



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY

School Board Workshop
Tuesday September 23, 2008 – 1:30 p.m.
Board Annex Room

Attending

Jeanne S. Dozier, Chairman
Jane E. Kuckel, Ph.D., Vice Chairman
Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Member
Robert D. Chilmonik, Member
Elinor C. Scricca, Ph.D., Member

James W. Browder, Ed.D., Superintendent
Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Brenda Wall, Recording Secretary

I. Welcome/Call to Order

Mrs. Jeannie Dozier, Board Chairman, called the workshop to order at 1:32 p.m.

II. Discussion: Board Advisory Committees

Mrs. Dozier stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Board Advisory Committees. Mrs. Dozier opened the topic up for discussion.

Dr. Kuckel stated that next month organizational meetings would be set up with the various committees and the election of officers will occur, therefore, now would be an appropriate time to make any changes necessary to the policy. Dr. Kuckel suggested that the Compliance Advisory Committee be renamed to one of the following; Continuous Systemic Improvement (CSI) or the Strategic Planning Committee.

Mr. Teuber informed the Board Members that the only advisory committee that does not have a stated purpose is the District Advisory Committee (DAC). Mr. Teuber felt that the Board needed to establish specific tasks for this committee.

Dr. Scricca suggested that DAC be given a focus and to help accomplish this, schedule District staff to attend DAC meetings to discuss specific topics within the School District. There was also discussion by the Board Members regarding the Compliance Advisory Committee and that strategic planning is their basis. Dr. Browder suggested that the Board liaison, along with a staff member, would also be an effective way to provide information to the committees.

Dr. Kuckel suggested uniform dates regarding when the committees meet throughout the year. The following months were suggested for all of the committees to meet; September, October, November, January, February, March and April, to make a total of seven (7) times each year.

Dr. Scricca stated that the role of the Board Member needs to be clarified for each of the advisory committees. She said that one of the main roles of the Board Member is to explain what occurred at the most recent Board Meeting and also to inform the committees of the activities of the Board. Mrs. Dozier clarified that all Board Members should attend the committee meetings with a main

goal of disseminating information only and to answer any questions that may arise, but each of the committees are to run their own meetings.

Mr. Teuber discussed the huge responsibility of the Finance Committee. Members of that committee need to understand that attending a meeting seven (7) times a year may not be enough time to make a profound impact on the District's budget.

Mrs. Dozier stated that some committee members bring expertise in a certain area and it normally goes along with the committee that they serve on. Those individuals may be able to offer the District advice in their particular area of expertise.

Dr. Scricca suggested at the November Board retreat, that the Board Members talk about focus groups. For example, an invitation would be sent to members of the community and the District would invite them to attend a meeting of the focus group. Dr. Scricca clarified that these focus groups are not the same as an advisory committee.

Mrs. Dozier summarized for the Board the following changes to the Advisory Committees: change the name of the Compliance Advisory Committee to the Continuous Systemic Improvement Committee (CSI) and provide the District Advisory Committee (DAC) with a written statement of its purpose to communicate information from the District to the school level. In addition, there should be a flow of information between the Board Members, the School District and the schools. Mr. Martin will work on an introductory statement for the committees and disseminate it to all of the Board Members for their review. Dr. Browder suggested that language be added to the purpose statement, stating that advisory committees will receive information from staff at the District pertinent to their individual committees.

Mrs. Dozier asked the Board Members to be thinking about forming a committee for students. Information will be handed out at the Board retreat regarding this matter. Mrs. Dozier stated that a Board retreat would be scheduled very soon and Mrs. Dozier asked the Board members to be thinking about topics that they wanted added to the agenda.

III. Good of the Order

Mrs. Dozier moved for Good of the Order. None of the Board Members had any comments.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Jeanne S. Dozier., Chairman

ATTEST:

James W. Browder, Ed.D. Superintendent

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