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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, January 26, 2010**

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**Attending**

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

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Dr. Scricca called the Briefing Meeting of January 26, 2010, to order at 2:37 P.M.

**A. Item(s) with Guests**

1. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) – Mrs. G. Campbell/Ms. Troy Manning

Dr. Browder introduced Mrs. Greta Campbell, Executive Director of Financial Services, who in turn introduced Ms. Troy Manning, the Senior Partner at Cherry, Bekaert & Holland.

Ms. Manning informed the Board that as a result of the firm's recent audit, unqualified opinions on the District's financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2009, were issued. She explained that while no material weaknesses were discovered, one significant deficiency regarding a FY08 property tax receivable was uncovered. Ms. Manning stated that the firm chose the following District programs for Federal Single Audits: Title I, Part A; Improving Teacher Quality State Grants; Special Education; and Head Start. She shared that as a result of these individual audits, no questioned costs or material noncompliance and no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were discovered. She briefly touched on the Florida Audit General Report, stating that no violations of contracts or grant agreements and no conditions of financial emergency were found; however, the firm did pass along recommendations to strengthen certain internal controls.

Ms. Manning concluded her presentation by commending the District for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (from the Government Finance Officers Association) and the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Program (from the Association of School Business Officials) for the past six years, adding that these awards represent a significant accomplishment and demonstrate a collaboration of all Financial Accounting personnel and a high degree of professionalism on their part. *(A copy of Ms. Manning's PowerPoint presentation is on file with the official minutes.)*

**B. Board Members**

1. Special Areas of Board Involvement / Reports

Mr. Chilmonik: provided information on recent and upcoming running events; asked Dr. Browder to address the transportation and purchasing audits; requested information

regarding the process involved in moving students from the School Choice waiting list into schools.

Dr. Kuckel: reported that she attended the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Banquet and the Lehigh Acres Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala.

Mr. Teuber: reported that he attended the Lehigh Acres Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala, the District Advisory Council Meeting, the Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors Meeting, and the Cape Coral Bar Association meeting. He added that he has invited Foundation members to attend a Board Meeting to share information on the many initiatives they sponsor to benefit the School District; and that the Cape Coral Bar Association has provided the promised funding for this year's Moot Court.

Dr. Scricca: reported that she attend the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast, the Lehigh Acres Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala, and a meeting of the Hispanic 239 Network; stated that she would be meeting tomorrow with a representative from Lee County government regarding the Oak tree and would suggest that one seedling from the tree be planted at each Lee County school; complimented the *News-Press* on their factual report about School Choice.

**C. Academic Services** – Dr. Constance Jones (*None*)

**D. Administrative/Support Services** – Mr. Michael McNerney

1. District ID Badges

Dr. Browder stated that the District has made huge gains in the area of security and that the District remains focused on security in order to ensure the safety of its students and employees. He asked Dr. Ann Cole, Project Coordinator for Administrative Services, to provide the Board with information on the new District ID badges.

Dr. Cole informed the Board that eventually everyone in the District will have the same ID badge, which will contain the employee's picture and work location and the School District logo. She added that these badges are less expensive than the former ones.

Dr. Cole explained that the next step is to implement a system of monitoring visitors by scanning drivers' licenses. She added that they are currently looking at different systems to determine the one that best suits the District's needs.

**E. Business Services** – Mrs. Greta Campbell / Dr. Ami Desamours (*None*)

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

**G. Executive Services** – Dr. James Browder (*None*)

**H. Public Comment** (*None*)

**I. Board Attorney's / Superintendent's Comments**

**Mr. Martin** shared a "School Law Minute" on Senate Bill 278, which makes changes to the Statute addressing the operation of charter schools.

**Dr. Browder** informed the Board that an individual graduation ceremony was recently held in the Board Room for Nilda Toledo, who, due to an error on the part of the District, had not received her high school diploma; he explained the situation to which Mr. Chilmonik alluded with regard to the School Choice waiting list; provided information regarding the status of a transportation department audit, as a result of which the Board, via consensus, directed him to bring a recommendation to this evening's Board Meeting for review, discussion, and a decision by the Board whether or not to move forward with an audit at this time; distributed a document to the Board regarding a firm's proposal that has the potential to lower the District's utility costs and

stated that it is the District's intent to move forward with an RFP. *(A copy of the document is on file with the official minutes.)*

Dr. Scricca adjourned the January 26, 2010, Briefing Meeting at 3:40 P.M.

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**Elinor C. Scricca, Ph.D.**, Meeting Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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