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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 10, 2009**

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**Attending**

Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Board Chair	Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Superintendent
Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Vice Chair	Mr. Keith B. Martin, Board Attorney
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, 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 10, 2009, in the School Board Meeting Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. Chairman Jane Kuckel presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Dr. Kuckel acknowledged that neither Dr. Scricca nor Mrs. Dozier were in attendance.

*Motion by Mr. Chilmonik, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 3-0 to adopt the agenda as the Order of Business.*

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

**C. Presentation of Colors / Pledge of Allegiance (Mr. Chilmonik)**

- Cadet Major Joseph Illicete, Mariner High School JROTC
- Command Sergeant Major Turner, JRTOC Army Instructor

**II. Special Presentations**

**A. Recognitions**

1. 2008-2009 Outstanding School Volunteers (*Mr. Teuber*)
  - Three categories: Youth, Adult, and Senior
2. Florida State Final Swim Meets (*Mr. Teuber*)
  - Seven Lee County School District High School Students
3. Transportation West Employees (*Mr. Teuber*)
  - Eleven Lee County School District Employees
4. 2009 Lee County Educational Support Person of the Year (*Mr. Teuber*)
  - Zona Gale Burkhead, Media Specialist Assistant – Bayshore Elementary School

**B. Resolutions (None)**

**C. Acknowledgement** (*Mr. Chilmonik*)

Character Word for February: Honesty – Being truthful and trustworthy.

**D. Special Presentations to the Board** (None)**E. Staff Presentation to the Board**

- T.V. Production Curriculum at Island Coast High School presented by Mr. Al Shilling, Assistant Director for Career and Technical Education.

**III. Public Comment**

Speakers and the topics they addressed are as follows:

*John Traube:* budget/financial issues

*Kellie Elders:* Superintendent's contract; select District employees

*Kathleen Robinson:* "Magic Jack" as a cost-saving measure

*Bob Rushlow, President of the Support Personnel Association of Lee County:* budget issues; "Make Our Schools a Priority" Rally scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>

*Sue Jacobse:* budget issues

*Antonia Jacobse:* District's Science Fair; Bonita Springs Middle School

During her response to speakers, Dr. Kuckel requested that the Superintendent to look into the "Magic Jack" with hopes of reducing telephone costs throughout the District.

**IV. Consent Action Items**

*Motion* by Mr. Teuber, *seconded* by Mr. Chilmonik, and *carried 3-0* to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
  - January 6, 2009, School Board Briefing Meeting
  - January 23, 2009, School Board Workshop
  - January 27, 2009, School Board Student Hearings
  - January 27, 2009, School Board Action Meeting

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

1. Approval of the Affiliation Agreement between the University of Central Florida and Lee County School District; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.
2. Approval to authorize the test-preparation activities for statewide assessments, at no cost to the District.
3. Approval of the VPK Provider Agreement for 2009-2010 and related documents between the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida and the School District of Lee County. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents. Expected revenue to the District from the Coalition may be as much as \$1,601,650.

**C. Administrative Services** – Mr. Michael McNerney (None)**D. Business Services** – Mr. Lee Legutko

1. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the period ending November 7, 2008.
2. Approval of the Budget Amendment dated November 7, 2008, to amend the 2008-09 annual school budget.
3. Approval to award Bid No. B096759LO for replacement of science sinks at Estero High School to Franzese Plumbing, Inc. having the lowest response and meeting specifications for a total price of \$38,500; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
4. Approval to piggy-back State Contract No. 450-000-09-ACS for Maintenance, Repair and Operation (MRO) WSCA Industrial Supplies awarded to Grainger through November 13, 2010, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$250,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
5. Approval to piggy-back State Contract No. 518-020-05-1 for rental vehicles to Avis Rent-a-Car System, Inc. through June 30, 2009, at an estimated expenditure of \$25,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
6. Approval to reject Bid No. B086750JM for remanufactured fuel injection pumps and injectors; and authorization for the solicitation to be reissued.
7. Approval to reject Bid No. B086743LO for a chiller replacement at Veterans Park Academy for the Arts; and authorization for the solicitation to be reissued utilizing revised specifications.
8. Approval to reject Bid No. B086755LO for replacement of chiller at Caloosa Elementary School; and authorization for the solicitation to be reissued utilizing revised specifications.
9. Approval to renew Bid No. B056313CP for uniforms for support personnel to Unifurst Corporation for the final period of April 11, 2009 through April 10, 2010 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$115,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
10. 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 Specialist, Inc. for the final period of March 11, 2009 through March 10, 2010 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.
11. Approval to renew Bid No. B086641SW for mowing services to: Gulf Lawn Services, Inc.; Scarnato Lawn Services & Landscaping pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at a total annual estimated expenditure of \$46,976 for the period of March 11, 2009 through March 11, 2010; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
12. Approval to renew RFP No. R6218 for the annual bid for band uniforms, costumes and formal wear from budgeted funds for the acquisition and replacement of customized band uniforms to DeMoulin Brothers, Inc.; Fruhauf Uniforms, Inc.; Ictus Limited; Fred J. Miller, Inc. and Stanbury Uniforms, Inc. for the final period of March 6, 2009 through March 5, 2010 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$120,000 pursuant to the

same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.

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

1. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including certificated, support and substitute staff, and out-of-field appointments.

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

1. Approval of the Easement to Lee County Electric Cooperative for a 10' easement to provide electrical service to the cellular tower to be constructed at East Lee County High School.
2. Approval of the Easement to Lee County Electric Cooperative for a 10' easement to provide electrical service to Lehigh Elementary School.
3. Approval of the Easement to Embarq Florida, Inc. for a 10' easement to provide service to the cellular tower to be constructed at Mariner High School.
4. Approval of the Easement to Lee County Electric Cooperative for a 10' easement to provide electrical service to the cellular tower to be constructed at Mariner High School.
5. Approval of final payment in the amount of \$35,878.09 to Gulf Paving for construction of Agualinda Blvd.; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute any necessary documents.

**V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items** (None)

**VI. Superintendent's Recommendations**

**A. Good Cause** (None)

**B. Renew Piggy-back of Wichita, KS Public Schools Bid No. 02-04-011 for School Furniture.**

*Motion by Mr. Chilmonik, and seconded by Mr. Teuber to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve renewing the option to piggy-back the Wichita, KS, Public Schools Bid No. 02-04-011 for school furniture awarded to Virco, Inc. through December 31, 2009, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$1,000,000.*

Mr. Chilmonik stated that he would not be supporting the Superintendent's recommendation because, in light of the District's current financial situation, he felt that spending \$1,000,000 on furniture was extravagant.

*Motion carried 2-1, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the Motion.*

**C. School Bell Times for the 2009-10 School Year.**

**Proposed Bell Times for 2009-10**

<b><u>Elementary Schools</u></b>	<b><u>Current Start</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Drop Off</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Start</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed End</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>
Allen Park	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Alva	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Bayshore	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Bonita Springs	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Caloosa	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Cape	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Colonial	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Diplomat	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Edgewood Academy	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Edison Park	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Ft. Myers Beach	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Franklin Park	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
G. Weaver Hipps	New	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	New
Gateway	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Gulf	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Hancock Creek	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Harns Marsh	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Hector A. Cafferatta, Jr.	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Heights	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
J. Colin English	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Lehigh Acres	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Littleton, Dr. Carrie D.					
Robinson	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Manatee	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Mirror Lakes	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Orange River	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Orangewood	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Patriot	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Pelican	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Pine Island	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Pinewoods	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Ray V. Pottorf	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Rayma C. Page	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
River Hall	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
San Carlos Park	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Skyline	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Spring Creek	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Sunshine	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Tanglewood	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Three Oaks	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Tice	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Trafalgar	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Treeline	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Tropic Isles	9:15 AM	8:50 AM	9:15 AM	3:30 PM	No Change
Villas	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
<b><u>K-8 Schools</u></b>	<b><u>Current Start</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Drop Off</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Start</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed End</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>

James Stephens International Academy	New	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	New
North Ft. Myers Academy for the Arts	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 AM	No Change
Sanibel School, The	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Veterans Park Academy for the Arts	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
<b><u>Middle Schools</u></b>					
Alva	8:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:15 PM	No Change
Bonita Springs	9:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
Caloosa	9:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
Challenger	9:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
Cypress Lake	9:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
Diplomat	9:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
Fort Myers	9:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
Gulf	9:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
Lehigh Acres	9:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
Lexington	9:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
Mariner	9:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
Oak Hammock	9:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
Paul Laurence Dunbar	9:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
Three Oaks	9:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
Trafalgar	9:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
Varsity Lakes	9:45 AM	9:20 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
<b><u>High Schools</u></b>					
Cape Coral	7:15 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	1:45 PM	No Change
Cypress Lake	7:15 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	1:45 PM	No Change
Dunbar	7:15 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	1:45 PM	No Change
East Lee County	7:15 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	1:45 PM	No Change
Estero	7:15 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	1:45 PM	No Change
Fort Myers	7:15 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	1:45 PM	No Change
Ida S. Baker	7:15 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	1:45 PM	No Change
Island Coast	7:15 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	1:45 PM	No Change
Lehigh Acres Senior	7:15 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	1:45 PM	No Change
Mariner	7:15 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	1:45 PM	No Change
North Fort Myers	7:15 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	1:45 PM	No Change
Riverdale (6-12)	7:15 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	1:45 PM	No Change
South Fort Myers	7:15 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	1:45 PM	No Change
<b><u>Specialty Schools</u></b>					
ALC Middle Central	9:45 AM	9:30 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
ALC High Central	9:45 AM	9:30 AM	9:45 AM	4:15 PM	No Change
ALC High West	9:45 AM	9:30 AM	9:45 AM	4:15 PM	No Change
ALC Middle West	9:45 AM	9:30 AM	9:45 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
Buckingham					
Exceptional Center	9:30 AM	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	4:00 PM	No Change
High Tech Central	8:00 AM	7:45 AM	8:00 AM	1:30 PM	No Change
High Tech North	8:00 AM	7:45 AM	8:00 AM	1:30 PM	No Change
LAMP	9:45 AM	9:30 AM	9:45 AM	4:15 PM	No Change
<b><u>Specialty Schools</u></b>	<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>
(continued)	<b><u>Start</u></b>	<b><u>Drop Off</u></b>	<b><u>Start</u></b>	<b><u>End</u></b>	
Royal Palm Exceptional Center	7:45 AM	7:20 AM	7:45 AM	2:15 PM	No Change

*Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 3-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the school bell times for the 2009-10 school year as presented.*

**VII. Attorney's Recommendations – Mr. Keith Martin (None)**

**VIII. Public Hearing (None)**

**IX. Other Business**

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

Mr. Chilmonik: stated that there is much uncertainty with regard to the District's budget and that the time to act is now.

*Motion by Mr. Chilmonik and seconded by Mr. Teuber that the Board direct the Superintendent to research and bring back a recommendation within 30 days with regard to conducting a referendum to ask voters to reduce the ad valorem tax millage for capital projects of the Lee County School District and increase the ad valorem tax millage for operations by an equivalent amount.*

During discussion among the Board Members, Mr. Teuber distributed a copy of House Bill 803 that, if passed by the Legislature, would provide school districts flexibility to use up to .5 mill of Capital Millage collected in FY 2010 for operating expenses. Mr. Teuber asked Mr. Chilmonik to withdraw his motion and assist him in getting this bill through. Discussion among Board Members continued.

*Motion to limit debate by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Dr. Kuckel and carried 2-1, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the Motion.*

*Main Motion defeated 1-2, with Dr. Kuckel and Mr. Teuber casting votes in opposition to the Motion.*

Mr. Chilmonik thanked Ms. Robinson for her suggestion regarding "Magic Jack" and stated that he would be bringing forward other cost-saving suggestions in the future.

Mr. Teuber: no comments.

Dr. Kuckel: stated that she has not yet heard any Board Member state opposition to having the flexibility to move funds around but noted that this action needs to be reserved until the District knows where it stands with regard to the budget.

**B. Board Attorney's Comments/Reports (None)**

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

Dr. Browder: stated that impact fee dollars are being used to purchase land and that this is the only thing for which those dollars may be used; cited comments made recently by former Board Auditor Julie Nieminski that she never uncovered any evidence of fraud in the District's financial dealings; added that no instances of fraud within the District have been uncovered since he has been Superintendent.

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

- February 24, 2009, 2:30 p.m., School Board Special Meeting
- February 24, 2009, 2:30 p.m., School Board Briefing Meeting
- February 24, 2009, 6:00 p.m., School Board Action Meeting

**X. Adjournment**

*Motion Mr. Teuber, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 3-0 to adjourn the February 10, 2009, School Board Meeting.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

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**Jane E. Kuckel, PhD, Board Chair**

ATTEST:

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

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