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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
School Board Special Meeting - MINUTES
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)
Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Attending

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| Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Vice Chair | Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Superintendent |
| Mr. Robert Chilmonik, Member | Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney |
| Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member | Mr. Robert Dodig, Staff Attorney |
| Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Member | Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary |

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 School Board Special Meeting. Board Vice Chair Steven Teuber presided and called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M.

Mr. Teuber acknowledged Dr. Kuckel's absence from the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Chilmonik, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 4-0 to accept the agenda as the Order of Business.

II. Public Comment (None)

III. Consent Action Items (None)

IV. Unfinished Business / Tabled Items (None)

V. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Good Cause (None)

B. Petition for Termination of Employment – Ernest Overhoff.

Neither Mr. Overhoff nor anyone else was present to speak on his behalf.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board suspend Ernest Overhoff without pay until such time that the Board receives and acts upon the recommended order of the DOAH Administrative Law Judge.

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

VII. Other Business**A. Board Members' Comments/Reports**

Mr. Chilmonik:

***Motion** by Mr. Chilmonik that the School Board direct the Superintendent and Board Attorney to implement the items outlined in this motion: do away with School Board salaries applicable to incumbents only; do away with double dipping by reducing salaries of double dippers by the smaller amount, either salary or pension, whichever is less; do away with Dr. Browder's golden parachute and reinstate the ethics clause (Dr. Browder receives nothing if he resigns or is fired for cause); eliminate any salary reductions for teachers and first line support personnel (staff reductions will occur through a hiring freeze, attrition and operations cost cutting); conduct a management audit to reduce the number of administrators (Lee County has a higher ratio of administrators than other counties in the State of Florida).*

***Motion seconded for discussion** by Mrs. Dozier.*

Mr. Chilmonik opined that this stimulus package would place approximately five million dollars in the classroom and save programs and jobs.

Discussion among the Board Members ensued during which Mrs. Dozier, Dr. Scricca, and Mr. Teuber stated that they would not be supporting Mr. Chilmonik's motion. (*Mr. Teuber distributed a recent article that appeared in the Naples News, a copy of which will be filed with the official minutes.*)

***Motion defeated 1-3**, with Mrs. Dozier, Dr. Scricca, and Mr. Teuber casting votes in opposition to the motion.*

***Motion** by Mr. Chilmonik that the School Board direct the Superintendent to research and bring back a recommendation 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.*

***Motion seconded for discussion** by Dr. Scricca.*

Mr. Chilmonik opined that this stimulus package would place approximately thirty-five million dollars in the classroom and save programs and jobs.

Discussion among the Board Members ensued during which Mrs. Dozier, Dr. Scricca, and Mr. Teuber stated that they would not be supporting Mr. Chilmonik's motion.

***Motion defeated 1-3**, with Mrs. Dozier, Dr. Scricca, and Mr. Teuber casting votes in opposition to the motion.*

Mr. Chilmonik also raised some questions regarding a recent finding by the State Auditor General's office regarding the District's purchase of computer software from capital funds. Mr. Martin addressed Mr. Chilmonik's questions.

Dr. Scricca: expressed his dismay that so much time was being spent on this since the Board had so many other things to attend to.

The other Board Members declined comments.

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

Mr. Teuber recessed the meeting at 3:07 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 3:12 P.M.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board

- February 24, 2009, 2:30 P.M. School Board Briefing Meeting (immediately following School Board Special Meeting)
- February 24, 2009, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 4-0 to adjourn the February 24, 2008, School Board Special Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:

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

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