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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
School Board Briefing Meeting – MINUTES
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)
Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Attending

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

Mr. Teuber called the Briefing Meeting of June 16, 2009, to order at 3:21 P.M.

A. Item(s) with Guests (*None*)

B. Board Members

1. Special Areas of Board Involvement / Reports

Mr. Chilmonik: announced that he attended four graduation ceremonies and thanked everyone involved for how well they went; thanked Colonial Elementary for sponsoring the track club.

Mrs. Dozier: announced that she attended several graduations and applauded everyone for doing such a great job; stated that she was in Tampa last week on FSBA/Board business where the Adequacy Lawsuit was discussed; stated that it is difficult to support the lawsuit when students continue to do well with less funding; stated that it is imperative to continue to appeal to legislators for a stable funding source for education.

Dr. Kuckel: stated that she attended the following: Town Hall Planning Session with Judge Seals; Pinewoods Elementary for the COW Bus; Fort Myers Beach Elementary teaching 4th graders to kayak; Horizon Council Meeting where Jim Nathan addressed health care funding; Florida Association of Student Councils Convention at Estero High School; and the historical marker placing at Bonita Springs Elementary.

Dr. Scricca: stated that she attended several graduation ceremonies, including the ones at Buckingham Exceptional Center and the Goodwill Life Academy; inquired about the continuation of the Uncommon Friends Character Education program; thanked the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce for the opportunity to attend a recent meeting to present scholarships; praised the COW Bus activity; announced that the District is beginning to solicit community support for this year's Pride & Patriotism event.

Mr. Teuber: stated that he attended four graduation ceremonies; stated that while he was at the FSBA Conference in Tampa, the Sweat Monkey organization made a presentation on its program that tracks service hours; added that he would like to have Sweat Monkey make a presentation to the Board; stated that the Adequacy Lawsuit uses FCAT as the matrix; stated that off-shore drilling is being considered as a permanent funding source and that they are trying to get the revenue stream dedicated to fund education K-20.

C. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Parent Guide and Code of Conduct for Students
 - Grades Pre-K – 5 for FY10
 - Grades 6 – 12 for FY10

Dr. Browder stated that the Board received a memorandum outlining the changes, which are minimal, to this year's documents. He noted that the incorrect cover sheets were used and that the permanent ones will include the wording "Parent Guide."

Dr. Kuckel observed that her middle initial was listed incorrectly on the cover sheet for the Grades 6-12 document and asked that it be corrected on the final document.

D. Administrative/Support Services – Mr. Michael McNerney (*None*)

E. Business Services – Mrs. Greta Campbell / Dr. Ami Desamours

1. FY10 Preliminary Budget

Dr. Desamours used a PowerPoint presentation to share information about the 2010 Preliminary Budget, a copy of which is included in the agenda packet. She noted that the amount for the General Fund (*page 7, second slide*) should read "\$744.34 million."

Mr. Chilmonik inquired as to why the total number of administrators listed on DOE's website for Lee County differed from the number given in today's presentation (*page 5, second slide*). Dr. Desamours indicated that she would look into it and respond.

Dr. Browder reviewed Budget Plans A and B. He stated that Plan A, which had been previously presented to the Board, was intended to protect the District from risk and is a two-year plan that is tied to federal stimulus money. He added that it included a .25 millage levy that would generate \$16.3 million for the District. Dr. Browder stated that Plan B, being presented today, is a more risky, one-year plan that employs the use of contingency funds but does not involve a tax increase. He stated that he knows the right thing for the Board to do today is to take the uncertainty out of the community by giving him permission to move forward with Plan B.

Following discussion, the Board directed Dr. Browder to move forward with Plan B.

F. Human Resources – Dr. Greg Adkins (*None*)

G. Executive Services – Dr. James Browder

1. Policy 4.31, Homeless Students (revised) (7/29)

Dr. Browder informed the Board that the Board will be asked to approve the revisions to this policy during Public Hearing at the July 29, 2009, Board Meeting.

H. Public Comment (*None*)

I. Board Attorney's / Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Martin had no comments.

Dr. Browder: credited former employee Marie Dinon with bringing the COW Bus concept to the District; thanked Mr. Wiseman for his leadership with the graduation ceremonies; thanked Dr. Desamours and everyone else who has been working and continues to work on the budget process.

The June 16, 2009, Briefing Meeting adjourned at 4:29 P.M.

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

ATTEST:

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

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