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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, March 9, 2010

Attending

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

Mr. Teuber called the Briefing Meeting of March 9, 2010, to order at 2:59 P.M.

A. Item(s) with Guests (*None*)

B. Board Members

1. Special Areas of Board Involvement / Reports

Mr. Chilmonik: reported that he attended the Edison Celebration of Art Event on March 5th and several fund-raiser running events; requested that Dr. Browder provide updates on an audit of the Purchasing Department, transportation matters, and relocation of LAMP; provided Dr. Browder with a packet of information he received regarding vending machines in the schools.

Mrs. Dozier: provided information related to legislative action and requested that stakeholders contact legislators regarding proposed bills that would be detrimental to education; informed the Board that she would be providing information she received at the Florida Learning First Alliance and the CSI meeting; requested that a date be set for the workshop on Roberts Rules of Order; requested that the Superintendent the City's request for changes to the SRO agreement; reported that she participated in the Read Across America event at four schools; reported that 75 schools participated in this year's Southwest Florida-Lee County Fair; mentioned the bug and butterfly gardens at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates.

Dr. Kuckel: reported that she attended the Celebration of Art Event on March 5th and the Dancing Classrooms event on Sunday, would attend the Golden Apple Social tomorrow night, and participated in the March 2nd Read Across America event at several schools; stated that she would support a tax on bottled water and Internet purchases.

Mr. Teuber: apologized for missing the last Briefing Meeting due to illness; announced that Wayne Blanton of the Florida School Boards Association would be coming to the District on March 19th to conduct a workshop on the Sunshine Law from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.; announced that he was a judge at last Thursday's Moot Court finals; reported that he attended the Sam Galloway Soup Kitchen event, the State basketball championships in Lakeland last Saturday, and visited Diplomat Elementary School last Friday; announced that he was recently appointed to the Calusa Nature Center Board of Trustees; asked if another Board Member would allow him to use his/her Lee in the Loop slot so that he could

prepare a piece on Adult Education; announced that he would be attending the FHSAA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Gainesville on April 25th and that he had an extra ticket if another Board Member wished to attend; announced that Charlotte County was conducting a superintendent search; stated that he would provide information on SB 6 to the members of the District Advisory Council at Wednesday night's meeting; thanked Mrs. Dozier for her efforts in connection with this year's Southwest Florida-Lee County Fair.

Dr. Scricca: reported that she attended a League of Women Voters Literacy Program event, the Edison Celebration of Art Event, the JROTC Military Ball, a Lehigh Community Services fundraiser, and would be attending a meeting on Monday regarding the planting of the oak tree seedling; complimented Mrs. Dozier and Dr. Browder for their recent letter to legislators; stated that the Construction Advisory Committee members planned to stimulate the student intern job shadowing program; announced that at last Wednesday's Equity & Diversity Advisory Committee (EDAC) meeting, the members voted unanimously against a return to neighborhood schools.

C. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. High School Grading System

Dr. Jones and Dr. Itzen reviewed information regarding the new high school grading system via a PowerPoint presentation (*a copy of which is on file with the official minutes*). Among the information they shared was the fact that the high school grade is now comprised of 50% (800 points possible) FCAT components (reading, math, writing, and science) and 50% (800 points possible) new high school components. The latter includes: graduation rate, acceleration (participation in advanced courses), college readiness, and growth or decline in each component

It was requested that a list of the industry certifications offered at each academy high school be shared with the Board.

2. Job Description for Teacher, Virtual Education (*Memo sent February 22, 2010*)

Dr. Browder referred to the job description for Teacher, Virtual Education included in the briefing packet. Mr. Al Shilling informed the Board that if they approve this [*which is scheduled to be brought forward at the March 23rd Board Meeting*], Lee County would be the first district to have a job description for this position.

D. Administrative/Support Services – Mr. Michael McNerney

1. Change Orders – February 2010

A packet containing the information was included in the meeting packets for the Board Members' information and review.

E. Business Services – Mrs. Greta Campbell / Dr. Ami Desamours

1. Legislative Budget Information

Dr. Desamours provided a handout regarding an update on the FY11 budget and outlining her presentation (*a copy of which is on file with the official minutes*). Of particular note were the following facts:

- The District's legislative lobbyist has confirmed that the worst case scenario could be a loss of 5% of FEFP, which equates to approximately \$28 million
- Information from the House reflects an early indication of a loss of 3% of FEFP, which equates to \$17 million
- Details regarding school allocations will be provided at the next briefing meeting
- This year's budget process also includes brainstorming about and preparation for what will be done once the stimulus money is no longer available

- Expenditures to meet the Class Size Amendment have amounted to more than \$15 billion to the State and more than \$500 million to the District

Dr. Browder added that money will need to be allocated within the FY11 budget for the Class Size Amendment.

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

G. Executive Services – Dr. James Browder

1. Renewal of Continuing Contract for Design Professionals (*Memo sent February 23, 2010-Respond to Questions*)
2. Contract with Lee County Sheriff's Office/Emergency Management Services (*Memo sent March 3, 2010-Respond to Questions*)

Dr. Browder referred to his memorandums regarding the above, February 23rd for the former and March 3rd for the latter, and told the Board that he would entertain any questions.

H. Public Comment (*None*)

I. Board Attorney's / Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Martin suggested that two hours be set aside for the workshop on Roberts Rules of Order and that this be the sole subject on the agenda; provided a *School Law Minute* on procurement and the practice of piggy-backing bids.

Dr. Browder congratulated Dunbar High School for being designated a Magnet School of Distinction and Fort Myers High School for winning the boys' basketball state championship; expressed appreciation to the schools at which he participated in Read Across America for the pictures and thank you notes he has received; informed the Board that school start times will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting; responded to earlier questions regarding the relocation of LAMP; stated that the District's Internal Audit Department is working on something in the Procurement area; stated that 98% of school buses are on time and that late runs are attributable to a myriad of reasons, including accidents, road construction, and seasonal traffic; stated that he would remind principals of the vending machine guidelines; stated that he would like to see a tax on bottled water go toward educational funding; stated that one of the concerns surrounding SB 6 is the perceived negative impact it could potentially have on relationships that exist between school districts and their bargaining units.

Dr. Scricca adjourned the March 9, 2010, Briefing Meeting at 4:30 P.M.

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

ATTEST:

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

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