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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 24, 2009

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. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member	Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Member	

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, in the School Board Meeting Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. Board Chair Jane Kuckel presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Dr. Kuckel acknowledged the presence of Fort Myers Councilman Mike Flanders and Cape Coral Councilman Derrick Donnell.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier and seconded by Dr. Scricca to adopt the agenda as the Order of Business with the removal of Item IX.A., Board Member Comments.

Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the motion.

B. Invocation (Mrs. Dozier)

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

- Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Christine Jennings, Cape Coral High School JROTC
- First Sergeant Clarence W. Finnie, JRTOC Army Instructor

Dr. Kuckel acknowledged the presence of Lee County Commissioner Ray Judah.

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

1. Reading First! District (Mrs. Dozier)
 - Educators and Administrators of the Lee County School District
2. Florida Music Educators Association: All – State Selections (Dr. Scricca)
 - Elementary, Middle and High School Students of the Lee County School District
3. Lee County 2009 Teacher of the Year (Mr. Teuber)

- Terry L. Huge, Lehigh Senior High School

B. Resolutions

1. Arts in Our Schools Month: March 2009 (*Mr. Teuber*)

Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming March 2009 as Arts in Our Schools Month.

2. Purchasing Month: March 2009 (*Mr. Teuber*)

Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming March 2009 as Purchasing Month.

3. "Read Across America" Day: March 2, 2009 (*Mrs. Dozier*)

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming March 2, 2009, as "Read Across America" Day.

4. National Foreign Language Week: March 2-8, 2009 (*Dr. Scricca*)

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming March 2-8, 2009, as National Foreign Language Week.

C. Special Presentations to the Board (None)

D. Staff Presentation to the Board (None)

III. Public Comment

Speakers and the topics they addressed were as follows:

Michelle Talbott: support of arts education

John Traube: Board Member comments portion of the agenda

Sharon McAllister: support of arts education

Doug McGregor: support of arts education

Councilman Mike Flanders: support of arts education (*Councilman Flanders provided each Board Member with a copy of Resolution No. 2009-7 recently passed by the Fort Myers City Council supporting funding for the education of the arts in all schools in the City. A copy of the Resolution will be filed with the official minutes.*)

Robert Cacioppo: support of arts education

Commissioner Ray Judah: support of arts education

Sue Jacobse: educational funding; value of reading

Mark Castellano: rallies to support adequate funding for education

Michael Hall: support of arts education

The Board Members expressed their appreciation to those who spoke in support of arts education.

IV. Consent Action Items

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

A. Executive Services – Dr. James W. Browder

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
 - January 27, 2009, School Board Briefing Meeting
 - February 10, 2009, School Board Special Meeting
 - February 10, 2009, School Board Briefing Meeting

- February 10, 2009, School Board Action Meeting

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of the new Memorandum of Agreement with Springwood Court, effective March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2011. There is no cost to the District for this Agreement.
2. Approval of the Preliminary Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Juvenile Justice, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Cape Coral Police Department, Fort Myers Police Department, and the Department of Children and Families at no additional cost to the District. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute related documents and to approve normal and customary accounting, bookkeeping, and payroll processes to maintain continuity of federal and state grant expenditures during fiscal year changes and other technical transitions. Any processes so approved by the Superintendent will represent best practices, and will conform to funding agency regulations.
3. Approval of the new contract for Occupational Therapist Carol Patton, and authorization of the expenditure of an estimated total cost of \$18,700 effective February 25, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

C. Administrative Services – Mr. Michael McNerney

1. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Fund Accounts at Lee Middle School and Michigan International Academy with two signatures required on these accounts, one of which must be administrative; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.

D. Business Services

1. Approval to piggy-back Lee County Bid No. IW-080191, awarded to Forestry Resources, Inc. for the purchase of mulch, through March 22, 2010, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$150,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
2. Approval of Bid No. B096760SW for on-site secure document shredding to Shred It USA, Inc. at an estimated annual expenditure of \$50,000 beginning February 24, 2009 through February 23, 2010, with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendor and the Board; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
3. Approval to increase the estimated expenditures for piggy-backing Citrus County Schools Bid No. 2008-51 for catalog discounts on incidental supplies (educational and operative supplies) by \$100,000 making the total estimated expenditure \$400,000 through June 16, 2009; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
4. Approval of purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$23,922.98; and authorization for the issuance of the six (6) purchase orders as described.
5. Approval to reject Bid No. B086754JM for rebuilt or remanufactured alternators and starters; and authorization for the solicitation to be reissued.

6. Approval to renew Bid No. B076501LG for lawn equipment parts catalog discounts for the period of March 13, 2009 through March 12, 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.

E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins

1. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including administrative, certificated, support and substitute staff.

F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore

1. Approval to accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Oak Hammock Middle School Phase II dated August 15, 2008 and final payment in the amount of \$18,665.10 to Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc.; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items (None)

VI. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Good Cause (None)

B. Amendment to Charter School Contracts with Florida High School for Accelerated Learning, North and South Lee County Campus, Inc. for Coronado High School and North Nicholas High School.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the amendment to Charter School Contracts with Florida High School for Accelerated Learning, North and South Lee County Campus, Inc. for Coronado High School and North Nicholas High School, at their discretion, to enroll students who have been expelled from attendance at Lee County Public Schools by action of the Lee County School Board and have been assigned to the school's Expulsion Diversion Program pursuant to School Board Policy 4.04.

C. Bid #CS233 – Transportation Central Fuel Tank and Fueling System Replacement.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve awarding Bid #CS233 for Transportation Central Fuel Tank and Fueling System Replacement to UST Environmental Services, Inc. in the amount of \$349,978.71 plus an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for contingency, if required, at the District's discretion; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

VII. Attorney's Recommendations – Mr. Keith Martin

A. Renewal Contract with Heather W. Hawkins, Esq., as Attorney – Planning, Real Estate, and Support Services.

Motion by Mr. Chilmonik, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 5-0 to accept the Attorney's recommendation that the Board 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.

VIII. Public Hearing

Dr. Browder presented his recommendation for this evening's Public Hearing item.

A. Adoption of Policy 4.32, Head Start Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection and Enrollment.

Dr. Kuckel recessed the Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 P.M. She asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the one item on the agenda for Public Hearing.

There being no requests to address the Board, Dr. Kuckel closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Board Meeting at 7:46 P.M.

A. Adoption of Policy 4.32, Head Start Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection and Enrollment.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the adoption of Policy 4.32, Head Start Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection and Enrollment, to establish criteria to be in compliance with Head Start Performance Standards, Part 1305 on Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection and Enrollment.

IX. Other Business

~~A. Board Members' Comments/Reports~~ *Pulled from the agenda.*

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

C. Superintendent's Comments/Reports (None)

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- March 10, 2009, 2:30 p.m., School Board Briefing Meeting (*immediately following Student Hearings and/or Special Board Meeting, if scheduled*)
- March 10, 2009, 6:00 p.m., School Board Action Meeting

X. Adjournment

Motion Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 5-0 to adjourn the February 24, 2009, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

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

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