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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, September 9, 2008 - 6:00 P.M.

Attending

Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Vice Chairman (*arrived at 6:27 P.M.*)
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Member
Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Member
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Member
Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Superintendent
Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, in the School Board Meeting Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. Chairman Jeanne Dozier presided and called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Mrs. Dozier noted that Item VI.E. had been pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting.

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

Mrs. Dozier stated that Dr. Kuckel had a situation that she needed to attend to and would be joining the meeting shortly.

B. Invocation (*Mr. Chilmonik*)

C. Pledge of Allegiance (*Mr. Teuber*)

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

- 1. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards** (*Dr. Scricca*)
 - Thirty-five teachers
- 2. SkillsUSA State Championship Conference** (*Mr. Teuber*)
 - Nine students from Lee County High Tech Center Central
- 3. Induction into the Florida Association for Career & Technical Education Hall of Fame** (*Mr. Teuber*)
 - Mr. James Whittamore

B. Resolutions (None)**C. Acknowledgement****Character Education Word for September** (*presented by Mr. Chilmonik*)

- Tolerance: A fair and objective attitude toward those whose opinions, practices, race, religion, nationality, or the like differs from one's own; freedom from bigotry.

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

Donna Mutzenard, Executive Director of Island Coast FEA and on behalf of TALC and SPALC, congratulated Mrs. Dozier and Dr. Kuckel on their four more years in office; told the Board Members that she looked forward to working with them on the 2009 Legislative Priorities and invited everyone who supports public education to join in.

Dr. Kuckel arrived at the meeting at 6:27 P.M.

John Traube commented on two articles that appeared in the Naples Daily News on August 15th and the Cape Coral Daily Breeze on September 6th.

Sue Jacobse suggested that demographic information be gathered with regard to the 3,000 student shortfall.

Mrs. Dozier responded to speakers as follows: told Ms. Mutzenard that the Board is looking forward to working with her on the Legislative Priorities as well; commented on the Naples Daily News article referred to by Mr. Traube; stated interest in Mrs. Jacobse's suggestion regarding the student shortfall.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct the Superintendent to gather and share with the Board demographic information on the student shortfall as suggested.

IV. Consent Action Items

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda.

A. Executive Services – Dr. James W. Browder (None)

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
 - August 12, 2008, School Board Special Meeting
 - August 12, 2008, School Board Briefing Meeting

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of the purchase TeenBiz3000 site licenses for high schools at a cost of \$192,400 for the period starting August 2008 through June 2009.

C. Administrative Services – Mr. Michael McNerney

1. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Fund Accounts at East Lee County High School, and Varsity Lakes Middle School, with two signatures required on these accounts; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.
2. Approval to accept the Internal Fund audit reports for the eighty schools completed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, as required by Section 6A-1 .087 (2) of the Florida State Board of Education Rules.
3. Approval of the Agreement with Bright Scholars Academy and Lee Alternative Charter High School to purchase interoffice mail service from the School District, for the period September 9, 2008 through July 31, 2009, at no cost to the District.

D. Business Services – Mr. Lee Legutko

1. Approval of the Final Budget Amendment to amend the 2007-08 annual District budget.
2. Approval to remove from the Official Property Records, 805 items listed on the computer printout titled Property Records by Bar Code/Tag Number (BI-009) dated August 18, 2008.
3. Approval of Bid No.B086699JM for office supplies for District Warehouse Operations to: AFP Industries, Inc. – Item 36; Corporate Express – Items 5 & 16; Mac Papers – Items 25 – 31; Office Max, Inc. – Item 6; Pyramid School Products – Items 1, 4, 32, 40 – 43, 46 & 47; Quill – Items 17, 21 – 24, 33, & 37; School Specialty – Items 3, 7 - 14, 19, 20 34, 38 39 & 45; Smith Office & Computer Supply – Items 18 & 35, and Standard Stationery Supply Co. – Items 2, 15, 38, 39 & 44 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$241,000 beginning September 9, 2008 through September 8, 2009, with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendors and the Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
4. Approval of Bid No.B086712JM for art supplies to: AFP Industries, Inc.; Cutlass Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Bennett Pottery Supply; Dick Blick Company; Pyramid School Products; Sax Arts and Crafts as specified on the bid tabulation at an estimated annual expenditure of \$150,000 beginning September 9, 2008 through September 8, 2009, with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendors and the Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
5. Approval of Bid No.B086713SW for emergency glass materials and repair to Smith Glass, Inc. at an estimated expenditure of \$35,000 beginning September 9, 2008 through September 8, 2009, with renewal options for two additional twelve month periods upon the written agreement of the vendor and the Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
6. Approval of Bid No.B086716SW for replacement and repair of exhaust fans to Rainbow Electric of MD, Inc. at an estimated expenditure of \$100,000 beginning September 9, 2008 through September 8, 2009, with renewal options for two additional twelve month periods upon the written agreement of the vendor and the Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.

7. Approval to piggy-back State of Florida Contract No. 640-002-06-1 for the purchase of paper towels, awarded to Dade Paper Company, through July 31, 2009 at an estimated expenditure of \$120,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
8. Approval to renew Bid No. B066456CP for HVAC water treatment service, supplies and equipment to SWE, Inc. d/b/a Southwest Engineers for the period of September 11, 2008 through September 10, 2009 pursuant to the same terms and conditions at an estimated annual expenditure of \$25,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
9. Approval to increase purchase order number W-25563 to McGraw Hill for shipping costs in the amount of \$3,298.75 for a total amount of \$27,331.45.
10. Approval of purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$408,464.44; and authorization for the issuance of the (11) purchase orders as described:
 - a. Lee County Sheriffs Office: Open PO for ammunition to be used at CMS Firearm Instructor Classes at The Lee County Gun Range for Trade Extension. (Requisition No. 293258)
 - b. Destination Knowledge: For the purchase of seventeen (17) fluent reading trainer site licenses; fees and workstations for Reading First Schools for Curriculum Services. (Requisition No. 293341)
 - c. Destination Knowledge: For the purchase of fourteen (14) My Reading Coach Platinum Edition programs at Orange River Elementary; purchase of twenty-four (24) My Reading Coach Platinum Edition programs at Orangewood Elementary plus shipping and handling for Curriculum Services. (Requisition No. 293383)
 - d. SimplexGrinnell: Payment for installation of fire alarm system in twelve (12) portables at Gulf Elementary for Construction Services Department. (Requisition No. 293657)
 - e. SimplexGrinnell: Payment for installation of fire alarm system in portable at Gulf Middle for Construction Services Department. (Requisition No. 293655)
 - f. Safe Tech, Inc.: Payment for installation of fire alarm system in portables at Alva Elementary for Construction Services Department. (Requisition No. 293647)
 - g. Safe Tech, Inc.: Payment for installation of fire alarm systems in portables at Harns Marsh Elementary for Construction Services Department. (Requisition No. 293648)
 - h. Safe Tech, Inc.: Payment to disconnect four (4) fire alarm systems in portables at North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts for Construction Services Department. (Requisition No. 293649)
 - i. Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.: Payment for inspection services; plan review and construction materials testing services at Orangewood Elementary for Construction Services Department. (Requisition No. 292736)
 - j. Florida School Book Depository: For the purchase of classroom library materials plus shipping and handling for Curriculum Services. (Purchase Order B28772)
 - k. Lee County Health Department-Environmental Health: For the purchase of food establishment license for the 2008-2009 school year at various locations throughout the district for Food and Nutrition Services. (Requisition No. 293543)
11. Approval to reject RFP No. R086702SW for group voluntary vision insurance and authorization for the solicitation to be reissued.

E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins

1. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including administrative, certificated, support and substitute staff, out-of-field appointments, and annual reappointments, and corrections to items 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

B. 2009 Legislative Platform.

Motion by Mr. Teuber and seconded by Dr. Scricca to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the 2009 Legislative Platform for The School District of Lee County.

Mr. Teuber stated that the usual Legislative Priorities card would not be printed until the results of the November 4th election are announced since there will be changes affecting the members of the local legislative delegation. Mrs. Dozier suggested that a single-sheet document listing the priorities be created in the meantime.

Motion carried 5-0.

C. Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the Annual Financial Report for The School District of Lee County, Florida, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

D. Award RFP No. R086709SW – Financing of Energy Conservation Measures.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve awarding RFP No. R086709SW for the financing of energy conservation measures to SunTrust Equipment Finance & Leasing Corporation contingent upon successful negotiations and at an estimated expenditure of \$6,261,000 including interest beginning September 11, 2008 and approve the Schedule "E" Construction and Implementation Order, the Energy Savings Guarantee, the Master Lease Agreement and the Resolution authorizing execution of same. The financing for this project will be for ten years, and the payments will not begin until after the eighteen-month construction phase.

E. ~~Award Bid No. B086706SW – Site Materials & Preparation.~~ Pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting.

F. Ratification of Agreement of Purchase and Sale for 18.9 Acre Parcel on Buckingham Road, Fort Myers.

Motion by Dr. Scricca and seconded by Mr. Teuber to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve ratification of the agreement to buy land in the amount of \$835,000 with JD&M Development for 18.9 acres on Buckingham Road, Fort Myers; approve due diligence and closing costs up to \$100,000; and authorize the

Superintendent to enter into any addenda to the agreement addressing non-financial matters and execute any documents required by the closing agent.

Mr. Chilmonik stated that he could not understand why such purchases from the capital side of the budget continue to be made at a time when the District is experiencing a massive decline in student population. Dr. Browder explained that this piece of property is being purchased from impact fees for the land bank and suggested to the Board that they take advantage of any land-banking opportunities that the District can afford.

Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the Motion.

G. Increase Total Project Cost for Lehigh Elementary Renovation and Addition.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve increasing the Total Project Cost for the Lehigh Elementary Renovation and Classroom Addition to \$20,085,503.00, an increase of \$835,503.00; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

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

VIII. Public Hearing (None)

IX. Other Business

A. Board Members' Comments/Reports

Mr. Chilmonik: provided a handout that he understood had been distributed at a function, referred to comments made on the radio by Mr. Teuber in connection with it, and questioned whether or not an investigation into the matter had been conducted.

Dr. Kuckel: none.

Dr. Scricca: recognized Jim Whittamore for his years of work in the District; stated that she was not aware of any Sunshine violations; stated that, while there is more work to be done, the District's ACT and SAT scores have improved; promoted Pride and Patriotism.

Mr. Teuber: recognized Jim Whittamore for his dedication to Vo-Tech and Career Ed; congratulated the SkillsUSA students who were recognized earlier in the evening and stated that Mr. Durham has done a great job with the program at High Tech Center Central; gave Mr. Chilmonik a book on best practices; stated that the situation mentioned by Mr. Chilmonik had been handled by Dr. Browder.

Mrs. Dozier: recognized Jim Whittamore for his leadership in the area of vocational education; reminded the Board Members to confer with the Superintendent prior to a meeting if they have any questions regarding agenda items; stated that she was not aware of comments made by Mr. Teuber related to the incident Mr. Chilmonik referred to and stated that she would expect immediate notification from the Superintendent only on matters of major importance.

B. Attorney's Comments/Reports (None)

C. Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Dr. Browder: reminded the public that the Board Members previously agreed on a process regarding handling District matters that come to their attention; stated that personnel matters are the responsibility of the Superintendent and that the matter mentioned by Mr. Chilmonik has been resolved.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- September 23, 2008, 2:30 p.m., School Board Special Meeting
- September 23, 2008, 2:30 p.m., School Board Briefing Meeting (*Immediately following School Board Special Meeting*)
- September 23, 2008, 6:00 p.m., School Board Action Meeting

X. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Scricca, *seconded* by Mr. Chilmonik, and *carried 5-0* to adjourn the September 9, 2008, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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