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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 23, 2008 - 6:00 P.M.

Attending

Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Vice Chairman
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 23, 2008, in the School Board Meeting Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. Chairman Jeanne Dozier presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Dr. Scricca and carried 5-0 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 Joseph Droke, East Lee County High School JROTC
- Sergeant First Class Ellis Hunter, JROTC Instructor

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

1. 2007/08 Jim Harbin Memorial State Student Media Festival (Dr. Kuckel)

- Five students from The Sanibel School
- One student from Lehigh Senior High School

2. 2008 Florida Health Teacher of the Year (Mr. Chilmonik)

- Ms. Leisha Roy – Gulf Middle School

3. “You Make A Difference” Award Recipients (Mr. Teuber)

- Jennifer Brown and Tess Willis – Colonial Elementary School
- Michelle Brown – Trafalgar Middle School

B. Resolutions

1. Disability History and Awareness Weeks: October 5-October 18, 2008 (*Dr. Scricca*)

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming October 5-18, 2008, as Disability History and Awareness Weeks.

C. Special Presentations to the Board (None)

D. Staff Presentations to the Board (None)

III. Public Comment

John Traube commented on a recent news story about a District student; requested that the Board allow Mr. Chilmonik an opportunity to explain his position regarding budget matters and land acquisitions.

Sue Jacobse commented on the importance of testing to determine what students are learning and retaining.

Mrs. Dozier responded to speakers as follows: stated that the District may not comment on the student matter because of pending litigation; stated that the appropriate venue for Mr. Chilmonik to share his comments regarding budget matters and land acquisitions would be at a Board briefing meeting; thanked Mrs. Jacobse for her positive comments and support of the District.

IV. Consent Action Items

Pulled Items:

IV.B.6. – pulled by Dr. Scricca

IV.B.7. – pulled by Mr. Teuber, Dr. Scricca and Dr. Kuckel

IV.D.1. – pulled by Mr. Chilmonik

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Agenda Items IV.B.6, IV.B.7., and IV.D.1.

A. Executive Services – Dr. James W. Browder

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
 - August 27, 2008, School Board Action Meeting
 - September 9, 2008, School Board Special Meeting
 - September 9, 2008, School Board Special Meeting – FY09 Final Budget
 - September 9, 2008, School Board Action Meeting
2. Approval of the appointments to the Construction Advisory Committee, Compliance Advisory Committee, Curriculum Advisory Committee, and Finance Advisory Committee effective September 23, 2008 through the date of the regular School Board meeting in September 2009 at which the Board takes action to appoint members to Board Advisory Committees.

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) at no 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.

2. Approval of the Paperwork Reduction Report submitted to the Florida Department of Education as required by subsection 1001.42 (22), F.S.
3. Approval of the Agreement and Articulated Acceleration Plan with The Board of Trustees of Edison State College for college level instruction for the 2008-09 school year; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.
4. Approval of the Service Agreement for Occupational Therapy Services with Community Rehab Associates, Inc., effective September 23, 2008 through June 20, 2009, at an estimated cost to the District of \$65,100.
5. Approval of the Lee County School Health Services Plan for 2008-10.
6. Approval of the purchase of SP Snapshot at a cost of \$97,846 for the 2008-2009 school year. *Pulled for discussion under the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the meeting.*
7. Approval of the purchase of CompassLearning Odyssey Program at a cost not to exceed \$380,465. *Pulled for discussion under the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the meeting.*

C. Administrative Services – Mr. Michael McNerney

1. Approval to reimburse the identified persons qualified for transportation of isolated/handicapped students to and/or from a public school facility or authorized school bus stop. The rate of \$.50 per mile per Florida Statute 1006.22 (1) (a) and 112.061, and Board Policy 7.02 (11) at a total cost of \$1,296.00.
2. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Fund Accounts at Lee Middle School, Cape Coral High School and Fort Myers Beach Elementary with two signatures required on these accounts, one of which must be administrative; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.

D. Business Services – Mr. Lee Legutko

1. Approval of Bid No.B086718JM for food products for Lee County Schools to: Interstate Gourmet Coffee Roasters, Inc.; School Food Service Systems; P & L Foods Inc. d/b/a Stan's Coffee Service at an estimated annual expenditure of \$250,000 beginning September 23, 2008 through September 22, 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. *Pulled for discussion under the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the meeting.*
2. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. B086666LO for waste removal (grease traps, sewer plants, lift stations and septic tanks) awarded to Crews Environmental, through May 5, 2009, by \$10,000 making a total annual estimated expenditure of \$60,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

3. Approval to increase the estimated expenditure for RFP R056369JD, Video Observation Systems, by \$116,960.00 making the total expenditure \$366,960.00 through November 20, 2008; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
4. Approval to renew Bid No. B066483LO for pressure washing to Mike Griffins Pressure Washing and Cleaning Services for the final period of October 8, 2008 through October 7, 2009 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.
5. Approval to reject Bid No. B086706SW for site materials and preparation and authorization for the solicitation to be reissued.
6. Approval to reject Bid No. B086707SW for kitchen exhaust hood cleaning and authorization for the solicitation to be reissued.
7. Approval to reject Bid No. B086710SW for uniforms for public service programs and authorization for the solicitation to be reissued.
8. Approval of purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$7,752,492.02; and authorization for the issuance of the (4) purchase orders as described:
 - a. Rivers Bus and RV Sales: For the purchase of fifteen (15) IC CE47 busses, 47 seat capacity with rear lift and a/c plus delivery to Lee County for Transportation Services. (Requisition No. 294587)
 - b. Rivers Bus and RV Sales: For the purchase of sixty-two (62) IC CE77 Type C busses, 77 seat capacity with a/c plus delivery to Lee County for Transportation Services. (Requisition No. 294601)
 - c. Williams Scotsman, Inc.: Payment for the monthly rental of portables located at Alva Elementary; Colonial Elementary; Mirror Lakes Elementary and Sunshine Elementary from August 1, 2008 thru July 31, 2009 for Early Childhood Services. (Requisition No. 294659)
 - d. Jennie O Turkey Store Sale: Payment for the processing of product for student lunches for Food and Nutrition Services. (Requisition No. 295300)
9. Approval of the Tentative District Facilities Work Program 2008-2009 through 2027-2028.

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.
2. Approval of the renewal contract with the Visiting Nurses Association of Southwest Florida, Inc., effective October 1, 2008, through March 31, 2009, to provide on-site influenza and pneumonia vaccinations to District employees. There is no cost to the Board for this program

F. School Support Services – Mr. Michael P. McNerney

1. Approval to award Bid No. CS228 for Varsity Lakes Middle School Science Lab Conversion to Gulfpoint Construction in the amount of \$17, 300.00 plus an amount not

to exceed \$5,000 for contingency, if required, at the District's discretion; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

2. Approval of the Supplemental Spot Survey authorizing the following: Discounted use of four buildings, the remodeling and renovation of all remaining buildings and new construction of classrooms, media and food service spaces at Lehigh Elementary in accordance with the completed Supplementary Educational Facilities Survey. Remodel approximately 26,700 square feet at Tanglewood Riverside Elementary and expand food services in accordance with the completed Supplementary Educational Facilities Survey. Reduce the number of student stations planned to be constructed at Elementary "W" in 2011 to off-set the net change in student stations at Lehigh Elementary and Tanglewood Riverside Elementary. Board approval of the Supplemental Spot Survey is required by the Florida Department of Education
3. Approval of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Restrictions, Covenants and Easements for Alico Commons for Rayma C. Page Elementary School to more accurately reflect the proposed development of the property.

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items

IV. B.6. Approval of the Purchase Price of SP Snapshot – Web-based Data Analysis Tool.

Motion by Dr. Scricca and seconded by Mr. Chilmonik to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the purchase of SP Snapshot at a cost of \$97,846 for the 2008-09 school year.

Dr. Browder provided information regarding SP Snapshot.

Motion carried 5-0.

IV.B.7. Approval of the Purchase of CompassLearning Odyssey Program for Middle Schools.

Motion by Mr. Teuber and seconded by Dr. Scricca to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the purchase of CompassLearning Odyssey Program at a cost not to exceed \$380,465.

Dr. Browder provided information regarding the CompassLearning Odyssey Program.

Motion carried 5-0.

IV.D.1. Award Bid No. B086718JM – Food Products for Lee County Schools.

Motion by Mr. Chilmonik and seconded by Mr. Teuber to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve Bid No. B086719JM for food products for Lee County Schools to Interstate Gourmet Coffee Roasters, Inc.; School Food Service Systems; and P&L Foods Inc. d/b/a Stan's Coffee Service; at an estimated annual expenditure of \$250,000 beginning September 23, 2008, through September 22, 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.

Dr. Browder provided information regarding the recommended vendors.

Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Superintendent's Recommendations**A. Good Cause****B. 2009 Legislative Program - Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards.**

Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the 2009 Legislative Program of the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards.

C. Award Bid No. B086714JM – Electrical Supplies.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board awarding Bid No. B086714JM for electrical supplies to: City Electric Supply as primary vendor for items 1-6, 8, & 9 and as secondary vendor for items 10 & 12; Graybar Electric Co. as primary vendor for items 7 & 10 and as secondary vendor for items 2 & 11; HD Electrical Supply as primary vendor for items 11 & 12 and as secondary vendor for items 1, 4, 5 & 7; Wesco International, Inc. as secondary vendor for items 3, 6, 8 & 9; at an estimated annual expenditure of \$500,000 beginning September 23, 2008 through September 22, 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.

D. Award Bid No. B086711LO – HVAC Repair Service.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve awarding Bid no. B086711LO for HVAC repair service on an as needed basis to Debon Air Mechanical, Inc. as the primary vendor, United Mechanical, Inc. as the secondary vendor, and Air Mechanical Corp. as the alternate vendor having the lowest overall responses and meeting specifications for the period of September 23, 2008 through September 22, 2009 with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendors and the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$750,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

E. Renew Bid No. B066476LO – Ceiling Tile and Acoustical Wall Installation and Purchase of Related Material.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve renewing Bid No. B066476LO for ceiling tile and acoustical wall installation and purchase of related material on an annual basis to Acousti Engineering Co. of Florida for the renewal period through September 25, 2009 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$500,000 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.

F. High School Graduation Schedule – 2008-2009 School Year.

Date	High School	Location	Time
June 4, 2009 Thursday	Adult Education	Fort Myers High School Auditorium	7:00 P.M.
June 6, 2009 Saturday	Buckingham School Cape Coral High Estero High Fort Myers High Island Coast High Dunbar High South Fort Myers High Lehigh Senior High	Buckingham School Harborside Germain Arena Civic Center School Auditorium Harborside Germain Arena Civic Center	1:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.
June 7, 2009 Sunday	Mariner High Cypress Lake High Ida Baker High East Lee County High North High Riverdale High	Harborside Germain Arena Civic Center Harborside Germain Arena Civic Center	2:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Dr. Scricca and seconded by Mr. Teuber to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the proposed high school graduation schedule for the 2008-2009 school year.

Dr. Browder apologized for the lack of information regarding the fiscal impact of this recommendation and told the Board that he would provide it via memorandum.

Motion carried 5-0.

VII. Attorney's Recommendations – Mr. Keith Martin

1. Appointments to the Value Adjustment Board.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 5-0 to accept the Attorney's recommendation that the Board approve the appointment of Mr. Fred Kobie as the citizen member representative to the Value Adjustment Board and the appointment of Dr. Jane Kuckel as the School Board member to the Value Adjustment Board, with Mr. Steven Teuber as the alternate School Board member.

VIII. Public Hearings

Dr. Browder presented his recommendations for this evening's Public Hearing Items:

- A. Application for Charter School Status for Bonita Springs Preparatory and Fitness Academy.**
- B. Application for Charter School Status for Goodwill Transition Academy.**
- C. Extension of the Policies and Procedures for the Provision of Specially Designed Instruction and Related Services for Exceptional Students (SP&P) for the 2008-2009 School Year.**
- D. Revisions to Policy 4.28, Admission of International and Foreign Exchange Students.**

E. Revisions to Policy 5.04, Fingerprinting and Background Screening.**F. Revisions to Policy 6.01, Authorized Travel Expense Reimbursement.**

Mrs. Dozier recessed the Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 P.M. She asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the six issues on the agenda for Public Hearing.

John Traube and Sue Jacobse addressed Item VIII.C., Extension of the Policies and Procedures for the Provision of Specially Designed Instruction and Related Services for Exceptional Students (SP&P) for the 2008-2009 School Year.

Mrs. Dozier requested that future agendas contain some brief information concerning public hearing items for the benefit of the public.

In response to the speakers' comments, Dr. Browder and Dr. Carl Brunick (Executive Director, Exceptional Student Education/Student Services) addressed Item VIII.C.

There being no further requests to address the Board, Mrs. Dozier closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Board Meeting at 7:15 P.M.

A. Application for Charter School Status for Bonita Springs Preparatory and Fitness Academy.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Dr. Scricca and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the application for charter school status and to enter into the contract with Bonita Springs Preparatory and Fitness Academy, Inc. for a K-8 school to be called Bonita Springs Preparatory and Fitness Academy.

B. Application for Charter School Status for Goodwill Transition Academy.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the application for charter school status and to enter into the contract with Goodwill Academies of Southwest Florida, Inc. for a high school to be called Goodwill Transition Academy.

C. Extension of the Policies and Procedures for the Provision of Specially Designed Instruction and Related Services for Exceptional Students (SP&P) for the 2008-2009 School Year.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the extension of the Policies and Procedures for the Provision of Specially Designed Instruction and Related Services for Exceptional Students (SP&P) for the 2008-09 school year, until such time as a new SP&P is developed and approved.

D. Revisions to Policy 4.28, Admission of International and Foreign Exchange Students.

Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Dr. Scricca and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the revisions to Policy 4.28, Admission of International and Foreign Exchange Students, to provide a more detailed explanation of the process of working with international and foreign exchange students.

E. Revisions to Policy 5.04, Fingerprinting and Background Screening.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Dr. Scricca and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the revisions to Policy 5.04, Fingerprinting and Background Screening, to better reflect the processes and procedures that the District follows each day to identify specific criminal offenses that disqualify an individual from employment with the District, as required by the newly enacted Ethics in Education Act.

F. Revisions to Policy 6.01, Authorized Travel Expense Reimbursement.

Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the revisions to Policy 6.01, Authorized Travel Expense Reimbursement, to remove reimbursement of travel expenses for Board Members from their residences to their first place of duty.

IX. Other Business**A. Board Members' Comments/Reports**

Mr. Chilmonik: informed the Board that he had planned to request an independent review of the District's practices regarding restraint of students but changed his mind in light of the impending litigation; asked the Board to consider scheduling a workshop to address the effect that future budget cuts might have on the District; stated that since the Board did not seem to be willing to schedule the aforementioned workshop, he would be bringing a PowerPoint presentation to the next Board briefing meeting.

Dr. Kuckel: no comments/reports.

Dr. Scricca: promoted the Pride & Patriotism program scheduled for November 19th and thanked those who have made donations for the event.

Mr. Teuber: expressed appreciation to Pinewoods Elementary School for the presentation at this afternoon's briefing meeting and encouraged other schools to also bring presentations to the Board.

Mrs. Dozier: reminded the Board that an organizational planning meeting was being planned for the latter part of October or early November and asked that they forward to Mrs. Lesansky any items that they wished to have addressed at the meeting; told Mr. Chilmonik to send Mrs. Lesansky a memo if he wished to have his items included and that if further discussion, besides the four/five hours set aside, is needed, it can be addressed at that time.

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

Dr. Browder: thanked Pinewoods Elementary School's Principal Dr. Carlin, teachers, students and parents who attended this afternoon's briefing meeting; stated that a good discussion occurred today concerning what the District is doing in the curriculum area and thanked the Board for the opportunity to bring the information forward.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- October 7, 2008, 2:30 p.m., School Board Special Meeting
- October 7, 2008, 2:30 p.m., School Board Briefing Meeting
- October 7, 2008, 6:00 p.m., School Board Action Meeting

X. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to adjourn the September 23, 2008, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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