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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, April 21, 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, April 21, 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 Mrs. Dozier's absence due to knee surgery.

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 (Dr. Scricca)

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

- Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Ana Cerda, Lehigh Senior High School JROTC
- First Sergeant Ed Davidson, JRTOC Army Instructor

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

1. ACT College Entrance Exam Perfect Score (Dr. Scricca)
 - Justin Gannon, Riverdale High School
2. Outstanding Business Partners (Dr. Scricca)
 - Microsoft Corporation
 - Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union

3. Guardhouse Design / Build Competition (*Dr. Scricca*)
 - Nine students from three Lee County School District schools
4. 2009 State Wrestling Championship (*Dr. Scricca*)
 - Riverdale “Raiders” Wrestling Team

B. Resolutions

1. Suicide Prevention Day: April 22, 2009 (*Mr. Teuber*)
Motion by *Mr. Teuber*, *seconded* by *Mr. Chilmonik*, and *carried 4-0* to adopt the Resolution proclaiming April 22, 2009 as Suicide Prevention Day.
2. National Military Appreciation Month: May 2009 (*Mr. Teuber*)
Motion by *Mr. Teuber*, *seconded* by *Dr. Scricca*, and *carried 4-0* to adopt the Resolution proclaiming May 2009 as National Military Appreciation Month.
3. Teacher / Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week: May 3-9, 2009 (*Mr. Teuber*)
Motion by *Mr. Teuber*, *seconded* by *Mr. Chilmonik*, and *carried 4-0* to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the week of May 3-9, 2009, as Teacher / Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week.

C. Acknowledgement (*Mr. Chilmonik*)

Character Word for April: Integrity – Adhering steadfastly to a personal sense of honorable and ethical behavior.

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:

Linda Nash, Lydia Black, Jen Riley, Chad Lyons, Sandy Lantz, Gretchen Wahlberg, Kellen Beck Mills, Jennifer Myers, Mary Ann Connolly, Dr. Cori Calkins, Cathy Logan, Helen Garcia-Valdez, Carol McCarley, Pat McCarley, Dr. Wendy Chase, Joy Williams, Margaret Horn, Lonni Howington, James DeGeorgia, Monica Rahman (submitted a petition with 121 names/addresses of people who support Art and Music programs; petition has been forwarded to legislators), Jane Hemingway, Patti Lochner (stated for the record that the Curriculum Advisory Committee passed a motion at last evening’s meeting to keep arts in the schools), Jessica Martin, Sue Jacobse, and Michael Vazquez: spoke in support of elementary art and music programs.

John Traube: School District budget

Joe Lentini: speed limit around Challenger Middle School

A.S. Burke: personnel matter

Dr. Kuckel requested that Dr. Browder follow up on the concerns expressed by Mr. Lentini; thanked those who spoke in support of art and music programs and encouraged everyone to continue contacting legislators.

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:

- March 10, 2009, School Board Briefing Meeting
- March 24, 2009, School Board Student Hearings
- March 24, 2009, School Board Special Meeting
- March 24, 2009, School Board Briefing Meeting
- March 24, 2009, School Board Action Meeting

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of the contract with the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County for a Summer School Driver Education Program, for the period of June 15, 2009 to July 13, 2009 for a total cost not to exceed \$89,024.95.
2. Approval of these eight grant proposals 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 renewal of contract with Apple Annie's Day Care dependent upon Federal Head Start appropriations. 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 during the period of August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010 and will not exceed \$85,925.
4. Approval of the Provider Agreement with the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida for Before School and After School Services for the Early Head Start Program and the Early Childhood Center. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents during the period of August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010 with no fiscal impact to the District.
5. Approval to renew the Dental Contracts with Barley Circle Dental Health, Dr. Oliver Favalli and Family Health Center of Southwest Florida to provide dental exams and treatment for children enrolled in Head Start, Early Head Start and Migrant Early Childhood programs for the period August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010 at no cost to the District.
6. Approval of the new contract for Occupational Therapist Nadia Mufdi, and authorize the expenditure of an estimated total cost of \$8,000 effective April 21, 2009 through June 30, 2009.
7. Approval of the replacement contract for Occupational Therapy Assistant, Jessie Beaupre, and authorize the expenditure of an estimated total cost of \$5,500 effective April 21, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

C. Administrative Services – Mr. Michael McNerney

1. Approval of the agreement with the YMCA of the Lee County for the period June 15, 2009 through August 21, 2009 to transport children to the YMCA 2009 summer program, at no cost to the District.
2. Approval of the Agreement with Cape Coral Charter School Authority for lease of between one and twelve buses per month for the period of August 1, 2009 to June 15, 2010. The District will provide maintenance, inspection and routing services and will be reimbursed for same.
3. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Fund Accounts at Alternative Learning Center Central, with two signatures required on this account, one of which must be administrative; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.

D. Business Services

1. Approval to remove from the Official Property Records, 1,044 items listed on the spreadsheet report titled Property Records Asset Retirement by Bar Code/Tag Number.
2. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the period ending March 7, 2009.
3. Approval of the Budget Amendment dated March 7, 2009 to amend the 2008-09 annual school budget.
4. Approval to award Bid No. B096771JM for Insta-Pulse heart rate monitors to W.W. Grainger, Inc. having submitted the lowest, responsive bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$100,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
5. Approval of Bid No. B096772LO for wastewater and reverse osmosis water treatment plant operations at Alva Middle School and wastewater treatment plant operation at Mariner High School to Thompson Environmental at an estimated annual expenditure of \$100,000 beginning April 21, 2009 through April 20, 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.
6. Approval to award Bid No. B096773LO for gym floor replacement at North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts to SportWorks, Inc. having the lowest response and meeting specifications for a total price of \$49,900; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
7. Approval to award Bid No. B096775LO for chiller replacement at Caloosa Elementary to Air Mechanical having the lowest response and meeting specifications for a total price of \$163,894; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
8. Approval to award Bid No. B096774SW for Leonard Depot shop set-up for Transportation Services to AirGas South, Inc., Barkis Tools & Equipment, Inc. d/b/a Fast Equipment, Florida Tire Supply Company, Grainger, Inc., IMC Welding Supply, Inc., Myers Tire Supply Distribution, Inc., Transportation Supplies, Inc., Unique Truck Equipment and Wallace International at an estimated expenditure of \$216,742 beginning April 21, 2009 through April 20, 2010; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

9. Approval to award Bid No. B096776SW for removal and repainting of entire facility at High Tech North to R.L. James, Inc. having the lowest response and meeting specifications in the amount of \$122,904 plus an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for contingency, if required, at the District's discretion; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
10. Approval to extend Bid No. B076640JM for plumbing and HVAC supplies to Ferguson Enterprises, W.W. Grainger, Inc., Noland Company and Tropic Supply, Inc. for the ninety day period April 23, 2009 through July 23, 2009 or until a new bid is in place pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated expenditure of \$25,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
11. Approval to increase purchase order number D78874 to Electronic System Services for A/C parts and labor in the amount of \$30,000 for a total amount of \$75,000 due to a higher usage than anticipated.
12. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. B086652JM for International Harvester OEM parts awarded to Wallace International Trucks, Inc., through June 2, 2009, by \$40,000 making a total annual estimated expenditure of \$370,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
13. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. B066465LO for emergency plumbing repairs to Sackett Plumbing, Inc. and Avis Plumbing & A/C by \$45,000 making a total estimated annual expenditure for \$170,000 through July 30, 2009; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
14. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. B086683LO for door hardware replacement for ADA compliancy to Southern Lock and Supply Co. by \$150,000 making a total estimated annual expenditure of \$250,000 through August 26, 2009; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
15. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. B086693LO for wood floor refinishing to Trident Surfacing, Inc. by \$40,000 making a total estimated annual expenditure of \$140,000 through August 11, 2009; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
16. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. B086667SW for underground water and electrical line repair/replacement related to irrigation to Shaw Irrigation, LLC by \$60,000 making a total estimated annual expenditure of \$110,000 through June 2, 2009; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
17. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. B086686SW for bleacher inspections awarded to TKW Consulting Engineers, Inc., through July 30, 2009, by \$2,500 making a total annual estimated expenditure of \$39,800; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
18. Approval to piggy-back Palm Beach County Schools Bid No. 08C-16C is a term contract for the purchase of marker-boards, chalk-boards, cork-boards and bulletin boards awarded to various vendors through February 19, 2011 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$150,000.00; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.

19. Approval of purchase orders in the total of \$92,825.51; and authorization for the issuance of the twenty-one (21) purchase orders as described.
20. Approval to reject Bid No. B096766JM for paints, colorants & supplies and authorization for the solicitation to be reissued.
21. Approval to reject Bid No. B096758LO for utility connections for portable classrooms and authorization for the solicitation to be reissued.
22. Approval to renew Bid No. B076540LO for fire alarm monitoring for the final period of May 6, 2009 through May 5, 2010 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$25,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
23. Approval to renew Bid No. B086624LO for outdoor security lighting replacement to multiple vendors for the period of May 6, 2009 through May 5, 2010 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$100,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
24. Approval to renew Bid No. B086666LO for waste removal (grease traps, sewer plants, lift stations and septic tanks) to Crews Environmental for the period of May 6, 2009 through May 5, 2010 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$75,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
25. Approval to renew RFQ No. R086645SW for tree trimming and removal services to Ecosystems Technologies, Inc. and Gulf Lawn Services, Inc. for the renewal period of May 5, 2009 through May 4, 2010 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$250,000; 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 and out-of-field appointments.

F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore

1. Approval to accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for ALC Central Re-Roof dated August 12, 2008 and final payment in the amount of \$37,656.49 to Crowther Roofing & Sheet Metal of Florida, Inc.; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
2. Approval to accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Cypress Lake High School Tennis Courts and Concession Building dated November 5, 2008 and final payment in the amount of \$34,593.51 to Bradanna, Inc.; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
3. Approval to accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Survey improvements for South Zone Schools (Bonita Springs, Colonial, Orangewood, Tanglewood and Villas Elementary Schools) and final payment in the amount of \$142,670.60 to Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc.; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

4. Approval of Final Payment for G. Weaver Higgs Elementary School in the amount of \$33,235.35 to Gates Butz Institutional Construction, LLC; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items (None)

VI. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Good Cause: Emergency Services at North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts.

Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the emergency work to install new water lines at North Fort Myers Academy of the Arts to Christo, Inc. for an estimated cost of \$100,000.00 and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents and for the Superintendent to expend additional funds up to the Superintendent's authorization limit of \$25,000.00, if needed.

B. Award RFP No. R096777RG – Independent Audit Services.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve awarding RFP No. R096777RG for Independent Audit Services to Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, LLP. This proposal will be effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, as described in Florida Statute 218.39, at an annual expenditure of \$109,500; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents

C. Renewal Agreement with the Department of Education for the 2009 Summer Food Service Program.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the renewal agreement with the Florida Department of Education, to sponsor the 2009 Summer Food Service Program, for needy children, for the period June 15, 2009 through August 13, 2009. It is estimated that \$8,000.00 in indirect cost revenue will be returned to the District.

D. Revision of the FY09 Supervisory, Technical and Confidential Salary Schedule – Addition of Criminal Justice Academy Instructors.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the revision to the FY09 Salary Schedule N, Supervisory, Technical and Confidential Salary Schedule, to add the position of Criminal Justice Academy instructors.

E. Revision of Job Description for Custodian, Head Custodian, Building Supervisor I, II and III.

Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the revision to the job descriptions for Custodian, Head Custodian, Building Supervisor I, II and III, effective April 21, 2009.

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

VIII. Public Hearing (None)

IX. Other Business

A. Board Members' Comments/Reports

Mr. Chilmonik: stated that he attended a meeting last week regarding the arts program that focused around a teleconference by Dr. John Benham; distributed a packet containing information about Dr. Benham and a Public School Music Participation Survey; suggested that the School District consider conducting the survey; stated that he would personally contact Dr. Benham and come back to the Board with suggestions regarding the arts program.

Dr. Scricca: stated that she attended the same meeting as Mr. Chilmonik and stated that after "Googling" more information on Dr. Benham's program, she discovered that it is more focused on ways to excite the community to support arts education, which is not the issue in Lee County; opined that the comments from the art teachers and parents were very moving; asked the Superintendent to provide some information regarding personnel cuts that occurred last Thursday; expressed her support for the arts.

Mr. Teuber: congratulated and acknowledged the individuals/companies that were recognized earlier in the meeting, as well as the resolutions that were adopted; expressed his support for the music and arts programs; encouraged everyone to contact the legislators because the District's ability to fund programs depends upon their actions; followed up on the discussion regarding the Value Adjustment Board that was begun at this afternoon's Briefing Meeting:

Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 4-0 that the Lee County School Board express its opposition to proposed revisions to Rule 12D-9.1147 Florida Administrative Code requiring that the Value Adjustment Board mail a form to a petitioner who fails to appear at a scheduled hearing allowing the petitioner upon completion of the form to request another hearing.

Dr. Kuckel: none.

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

Dr. Browder: stated that he was proud of all of the students who do their part every day to make the School District look good; encouraged the public to continue to provide suggestions as to what they feel can be done to assist the School District in reducing costs; stated that he would not cannibalize any one program in order to support others.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- May 5, 2009, 2:30 p.m., School Board Special Meeting
- May 5, 2009, 2:30 p.m., School Board Briefing Meeting (*immediately following School Board Special Meeting*)
- May 5, 2009, 6:00 p.m., School Board Action Meeting

X. Adjournment

Motion Mr. Teuber, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 4-0 to adjourn the April 21, 2009, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Jane E. Kuckel, PhD, Board Chair

ATTEST:

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

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