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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, February 23, 2010

Attending

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

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, in the School Board Meeting Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. Board Vice Chairman Elinor Scricca presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Dr. Scricca acknowledged Mr. Teuber's absence due to illness.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 4-0 to adopt the agenda as the Order of Business.

B. Invocation (Mrs. Dozier)

C. Presentation of Colors / Pledge of Allegiance (Mr. Chilmonik)

- Second Lieutenant Amanda Mays, Lehigh Senior High School JROTC
- First Sergeant Edward Davidson, Army Instructor, JROTC

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

1. Florida Music Educators Association: All-State Selections (*Dr. Kuckel*)
 - Fifty-four elementary, middle, and high school students
2. Positive Behavior Support Model Schools (*Dr. Kuckel*)
 - Diplomat Middle School
 - Orange River Elementary School
 - Trafalgar Elementary School
 - Rayma C. Page Elementary School
 - North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts

B. Resolutions

1. "Read Across America" Day: March 2, 2010

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 4-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming March 2, 2010, as "Read Across America" Day.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lee County, Florida, stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, significant leadership has been provided in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community's well being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, a national celebration, "Read Across America," sponsored by the National Education Association in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students; and

WHEREAS, many wonderful children's books written by Dr. Seuss have led generations of children to discover the joy of reading; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Lee County are called upon to assure that every child is in a safe place and reading together with a caring adult for at least 30 minutes on March 2, 2010, to celebrate the joy of reading; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Lee County, Florida, enthusiastically endorses NEA's "Read Across America" and recommits the community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims March 2, 2010, as

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Adopted at a regular meeting of The School Board of Lee County, Florida
This Twenty-third day of February 2010

2. Purchasing Month: March 2010

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 4-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the month of March 2010 as Purchasing Month.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the purchasing and materials management professions play a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both governmental agencies and independent businesses; and

WHEREAS, purchasing and materials management professionals, through their combined purchasing power, spend billions of dollars every year, thus having a significant influence upon economic conditions throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, purchasing professionals are to be commended for diligently pursuing efficiency in the operation of their business and the spending of their company's dollars by seeking goods and services of the highest value in terms of quality and price, and

WHEREAS, the School District's Procurement Services Department engages in special efforts during the month of March to inform the public about the importance of the role of the purchasing profession in business, industry and government;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of March 2010 as

PURCHASING MONTH

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3. National Foreign Language Week: March 1-7, 2010

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 4-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the week of March 1-7, 2010, as National Foreign Language Week.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States Congress recognized the importance of foreign language study, formalizing it in the "No Child Left Behind Act" by designating foreign languages as a core academic area; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature passed legislation requiring Florida public schools to develop a K-12 foreign language plan; and

WHEREAS The School Board of Lee County has as its Vision: To Become a World Class School System; and

WHEREAS The School District of Lee County welcomes students and staff from many different countries, cultures, and language backgrounds; and

WHEREAS the schools of Lee County offer instruction in a variety of world languages and teach English to speakers of other languages representing more than 100 different cultures; and

WHEREAS Lee County students and their families have growing social, cultural, and economic ties to the global community, offering great opportunities while presenting new challenges to communicate with and understand their international partners from different language and cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS research indicates that studying other languages has been shown to contribute to cognitive skills, show better academic performance, increase scores on college entrance exams and, most importantly, show greater understanding of others and appreciation for diversity; and

WHEREAS proficiency in other languages enhances our students' career opportunities and provides employers with a workforce with the necessary skills for an international marketplace; and

WHEREAS the Lee County Foreign Language Association of Teachers sponsors a local World Language Fair annually for students, teachers and the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims March 1-7, 2010, as

NATIONAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

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4. Arts in Our Schools Month: March 2010

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 4-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the month of March 2010, as Arts in Our Schools Month.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the study of arts is basic to a complete education, providing a competitive edge for successful educational reform, engaging students in individual and group activity, developing creativity, communication, problem-solving and critical and evaluative skills, and contributing to the development of young people through listening, reading, and self-expression; and

WHEREAS, arts education helps students acquire an understanding of history and culture and enhances the morale and quality of the school and community environment; and

WHEREAS, all students in kindergarten through twelfth grade, regardless of socio-economic status or personal ability, should have access to a well-balanced, comprehensive, high-quality sequential arts program; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Music Educators Association, the Florida Art Education Association, and the Florida Association for Theater Education encourage maintaining and enhancing the quality of the fine and performing arts education programs in the Lee County School District; and

WHEREAS, all teachers, parents, students and citizens of Lee County, Florida are encouraged to support the purposes and practices of arts education and are invited to participate in observation activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of March 2010 as

ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

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C. Special Presentations to the Board (None)

D. Staff Presentation to the Board (None)

III. Public Comment

Speakers and the topics they addressed:

John Traube: Sunshine Law; budget issues

Bill Radford: measurements to monitor student achievement; previously deleted job descriptions

Willie Filkowski: Cypress Lake High School's production of "Sweet Charity" (*flier provided is on file with the official minutes*)

Joel Whitesman: Cypress Lake High School's production of "Sweet Charity"

Don Armstrong: e-mail sent by Mr. Teuber

Will Hisey (sp?): musical education provided to him by the Lee County School District

Dr. Scricca responded to comments made by speakers, during which she asked the Superintendent to address, during his comments, the issue of a budget referendum and the suggestions presented by Mr. Radford.

IV. Consent Action Items

Mr. Chilmonik requested that Agenda Item IV.F.2. be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the meeting agenda.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 4-0 to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Agenda Item IV.F.2.

A. Executive Services – Dr. James W. Browder

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
 - February 9, 2010, School Board Briefing Meeting
 - February 9, 2010, School Board Action Meeting

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones (None)

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

D. Business Services

1. Approval of expenditures estimated at \$15,400 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 Monthly Budget Report for the period ending December 31, 2009.
3. Approval of the Budget Amendment dated December 31, 2009 to amend the 2009-10 annual school budget.
4. Approval to remove from the Official Property Records, 1620 items listed on the attached report titled Property Records Asset Retirement by Bar Code/Tag Number.

5. Approval to award Bid No. B096843JM for the purchase of custodial tools for District Warehouse Operations and school/department delivery to: (1) AmSan Interline Brands; (2) Calico Industries, Inc.; (3) Cheney Brothers, Inc.; (4) Dade Paper & Bag Co.; (5) Grainger; (6) Pyramid II Janitorial Supplies & Equipment and White Cap Construction Supply as indicated on the attached tabulation for the period of February 23, 2010 through February 22, 2011, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$225,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
6. Approval to award Bid No. B096848SW for installation, maintenance and repair of portable two way radio equipment to include the purchase of repeaters to Industrial Communications, Inc. as primary vendor and Ashtin Communication as secondary vendor having the overall lowest response and meeting specifications at an estimated annual expenditure of \$75,000 beginning February 23, 2010 through February 22, 2011 with renewal options for two additional one year periods upon the written agreement of the vendor and the Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
7. Approval to award Bid No. B106851JM for the purchase of first aid supplies & equipment catalog to: (1) Armchem International Corp.; (2) Henry Schein Inc.; (3) Moore Medical LLC (4) Quadmed Inc.; (5) School Health and School Kids Healthcare as indicated on the attached tabulation for the period of February 23, 2010 through February 22, 2011, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$50,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
8. Approval to award Bid No. B106853SW for two way radio equipment and accessories to Ashtin Communications as primary vendor and First Communications, Inc. as secondary vendor having the overall lowest response and meeting specifications at an estimated annual expenditure of \$75,000 beginning February 23, 2010 through February 22, 2011 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 necessary documents.
9. Approval to piggy-back Broward County Public Schools Bid Number 29-065X, Industrial Education and Supplies through February 23, 2011, at an estimated expenditure of \$50,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
10. Approval to piggy-back School District of St. Lucie County Bid Number 08-05 teaching aids, equipment and supplies (catalog discount) through November 27, 2010, at an estimated expenditure of \$50,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
11. Approval to piggy-back Palm Beach County Schools Bid No. 08C-16C a term contract for the purchase of marker boards, chalkboards, corkboards and bulletin boards awarded to various vendors through February 19, 2011 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$100,000.00 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
12. Approval of the anticipated annual expenditure of \$400,000 for State of Florida Contract No. 715-001-07-1 for the purchase of library materials: awarded to various vendors for the second year period through February 28, 2011 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
13. Approval of the anticipated annual expenditure of \$450,000 for Bid No. 09/01-04-0120 for tires and related services with Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida

Association of Counties awarded to various dealers/distributors throughout the state of Florida through February 28, 2011 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.

14. Approval of the purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$274,081.99; and authorization for the issuance of the ten (10) purchase orders as described.
15. Approval to renew Bid No. B96760SW for on-site secure documents shredding to Shred It USA, Inc., for the period of February 23, 2010 through February 22, 2011 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$50,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
16. Approval to renew Bid No. B096763LO for concrete finishing & block work on an as needed basis district wide to Gulf Paving Co., Inc. at an estimated annual expenditure of \$100,000 for the period of March 24, 2010 through March 23, 2011, and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.

E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins

1. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including certificated, support and substitute staff, out-of-field appointments, and corrections to items previously approved by the Board.
2. Approval of the amended BENCOR Special Pay Plan Adoption Agreement to reflect requirements of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act (EGTRRA) and other plan qualification changes effective July 1, 2009.
3. Approval of the 2010-11 Calendar for 12-Month Personnel as presented

F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore

1. Approval to accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Trafalgar Middle School HVAC Work dated October 5, 2009 and final payment in the amount of \$27,536.10 to Air Mechanical & Service Corporation and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
2. Approval to award Bid #CS273 for Lee County High Tech North Re-Roof Project to Crowther Roofing in the amount of \$264,920.00 plus an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for contingency, if required, at the District's discretion and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
3. Approval of the total project cost of \$350,000.00 for the Estero High School New P.E. Building and Restrooms Project and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents l.
4. Approval of the total project cost of \$150,000.00 for the Fort Myers High School Renovation of Existing Restroom Project and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
5. Approval of the total project cost of \$350,000.00 for the Ida Baker High School New P.E. Building and Restrooms Project and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items

Item IV.F.2., BidCS273 – Lee County High Tech North Re-roof Project

Motion by Mr. Chilmonik and **seconded** by Dr. Kuckel to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the awarding of Bid #CS273 for Lee County High Tech North Re-roof Project to Crowther Roofing in the amount of \$264,920.00 plus an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for contingency, if required, at the District's discretion; and to authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

At Mr. Chilmonik's request, Dr. Browder addressed issues raised by a speaker during Public Comment with regard to the necessity for replacing the roof.

Motion carried 4-0.

VI. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. **Good Cause** (None)

B. **Approval of Agreement with Greenberg Traurig, P.A. to Serve as Special Tax Counsel/Bond Counsel.**

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, **seconded** by Mrs. Dozier, and **carried 4-0** to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the agreement with Greenberg Traurig, P.A. to continue serving as special tax counsel/bond counsel to The School District of Lee County; and authorize the Superintendent to execute any related documents.

C. **Increase Total Project Cost for James Stephens International Academy.**

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, **seconded** by Mr. Chilmonik, and **carried 4-0** to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve increasing the cost for James Stephens International Academy by \$300,000.00 for a total project cost of \$15,866,005.00; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

VII. Attorney's Recommendations – Mr. Keith Martin

A. **Renewal Contract with Heather W. Hawkins, Esq., as Attorney – Planning, Real Estate, and Support Services.**

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, **seconded** by Dr. Kuckel, and **carried 4-0** to accept the Attorney's recommendation that the Board approve the employment contract with Heather W. Hawkins as Attorney for Planning, Real Estate and Support Services for a term beginning March 6, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at an annual cost of approximately \$140,000.00.

VIII. Public Hearing (None)

IX. Other Business

A. **Board Members' Comments/Reports**

Mr. Chilmonik: stated that he still supports a referendum to shift funds; stated that he is supportive of an independent audit of the Purchasing Department, due in part to the Office Depot matter, and may bring a motion to the table regarding that at the next Board Meeting; asked the Superintendent to address the media security breach.

Mrs. Dozier: requested that a resolution be prepared for Board adoption proclaiming March 31, 2010, as "Sweet Charity Day"; stated that she looks forward to the outcome of the transportation audit; invited Board Members to attend the Southwest Florida Fair, February 26th-March 7th; addressed comments made by Mr. Armstrong, stated that she will not be attending the Town Hall meeting, and that if Dr. Scricca, as the Board representative

for Lehigh Acres, feels that a meeting needs to be held in that area of the County, it will be her responsibility to request it.

Dr. Kuckel: stated that she looks forward to the “Sweet Charity” production and the outcome of the transportation audit; commented on a science curriculum project at Littleton Elementary School.

Dr. Scricca: expressed regret that there is not a full arts program in the elementary schools; stated that she looks forward to the outcome of the transportation audit; asked the Superintendent to briefly restate the comments he presented at the Briefing Meeting regarding Office Depot.

B. Board Attorney’s Comments/Reports (None)

C. Superintendent’s Comments/Reports

Dr. Browder: informed the Board that information about “Sweet Charity” has been provided to all staff members; commented that the District already has metrics in place to measure and monitor student attendance and discipline; reiterated some of his comments from the Briefing Meeting regarding Office Depot, explaining that conversations with the company are continuing and that they might be willing to readdress some of the issues that he broached in his letter to company officials; stated that he never said that he was not in favor of a referendum to transfer funds but maintained that the timing must be right and that he will continue to bring recommendations to the Board for their consideration as the budget process moves forward; informed the Board that he has sent an e-mail to Congressman Mack expressing interest in piloting a diesel green additives program.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- March 9, 2010, 2:30 p.m.*, School Board Special Meeting (**Immediately following Student Hearings*)
- March 9, 2010, 2:30 p.m.**, School Board Briefing Meeting (***Immediately following School Board Special Meeting*)
- March 9, 2010, 6:00 p.m., School Board Action Meeting

X. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 4-0 to adjourn the February 23, 2010, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Elinor C. Scricca, Ph.D., Board Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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