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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, March 9, 2010

Attending

Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Chairman	Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Superintendent
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Vice Chairman	Mr. Keith B. Martin, Board Attorney
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Member	
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, March 9, 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 6:05 P.M.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 5-0 to adopt the agenda as the Order of Business.

B. Invocation (Mrs. Dozier)

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

- Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Daniela Aguirre, East Lee County High School JROTC
Cadet Amy Colon, Cadet Amanda Dawson, and Cadet Ego Ekenta
- Senior Army Instructor Major Rodney F. Walden

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

1. Kagan Model School (*Dr. Kuckel*)
 - Trafalgar Elementary School
2. FMEA Secondary School's Innovative Project Award (*Dr. Scricca*)
 - Mariner Middle School
3. Lee County 2010 Teacher of the Year (*Dr. Scricca*)
Stephan Frank, Visual Arts Teacher, Mariner High School

B. Resolutions

1. Suicide Prevention Day: March 24, 2010 (*Mrs. Dozier*)

Motion by *Mrs. Dozier*, *seconded* by *Mr. Chilmonik*, and *carried 5-0* to adopt the Resolution proclaiming March 24, 2010, as Suicide Prevention Day.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, suicide is a multifaceted public health problem requiring attention from an entire community to ensure that the protection and welfare of its citizens is a priority; and

WHEREAS, people suffering in silence and losing hope in their futures is a tragedy we can curtail by implementing comprehensive approaches at all stages of the life cycle; and

WHEREAS, suicide is one of the most devastating and tragic events a family and a community can experience; and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks third in the nation for the highest number of suicide fatalities and has the 18th highest suicide rate; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the state's ninth leading cause of death; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we improve the quality of life for Floridians by promoting a culture that restores hope, fosters self-seeking behaviors, and builds resilience and connectedness among communities, families and individuals in order to create a strong foundation from which people can successfully face life stress; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature and the Governor of Florida enacted a law to establish the Statewide Office of Suicide Prevention, thereby placing a high priority on the protection and welfare of Florida's citizens, especially its youth; and

WHEREAS, school systems are a critical avenue through which the quality of life for Floridians can be improved, in part, by enhancing the emotional well-being of students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, in collaboration with the Governor of the State of Florida, hereby proclaims March 24, 2010, as

SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

Adopted at a regular meeting of The School Board of Lee County, Florida
This Ninth day of March 2010

C. Acknowledgement (*Lexi Graber, Trafalgar Elementary School*)

Character Word for March: Courage – The personal strength to face difficulties, obstacles, and challenges.

D. Special Presentations to the Board (None)**E. Staff Presentation to the Board** (None)**III. Public Comment**

Speakers and the topics they addressed:

Bill Radford: report he compiled regarding SAT scores and FCAT data (*A copy of the report is on file with the official minutes*)

John Traube: ethics, integrity, respect

Adam Cogan: public office and public trust

Joe Lentini: swimming pools in District schools

Norisbel Almeida: treatment of her son and daughter in District schools

Karen Taylor: transportation issues

Sue Jacobse: politics at the Board table

Willie Benjamin Green: criticism of District officials; elected versus appointed superintendents

IV. Consent Action Items

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, 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:
 - February 23, 2010, School Board Briefing Meeting
 - February 23, 2010, School Board Action Meeting
2. Approval of the following change to the Finance Advisory committee: appointment of James A. Beaudin to the Finance Advisory Committee, effective March 9, 2010 through the date of the regular school Board meeting in September 2010 at which the Board takes action to appoint members to the Board Advisory Committees.

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval for professional development training of the SIOP Model with Pearson at selected elementary schools to focus on teaching content and language to English Language Learners (ELLs). Estimated expenditures for materials and training are \$40,000.00.

C. Administrative Services – Mr. Michael McNerney

1. Approval to renew the Bus Agreement with Cape Coral Charter School Authority for lease of between one and twelve buses per month for the period of June 15, 2010 to June 14, 2011. The District will provide maintenance, inspection and routing services and will be reimbursed for same.

D. Business Services

1. Approval of expenditures estimated at \$16,814 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 all related documents.
2. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the period ending January 31, 2010.
3. Approval of the Budget Amendment dated January 31, 2010 to amend the 2009-10 annual school budget.
4. Approval to remove from the Official Property Records, 580 items listed on the report titled Property Records Asset Retirement by Bar Code/Tag Number.
5. Approval to piggy-back Charlotte County Schools Bid No. 07/08-516 for the purchase of incidental supplies (educational and operative) awarded to various vendors through February 25, 2011 at an estimated expenditure of \$350,000 with an option to cancel if deemed to be in the best interest of the District and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
6. Approval to piggy-back WSCA RFP No. 1523 for wireless communication products and services awarded to Sprint Solutions, Inc. through October 9, 2010, at an estimated expenditure of \$77,000 with an option to cancel if deemed to be in the best interest of the District and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

7. Approval of the purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$631,963.40; and authorization for the issuance of the fourteen (14) purchase orders as described.
8. Approval to renew Bid No. B096761JM for mobile storage containers & trailers to Marsten THG Modular d/b/a Work Space Plus and Rice Intermodal, Inc., for the period of March 24, 2010 through March 23, 2011 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$40,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
9. Approval to renew Bid No. B096764SW for liquid petroleum gas to Balgas, for the period of March 10, 2010 through March 9, 2011 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$300,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
10. Approval of the additional audit fee increase of \$4,500, a total increase of \$24,400 for fiscal year 2008-2009 due to additional audit requirements that were encountered during the audit and not included in the original approved cost. Approval also includes authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary related 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, and correction to an item previously approved by the Board.

F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore

1. Approval to award Bid #CS274 for Alva Middle School Clinic Remodel Project to One Source Construction Company in the amount \$44,000.00 plus an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 for contingency, if required, at the District's discretion and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
2. Approval of the Easement to Sunshine Towers, Inc. for an easement approximately 10 feet in width to provide access to the cellular tower at Lehigh Senior High School.
3. Approval of the Certification of Facilities Data certifying that the educational facilities inventory data for the District contained in the Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) is current and accurate as of March 9, 2010 pursuant to applicable statutes and rules.
4. Approval of the total project cost of \$50,000.00 for the Alva Middle School Clinic Remodel Project and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
5. Approval of the total project cost of \$400,000.00 for the Edgewood Academy School Re-Roof Project and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
6. Approval of the renewal of Continuing Contracts with Design Professionals for an additional one-year period of March 11, 2010 through March 10, 2011 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents.

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items (None)**VI. Superintendent's Recommendations****A. Good Cause (None)****B. Certificate of Final Inspection for Buckingham Exceptional HVAC Upgrade and Remodel.**

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Buckingham Exceptional HVAC Upgrade & Remodel dated January 12, 2010 and final payment in the amount to \$24,912.45 to Boran Craig Barber Engel Construction Company, Inc.; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

C. Total Project Cost for Allen Park Elementary School Re-roof Project.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the total project cost of \$800,000.00 for the Allen Park Elementary School Re-roof Project; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

D. Total Project Cost for the Conversion of Michigan Elementary School to the Public Service Academy.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the total project cost of \$1,300,000.00 for the conversion of Michigan Elementary School to the Public Service Academy; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

E. Approve Piggy-back of County of Los Angeles MS-IS-1040222-1 Telecommunication Supplies and Accessories.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve piggy-backing County of Los Angeles MA-IS-1040222-1 for telecommunication supplies and accessories awarded to Graybar Electric Company for the period of March 9, 2010 through March 8, 2011 at an estimated expenditure of \$2,000,000 with an option to cancel if deemed to be in the best interest of the District; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all documents.

F. Renew Bid No. B086646VR Low Voltage Infrastructure & Telephone System Maintenance.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve renewing Bid No. B086646VR for low voltage infrastructure and telephone system maintenance on an as-needed basis to Telecommunication Conexions of Florida, Inc. for the period of March 25, 2010 through March 24, 2011 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$5,000,000; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all documents

VII. Attorney's Recommendations – Mr. Keith Martin (None)

VIII. Public Hearing

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

- A. Revisions to Policy 4.32, Head Start Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection and Enrollment.**
- B. Revisions to Policy 7.04, Driving and Replacing District Vehicles.**

Mr. Teuber recessed the Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. He asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the two items on the agenda for Public Hearing.

John Traube addressed the Board regarding the application to the Superintendent of Policy 7.04.

There being no further requests to address the Board, Mr. Teuber closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Board Meeting at 7:02 P.M.

- A. Revisions to Policy 4.32, Head Start Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection and Enrollment.**

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 4.32, Head Start Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection and Enrollment to ensure that the policy is in alignment with the community assessment and expansion grant requirements.

- B. Revisions to Policy 7.04, Driving and Replacing District Vehicles.**

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the revisions to Policy 7.04, Driving and Replacing District Vehicles, to comply with the Executive Order of the President. The President, in Executive Order 13513, has directed each Federal agency that provides procurement contracts, grants and cooperative agreements to encourage contractors, subcontractors, recipients and sub recipients, to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving government vehicles or while driving personal vehicles while on government business. The effective date of the Rule is March 10, 2010.

IX. Other Business

- A. Board Members' Comments/Reports**

Mr. Chilmonik: thanked Mr. Teuber for arranging a workshop on the Sunshine Law; suggested that time be set aside at an upcoming Board workshop to discuss/exchange ideas regarding budget reductions; requested that information/data be shared with the Board regarding "on time" buses; reiterated his suggestion for an audit of the Procurement Department; acknowledged speakers Bill Radford and Willie Green; observed that accountability required of teachers should also be applied from the top of the organization on down.

Mrs. Dozier: congratulated Steve Frank for being selected as Lee County's 2010 Teacher of the Year; announced that the 2010 Legislative Session convened on March 2nd and that the District will from time to time issue a "Call to Action" urging all stakeholders to contact legislators regarding proposed bills that would be detrimental to public education; acknowledged speakers Bill Radford, Adam Cogan, and Willie Green; stated that she looks forward to receiving the Transportation audit report.

Dr. Kuckel: acknowledged accomplishments of District schools – Dunbar High School for being named a Magnet School of Distinction, Estero High School for being approved as a Cambridge International Center, Lehigh Acres Middle School for a successful fundraiser for diabetes, Fort Myers High School Boys' Basketball team for winning the State Championship title, and all schools that rallied to provide assistance to Haiti.

Dr. Scricca: acknowledged speakers Bill Radford, Joe Lentini, and Willie Green.

Mr. Teuber: apologized for missing the February 23rd Board Meeting due to illness; announced the March 19th workshop at 10:00 A.M. on the Sunshine Law; acknowledged speakers Sue Jacobse and Willie Green.

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

C. Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Dr. Browder: announced that Principal Denise Phillips-Luster has been chosen as the Florida Principal of the Year; stated that there will always be late buses for a myriad of reasons; stated that reverting to school boundaries would be time consuming, costly, and detrimental to the education of the School District's students and that he is not willing to put the community through that ordeal.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- March 23, 2010, 2:30 p.m., School Board Special Meeting
- March 23, 2010, 2:30 p.m.*, School Board Briefing Meeting (**Immediately following School Board Special Meeting*)
- March 23, 2010, 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 March 9, 2010, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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