



**VISION:**  
*To be a world-class school system.*

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY**  
**School Board Action Meeting - MINUTES**  
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)  
**Tuesday, March 10, 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	
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, March 10, 2009, in the School Board Meeting Room for a School Board Action Meeting. Board Chair Jane Kuckel presided and called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Dr. Kuckel acknowledged Mrs. Dozier's absence due to a knee injury.

Dr. Browder provided justification for the addition of his Good Cause item. Dr. Kuckel stated that as presiding officer she determined there is good cause to add the item to the agenda.

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

**B. Invocation (Mr. Teuber)**

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

- Cadet CPT Aissa Lee, Dunbar High School JROTC
- First Sergeant Raymond Hart, JRTOC Army Instructor

**II. Special Presentations**

**A. Recognitions**

1. Organization Employee Development Award (*Mr. Teuber*)
  - Curriculum and Staff Development Center
2. 2007/08 Title I Distinguished School (*Dr. Scricca*)
  - Lehigh Elementary School
3. Top International Baccalaureate High School (*Dr. Scricca*)
  - Fort Myers High School

**B. Resolutions** (None)**C. Acknowledgement** (Mr. Chilmonik)

Character Word for March: Courage – The personal strength to face difficulties, obstacles, and challenges.

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

Speakers and the topics they addressed were as follows:

*John Traube* commented on last evening's Community Forum at Cape Coral High School

*Sue Jacobse* commented on the current FCAT testing and funding from the State

*Mark Castellano, TALC President* addressed educational funding rallies

Dr. Kuckel thanked Ms. Jacobse and Mr. Castellano for continuing to make schools a priority.

**IV. Consent Action Items**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 4-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.*

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

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
  - February 24, 2009, School Board Special Meeting
  - February 24, 2009, School Board Briefing Meeting
  - February 24, 2009, School Board Action Meeting

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

1. Approval of the amendment to the District's Technology Plan for 2007-2010.
2. Approval of the new contract for Occupational Therapy Services Lenore Reichenbacher. Total cost not to exceed \$9,000.00 effective March 1, 2009.
3. Approval of the waiver requests submitted by Caloosa Elementary, Cape Coral High, Cape Elementary, Challenger Middle, Cypress Lake High, Diplomat Elementary, Dr. Carrie Robinson Littleton Elementary, Dunbar High, East Lee County High, Edison Park Creative and Expressive Arts School, Fort Myers Beach Elementary, Fort Myers High, Fort Myers Middle, Franklin Park Elementary, Hancock Creek Elementary, Island Coast High, James Stephens International Academy, Lehigh Senior High, Mariner High, Mariner Middle, Mirror Lakes Elementary, North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts, Oak Hammock Middle, Orange River Elementary, Orangewood Elementary, Patriot Elementary, Pine Island Elementary, River Hall Elementary, Riverdale High, San Carlos Park Elementary, South Fort Myers High, Three Oakes Elementary, Three Oakes Middle, Trafalgar Elementary, Trafalgar Middle, Treeline Elementary, Varsity Lakes Middle, and Veterans Park Academy for the Arts for the specified exceptions to the TALC contract.

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

1. Approval to remove from the Official Property Records, 3 items listed on the *Property Records by Bar Code/Tag Number* spreadsheet contained in the agenda.
2. Approval of Bid No. B096764SW for liquid petroleum gas to Balgas at an estimated annual expenditure of \$300,000 beginning March 11, 2009 through March 10, 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 piggy-back Charlotte County Schools Bid No. 07/08-516 for the purchase of incidental supplies (educational and operative) awarded to various vendors through February 25, 2010 at an estimated expenditure of \$350,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
4. Approval to increase piggy-back Lake County Schools Bid No. 2796DB for water based fire system inspection, testing and repair awarded to Simplex Grinnell, LP, by \$15,000 making the total expenditure \$155,000 through October 21, 2009; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
5. Approval of purchase orders in the total amount of \$47,848.30; and authorization for the issuance of the eleven (11) purchase orders as described.
6. Approval to renew RFP No. R076527RG for fingerprinting services to PrideRock Holding Co., Inc. for the renewal 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 \$150,000; 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, out-of-field appointments, and correction to an item previously approved by the Board.

**F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore (None)**

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

**VI. Superintendent's Recommendations**

**A. Good Cause**

1. Personnel Recommendations / Administrative.

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the following recommendations for administrative positions:*

- *Transfer of Ray Bowers, Alternative Learning Center Central, Principal to Lee Middle and Michigan International Academy, Principal-on-Assignment, effective 3/11/09;*
- *Transfer and Change of Assignment of Richard Shafer, East Lee County High, Principal to Alternative Learning Center Central, Assistant Principal, effective 3/11/09;*
- *Transfer and Change of Assignment of Edwin Carter, Lehigh Acres Middle, Assistant Principal to Alternative Learning Center Central, Principal, effective 3/11/09; and*

- *Transfer and Change of Assignment of Scott LeMaster, North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts, Assistant Principal to G. Weaver Hipps Elementary, Principal, effective 3/11/09.*

**B. Acceptance of Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008.**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board accept the Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for The School District of Lee County for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.*

**C. Renew RFP No. R086646VR – Low Voltage Infrastructure and Telephone System Maintenance.**

*Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the renewal of RFP No. R086646VR for Low Voltage Infrastructure and Telephone System Maintenance on an as-needed annual basis to Telecommunication Connexions of Florida, Inc., for the renewal period of March 26, 2009 through March 25, 2010 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$3,000,000 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all documents.*

**D. Selection of Firms for FY 09/10 Design Professional Services.**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the firms listed in the agenda item to provide the referenced services under a Continuing Contract for the period of March 11, 2009 through March 10, 2010; and authorize the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents.*

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

**VIII. Public Hearing (None)**

**IX. Other Business**

**A. Board Members' Comments**

Mr. Chilmonik: thanked the evening's speakers, those who attended last evening's Community Forum, and those who have contacted him with cost-saving suggestions; shared his thoughts regarding the District's financial situation.

Mr. Teuber left the meeting at approximately 6:50 P.M.

Dr. Scricca: expressed disagreement with some of Mr. Chilmonik's comments; thanked everyone for their contributions toward helping to prepare students for the FCAT.

Dr. Kuckel: thanked Donna Mutzenard for her efforts in connection with the recent "Read Across America" celebration and thanked the schools that participated in the event; objected to some of Mr. Chilmonik's comments and clarified that any reductions in salary will be made across the board.

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

**C. Superintendent's Comments**

Dr. Browder stated that the public provided good questions and suggestions at last night's Community Forum; observed that the current budget difficulties are not Lee County's alone; invited everyone to attend next Monday evening's Community Forum at Dunbar High School and encouraged everyone to contact the state legislators; announced that he read at some of the schools during "Read Across America"; stated that teachers have worked to prepare students for the FCAT and opined that the District will continue to show great progress due to their efforts.

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

- March 24, 2009, 2:30 p.m., School Board Special Meeting (*following Student Hearings*)
- March 24, 2009, 2:30 p.m., School Board Briefing Meeting (*following School Board Special Meeting*)
- March 24, 2009, 6:00 p.m., School Board Action Meeting

**X. Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

---

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

ATTEST:

---

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

*An audio/visual tape of this meeting has been produced to provide a verbatim record of the proceedings. Members of the public may obtain a copy of the tape of any meeting by making a request for such through the Communications Department and paying the actual cost of copying the tape. Members of the public may view any Board meeting tape at the Communications Department at no cost. Anyone wishing to view a Board meeting tape should contact the Communications Department at 337-8327 to make such a request.*