attending all the meetings.

VII. Good of the Order

- Dr. Browder stated that all teachers, students and principals will be writing goals this year. He stated that he is really proud of the teachers and staff, and can't wait until school starts.
- The Board Chairman stated that she spoke to Tallahassee about them using the Orange River presentation.

VIII. Adjournment

Mrs. Dozier adjourned the Board Workshop of August 2, 2007, at 4:35 p.m.

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Mrs. Jeanne Dozier, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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