***VISION:***
*To be a world-class school system.*

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY**
**School Board Meeting - MINUTES**
**(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)**
**Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

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**Attending**

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

Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Superintendent
Mr. Keith B. Martin, Board Attorney

Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

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## I. Opening Exercises

### A. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, in the School Board Meeting Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. Board Chairman Steven Teuber presided and called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

***Motion** by Dr. Scricca, **seconded** by Dr. Kuckel, 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 Captain Matt Niezelski, Mariner High School JROTC
- Colonel Michael Coker, Army Instructor, JROTC

## II. Special Presentations

### A. Recognitions

1. 2009 I Love My Librarian Award *(Dr. Scricca)*
   - Dana Thomas, Cypress Lake Middle School

### B. Resolutions

1. Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!: January 25-29, 2010

   ***Motion** by Dr. Kuckel, **seconded** by Mr. Chilmonik, and **carried 5-0** to adopt the Resolution proclaiming January 25-29, 2010, as Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Lee County School District's mission is to increase the literacy proficiency of all students by providing them with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills through learning opportunities valued by students, parents, and communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Lee County School District has a comprehensive, coordinated reading initiative aimed at helping every student and citizen become a successful, independent reader; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lee County School District maintains its goals of helping every student in the K-12 system to read at or above grade level and making literacy the priority of every citizen in the district; and

**WHEREAS**, parents, families, neighbors and mentors play a crucial role in helping children learn to read; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lee County School District seeks to enhance the literacy culture of our schools from prekindergarten to postsecondary by raising the ceiling and raising the floor to better enable students for success in the 21st Century; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lee County School District and its partners aim to promote the enjoyment of reading for all ages, children to adults;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the School Board of Lee County, Florida, in collaboration with Governor Charlie Crist and Education Commissioner Eric Smith and the Just Read, Florida! Office of the Florida Department of Education, hereby proclaims the week of January 25-29, 2010, as

**CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK, FLORIDA!**

Adopted at a regular meeting of The School Board of Lee County, Florida
This Twelfth Day of January 2010

2. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration: January 16-18, 2010

   ***Motion*** *by Mrs. Dozier,* ***seconded*** *by Dr. Scricca, and* ***carried 5-0*** *to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the School Board's support of the 2010 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration, January 16-18, 2010.*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** the 2010 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration provides the opportunity to celebrate the life of civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr. who was one of the most significant inspirational figures of the Civil Rights Movement; and

**WHEREAS,** the relevance of the history and activities of the Civil Rights Movement must be remembered and made apparent to future generations through local, state, and national observances and ongoing activism; and

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Rights Movement was instrumental in establishing that injustice to any citizen of the United States would not be tolerated; and

**WHEREAS**, it is proper for The School District of Lee County, Florida, on behalf of its 80,000 students, to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by paying tribute to his memory and to the memory of all those who fought for justice and equal opportunity before the law; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of The School District of Lee County, Florida, to provide equal educational opportunities to each student without regard to race, sex, color, religion, nationality, or condition of handicap; and

**WHEREAS**, The School District of Lee County, Florida, urges the citizens of Lee County to participate in local community activities during this year's Commemorative Celebration scheduled for January 16-18, 2010, with the theme being *"Continuing Dr. King's Dream: Moving Communities Forward";*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims its support of the

**2010 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION**

Adopted at a regular meeting of The School Board of Lee County, Florida
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**C. Acknowledgement** *(Mr. Chilmonik)*

Character Word for January: Commitment – Binding yourself to a course of action despite obstacles.

**D. Special Presentations to the Board** (None)

**E. Staff Presentation to the Board** (None)

## III. Public Comment

***Motion*** *by Mr. Chilmonik to make exception to Board Policy by allowing speakers four minutes to address the Board rather than three minutes.*

***Motion failed*** *for lack of a second.*

Speakers and the topics they addressed:
*Don Armstrong:* school bus issues
*Tom Leonardo (Fort Myers Councilman):* length of school bus rides (a copy of the School District's Organizational Chart distributed by Councilman Leonardo is on file with the official minutes)
*Karen Taylor:* matters related to herself and her son
*John Traube:* matters related to ethics
*Sarah Larsen:* funding for environmental education
*Joe Lentini:* lack of pools in District schools; bus schedules
*Willie B. Green:* Court Desegregation Order as it relates to neighborhood schools
*Adam Cogan:* school bus issues

Mr. Teuber responded to comments made by speakers; however, there were no directives given to the Superintendent related to the comments.

## IV. Consent Action Items

***Motion*** *by Dr. Scricca,* ***seconded*** *by Mr. Chilmonik, and* ***carried 5-0*** *to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.*

**A. Executive Services –** Dr. James W. Browder

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
   - December 8, 2009, School Board Special Meeting
   - December 8, 2009, School Board Briefing Meeting
   - December 8, 2009, School Board Action Meeting

**B. Academic Services** – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of the contract with the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County for a Saturday School Driver Education Program, for the period of February 20, 2010, to May 8, 2010, for a total cost not to exceed $45,210.43.

2. Approval of the 2009-2010 School Advisory Council Membership lists from ninety schools and special centers.

3. Approval of the Affiliation Agreement between Florida State University and The School District of Lee County for Field Experience in Speech-Language Pathology, at no cost to the District, for the three-year period, from January 2010 to January 2013.

4. Approval of the agreement with Florida Virtual School to continue offering students in grades 6-12, full-time and part-time virtual education opportunities. The agreement will be funded by FTE generated by virtual school students; and will be effective January 12, 2010 through June 30, 2010. The agreement will renew automatically on

July 1 of each subsequent year unless terminated by either party as outlined in this agreement. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute all documents.

**C. Administrative Services** – Mr. Michael McNerney (None)

**D. Business Services**

1. Approval of expenditures estimated at $2,000 for out-of-state travel for School District employees to pursue the development, business, and leadership needs of the School District. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to also provide reimbursement for incidental travel costs, and to execute related documents.

2. Approval of the purchase requisitions in the total amount of $19,954.45; and authorization for the issuance of the four (4) purchase orders as described.

3. Approval to renew Bid No. B076628JM for custodial cleaning products to Pyramid II, Inc. and W.W. Grainger, Inc. for a six-month period of January 16, 2010 through July 15, 2010, pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board, at an estimated expenditure of $100,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.

**E. Human Resources** – Dr. Gregory Adkins

1. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including administrative, certificated, support and substitute staff, out-of-field appointments, annual reappointments, and correction to an item previously approved by the Board.

**F. School Support Services** – Mr. William Moore

1. Approval to increase the single source procurement expenditure for chilled water storage tank repairs at Lehigh Senior High School awarded to B&I Contractors, Inc. by $35,000 for a total expenditure not to exceed $160,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

2. Approval of the total project cost of $200,000 for the Early Childhood Renovations at ALC Central Project; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

**V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items** (None)

**VI. Superintendent's Recommendations**

**A. Good Cause** (None)

**B. Total Project Cost for Lee County High Tech North Re-roof Project.**

***Motion*** *by Dr. Scricca,* ***seconded*** *by Dr. Kuckel, and* ***carried 5-0*** *to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the total project cost of $800,000.00 for the Lee County High Tech North re-roof project and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.*

**C. Total Project Cost for Cypress Lake Middle School Re-roof Project.**

***Motion*** *by Dr. Kuckel,* ***seconded*** *by Mrs. Dozier, and* ***carried 5-0*** *to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the total project cost of $1,000,000.00 for the Cypress Lake Middle School re-roof project and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.*

**D. Annual Expenditure for RFP No. R086715SW – Consumable Office Supplies and Related Items.**

***Motion*** *by Mrs. Dozier and* ***seconded*** *by Dr. Scricca to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the anticipated annual expenditure of $1,700,000 for RFP No. R086715SW for consumable office supplies and related items for the entire District for the second year period of January 27, 2010 through January 26, 2011 and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.*

***Motion to Amend*** *by Mrs. Dozier and* ***seconded*** *by Mr. Chilmonik to remove Office Depot from this action until such time that the investigation surrounding this vendor is resolved. Mrs. Dozier added the caveat that, should the investigation be resolved to the District's satisfaction, Office Depot would be reinstated.*

Discussion among the Board Members in favor of the Motion to Amend ensued, resulting in Dr. Browder's offer to pull this item from the evening's agenda.

Mrs. Dozier **withdrew the Motion to Amend and the Main Motion**.

Dr. Browder pulled Item VI.D. from the agenda. He informed the Board that he would use the next two weeks to continue looking into the matter and would bring a recommendation back at that time, either with or without Office Depot as one of the vendors.

**E. Annual Expenditure Approval for Purchase of Instructional Materials, Testing Materials, and Textbooks.**

***Motion*** *by Dr. Scricca,* ***seconded*** *by Mrs. Dozier, and* ***carried 5-0*** *to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the estimated annual expenditure of $7,000,000 for the purchase of instructional materials, testing materials and textbooks from the Florida School Book Depository, as well as direct from the publisher(s) or their authorized representative(s) for the period of January 12, 2010 through January 11, 2011 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**

Dr. Scricca: requested that Dr. Browder address The Sanibel School and school bus issues during his comments; thanked Mr. Green for addressing the issue of neighborhood schools; wished everyone a happy new year.

Dr. Kuckel: congratulated Johnny Weeks on being chosen as the District's Educational Support Person of the Year; stated that budget reductions impact every aspect of District operations and encouraged the public to continue to share suggestions and concerns.

Mrs. Dozier: opined that suspension of rules and policies affect orderly processes; commented on the length of time it took the District to emerge from the Court's Desegregation Order; stated that pools are an economic issue; observed that the environmental education program is not state mandated.

Mr. Chilmonik: encouraged the public to become more involved in next year's budget process; opined that the District needs to look at more creative ways to address health care costs; commented on diversity in the schools; opined that open discussions need to occur regarding transportation issues and The Sanibel School.

Mr. Teuber: congratulated Johnny Weeks on being chosen as the District's Educational Support Person of the Year; observed that the dedication date for James Stephens

International Academy had been rescheduled; read a letter from another school district regarding their visit to Dunbar High School.

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

**C. Superintendent's Comments/Reports**

Dr. Browder: congratulated Johnny Weeks on being chosen as the District's Educational Support Person of the Year; stated that, with the third count, the District had made up the previous proration loss; stated that employees at the Public Education Center collected 775 pounds of food for needy families prior to the holidays; commented on recent honors earned by various schools and programs; commented on e-mails related to transportation issues provided by FOX-4 at the December 8th Board Meeting; stated that some school populations are high in minorities because parents tend to choose schools in their neighborhoods; commented on The Sanibel School issue, stating that no grounds were found to warrant discipline of the Principal.

**D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:**

- January 26, 2010, 2:30 P.M.*, School Board Briefing Meeting *(*Immediately following Student Hearings and a Special School Board Meeting, if one is scheduled)*
- January 26, 2010, 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 January 12, 2010, School Board Meeting.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

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**Steven K. Teuber,** Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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