



## **THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY 2007-08**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP – Minutes** (Approval (8/14/07))

**Tuesday, July 24, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.**

**School Board Meeting Room – Dr. James A. Adams Building**

### **Present:**

Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Ph. D., Vice Chairman  
Mr. Robert Chilmonik, Board Member  
Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J. D., Board Member  
Dr. James W. Browder, Ed. D., Superintendent  
Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney

Ms. Ami Desamours, Director, Budget  
Mr. Lee Legutko, Chief Business Officer  
Ms. Kelly Letcher, Assistant Director, Budget  
Ms. June Halladay, Recorder

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### **Order of Business**

#### **I. Welcome/Call to Order**

Dr. Kuckel, Board Vice Chairman, called the workshop to order at 2:00 p.m.

#### **II. Introductions**

Dr. Kuckel introduced Dr. Browder who started by explaining that the State of Florida Department of Education (DOE) had announced a shortfall in state revenues, and that there could possibly be up to a 5% reduction in revenues. He stated that Lee County School District's portion of that could be over \$30 million. He told the Board Members that he may be asking for a short notice workshop in the first week of August to discuss any changes that the state may make. He also stated that the proposed budget that they were discussing was the budget as of today (July 24, 2007,) but the actual budget would not be approved until September 11, 2007. He stated that on August 1, 2007, the state will convene the estimating conference with new numbers on which our budget will be figured.

Dr. Browder then introduced Ms. Ami Desamours to present the Superintendent's Proposed Tentative Budget for FY 2007-2008.

#### **III. Presentation of Superintendent's Proposed Tentative Budget for FY 2007-2008—Ms. Ami Desamours**

Ms. Desamours presented the attached PowerPoint presentation (Attachment 1) regarding the Superintendent's Proposed Tentative Budget for FY 2007-2008. It included discussion of changes from the first budget update on June 19<sup>th</sup>, discussion of millages and total budget for FY08, and a time for questions.

Ms. Desamours referred to the "2007—2008 Superintendent's Proposed Tentative Budget" handout (attachment 2.) She pointed out:

- Page 22 & 23 is the total proposed budget
- Page 25 gives summary of all funds
- Page 28 gives picture of general fund
- Page 36 is the history of millages and tax rolls from 1998—2008
- Page 51 is the Capital Budget summary.

#### **IV. Discussion of Superintendent's Proposed Tentative Budget for FY 2007-2008**

A Board Member asked what the student enrollment is in Lee County School District compared to the anticipated enrollment for the year. Dr. Browder stated that current enrollment is between 78,000—79,000 students, compared to anticipated 82,100 students. He stated that in the last year there were approximately 18,000 students new to the District, including 5000 new kindergarten students. The net gain of students, however, was only 3,600.

It was noted that the Internal Service budget had increased dramatically because of the District switching from Blue Cross Blue Shield to a self insured health status in FY 08.

**V. Follow-Up Issues****VI. Good of the Order**

- As an FYI, Dr. Browder stated that there would be a ribbon cutting for the new East Lee County High School on August 11, 2007 at 9:00 AM. He urged everyone to attend and support the new school.
- As an FYI, Dr. Browder stated that it would cost the District \$275,000 to make improvements to the Gwynne Building and get it ready to be taken over by the Foundation for Lee County Schools. When asked what changes needed to be made, he said they included installing a fire alarm system, fixing the plumbing, painting and general maintenance. Dr. Browder stated that they would talk about it more next Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- As an FYI, Dr. Browder stated that there were problems statewide with the portables that the Lee County School District uses to house students temporarily when buildings are being built or renovated. He stated that this was a problem with the State of Florida, DOE, DCA (Division of Community Affairs), and the manufacturers. He stated that we were not the only school district that would be facing problems, and that there could be an agreement reached as early as today. (Tuesday, July 24, 2007) giving directions as to what we can and cannot do with the portables.
- Mr. Teuber stated that he had handed out an article (attachment 3) for the other Board Members to look at that he thought they would be interested in.

**VII. Adjournment**

Dr. Kuckel adjourned the Board Workshop of July 24, 2007, at 2:35 p.m.

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*MINUTES BOOK NO. 44 - FY08*

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**Dr. Jane E Kuckel, Ph.D.,** Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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