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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY – Briefing Meeting / M I N U T E S

Tuesday – May 5, 2009 / 2:30 p.m. (called to order by Dr. Kuckel at 3:16 p.m.)

Attendees: Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Board Chair
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Board Member
Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary & District Superintendent

Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Board Member
Mr. Keith B. Martin, Board Attorney
Mrs. Denise Mangus, Recording Secretary

A. ITEMS WITH GUESTS

1. **Curriculum Advisory Committee Report** – Patti Lochner read the committee’s purpose; she noted presentations of text used in all levels of civic classes, a dropout prevention, special career and tech training in high schools (due to budget, it’s a no go for middle school this year). She mentioned the desire of particular skills to be applied and teacher strategies. Some of items recommended at the last meeting were: moving more teacher-directed instruction to student learning; more teachers; 21st century learning; student learning; and problem solving. They feel reading, writing, and critical thinking skills should be equal across curriculum (even developmentally disabled); they also want art and music to continue at all levels (its in Sunshine State Standards) and remain in elementary schools. The committee has two more meetings in this appointment year. Drs. Kuckel and Scricca thanked Ms. Lochner for chairing, observations, and work.

B. BOARD MEMBERS

1. **Special Areas of Board Involvement / Reports** – This item was deferred to another time (due to time constraints and retiree recognitions at 5:00 p.m.); Mrs. Dozier is absent today due to illness, and Mr. Teuber had a death in the family.
2. **Legislative Update** – This item wasn’t done as Mr. Teuber is out of state.

C. ACADEMIC SERVICES (Dr. Jones)

1. **Summer Work Force Development** – This item was not briefed due to time constraints of this afternoon’s meeting.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE/SUPPORT SERVICES (Mr. McNerney)

1. **Change Orders / April** – There were no questions/discussion (back-up on file with these minutes).

E. BUSINESS SERVICES (Mrs. Desamours/Mrs. Campbell)

1. **Wellness Update** – This item was not briefed.
2. **Food Service Budget for FY10** – This item was not briefed.
3. **FY10 Budget Update / Operating and Capital** – This item not briefed; it’s desired to have all Board Members there and a workshop is on Monday at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Browder noted information will be given that’s been sifted through, what’s seen from House and Senate budgets and discuss around options coming out of Legislative session. Dr. Adkins will be in bargaining from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on 5/11; Bob Cerra will present at a Briefing to share info. Dr. Scricca asked for a two-hour time certain on Monday’s workshop; Mr. Chilmonik requested a workshop start time of 3:30 (consensus given). In response to Mr. Chilmonik’s question on when the numbers will be available, the House version has been received and the Senate’s being awaited. Mrs. Desamours noted the first legislative run was earlier today (Mr. Cerra sends it to the District and Mr. Chilmonik and other Board Members may have a copy). Dr. Kuckel requested the Board Room as the workshop venue if PowerPoints are to be given. Dr. Browder noted laying out funding issues then, things we’ve got to deal with, what we’ve done, where we think we can go, and the Board’s best ideas for budget development; agreement ratification is for probably a five-minute discussion at the end on Monday; capital is so sparse and there’s not much to discuss.

F. HUMAN RESOURCES (Dr. Adkins) –

1. **Surplus Update** – Dr. Adkins noted there are 78 (from 147) on instructional and 77 (from 136) on support. There will be a meeting later this week (5/7) with all principals to whittle down the list significantly; it’s anticipated to be successful, make a large dent and desired to have all placed. Minimizing disruption is being looked at; some will lose their jobs as a result of downsizing naturally; re the latter and Dr. Scricca’s question, there’s attrition, retirement (55 teachers), moves out of the area, and great communication around positions they do have as well as close work with bargaining units. Dr. Browder noted to understand and that after Thursday, we’ll be down to less than 20 in both of the

areas; what he tells the Board on Monday will have other things laid out to occur for all this to come together (not yet balanced budget); he noted monies are needed so to not lay off in mid-year—there'll be a plan.

G. EXECUTIVE SERVICES (Dr. Browder) – none

H. PUBLIC COMMENT – Sue Jacobse thanked Ms. Lochner for her Curriculum Committee work; Mrs. Jacobse appreciates, on behalf of parents, all that District staff and others do—negotiations, teamwork. We're in this together and it's not a political game. Perhaps there should be a task force (banking, bargaining units, etc.), after all pieces in place, for discussing stable revenue source and go to Tallahassee, stating what's really needed; Florida's in serious trouble.

I. BOARD ATTORNEY (none) / SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS – Dr. Browder express pride for Tropic Isles Elementary receiving the Governor's Sterling Award (one of four in the state and this is the first school in four years); it's a huge deal for the school and our community; he's proud of principal and staff. Remarkable praises of that school sung. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Meeting Chair

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

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