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*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, March 23, 2010**

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**Attending**

Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Chairman	Mr. Michael McNERney, Acting Superintendent/Secretary
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Vice Chairman	Mr. Keith B. Martin, Board Attorney
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Member	
Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member ( <i>via telephone</i> )	
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Member	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, March 23, 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.

Mr. Teuber announced that Mrs. Dozier is in Tallahassee on School Board business and would be participating in this evening's meeting via telephone.

*Motion by Mr. Chilmonik, seconded by Dr. Scricca, 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 LTC Alana Dent, Cadet CSM Josefa Moody, Cadet 2<sup>nd</sup> LT. Ciara Roseberry, and Cadet 1SG Luisa Duarte of Cypress Lake High School JROTC
- Sergeant First Class William Roseberry, JRTOC Army Instructor

**II. Special Presentations**

**A. Recognitions**

1. American Heart Association Start! Fit-Friendly Company (*Dr. Kuckel*)
  - Lisa Brown, Coordinator, Employee Wellness Program
2. 2010 Magnet School of Distinction (*Dr. Kuckel*)
  - Dunbar High School
3. Florida High School Athletic Association Class 4A State Basketball Championship (*Dr. Kuckel*)  
Fort Myers High School Boys' Basketball Team

**B. Resolutions**1. Sweet Charity Day: March 31, 2010

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming March 31, 2010, as Sweet Charity Day.*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the musical Sweet Charity was presented at Cypress Lake High School from November 19-22, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 2,000 people attended the four productions, among them highly respected adjudicators from around the state; and

**WHEREAS** these adjudicators chose Sweet Charity as the only public high school musical in Southwest Florida to view in addition to 48 other high school musicals in Florida; and

**WHEREAS** three of those musicals were chosen to be performed at the Florida State Thespian Festival in Tampa, among them Sweet Charity; and

**WHEREAS** Sweet Charity's cast members will have the opportunity to showcase their talent before nearly 3,000 Festival attendees on April 9, 2010; and

**WHEREAS** Sweet Charity is the first musical from Southwest Florida to be selected for this prestigious honor in over ten years; and

**WHEREAS** as a fundraiser and practice rehearsal on a large stage, Sweet Charity will be performed at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on the evening of Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** this production will be the only high school production of a complete musical show at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in over 20 years;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, in recognition and support of all those involved in this undertaking hereby proclaims March 31, 2010, as

**SWEET CHARITY DAY**

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

## 2. School Library Media Month: April 2010

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming April 2010 as School Library Media Month.*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, school library media programs significantly contribute to student achievement by providing instructional support resources and services; and

**WHEREAS**, school library programs promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading; and

**WHEREAS**, learning to become effective users of information and ideas is essential as Florida's youth prepare for a future characterized by change; and

**WHEREAS**, school library media centers provide access to information within the school, in addition to physical and virtual resources outside the school; and

**WHEREAS**, promoting competencies in using new and emerging technologies is an integral part of school library media programs; and

**WHEREAS**, school library media specialists are instructional partners and consultants in the teaching and learning process; and

**WHEREAS**, school library media programs are an important asset in the education of the youth of the state;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, in collaboration with the American Association of School Librarians, hereby proclaims the month of April 2010 as

**SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA MONTH**

*"Communities Thrive @ Your Library®"*

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

## 3. Children's Week: April 11-16, 2010

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming April 11-16, 2010 as Children’s Week.*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The School District of Lee County Early Childhood Learning Services, in conjunction with Comcast and the Florida State Legislature, is celebrating Children’s Week from April 11–16, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the research on brain development indicates that stimulating and nurturing environments during a child’s first five years of life are critical to long term development and school readiness; and

**WHEREAS**, calling attention to the need for high quality early education and care programs for all young children within our community will help to improve the quality of such services; and

**WHEREAS**, local organizations including The School District of Lee County are working to improve early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs, that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Lee County; and

**WHEREAS**, public policies and adequate funding that support early learning for all young children are crucial to the futures of young children;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims the week of April 11–16, 2010, as

**CHILDREN’S WEEK**

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

4. Administrative Professionals Week®: April 18-24, 2010

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming April 18-24, 2010 as Administrative Professionals Week®.*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, National Secretaries Week®, was created in 1952 to honor and recognize secretaries for their contributions to the workplace and to attract people to secretarial careers; and

**WHEREAS**, the title of the annual observance was changed to Administrative Professionals Week® in 2000 to recognize and acknowledge that the role of the office professional had evolved significantly since 1952 and to encompass the expanding responsibilities and wide-ranging job titles of administrative support staff; and

**WHEREAS**, administrative professionals are responsible for administrative tasks and the coordination of information in support of an office-related environment; and

**WHEREAS**, administrative professionals are dedicated to furthering their personal and professional growth in their chosen profession; and

**WHEREAS**, administrative professionals contribute daily to the smooth operation of the Lee County School District and the education of its students; and

**WHEREAS**, the increasing value and contributions of administrative professionals are recognized and appreciated by the School Board, District Administrators, and other staff members;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, wishing to celebrate the work of administrative professionals throughout the School District, hereby proclaims the week of April 18-24, 2010, as

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK®**

*“Power of Commitment”*

Adopted at a regular meeting of The School Board of Lee County, Florida  
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**C. Acknowledgement** (*Kacie Phillips, Cypress Lake High School*)

Character Word for April: Integrity – Adhering steadfastly to a personal sense of honorable and ethical behavior.

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

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

**III. Public Comment**

Speakers and the topics they addressed:

*Don Armstrong:* Florida Statute 1012.796

*John Traube:* Sunshine Law

*Bill Radford:* school grades, block scheduling, continuous improvement

*Karen Taylor:* previous issues concerning her son and herself

*Allison David:* school assignment issues, “flight” numbers

*Donna Mutzenard:* Virtual Rally scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2010

*Sue Jacobse:* school choice, Bonita Springs Middle and Estero High

Mr. Teuber stated that the school assignment process will be addressed during an upcoming workshop; encouraged everyone to participate in the March 25<sup>th</sup> Virtual Rally; addressed the recognitions and resolutions presented earlier in the meeting.

**IV. Consent Action Items**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, 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:
  - March 9, 2010, School Board Special Meeting
  - March 9, 2010, School Board Briefing Meeting
  - March 9, 2010, School Board Action Meeting

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

1. Approval of the Addendum to the Health Care Affiliation Agreement with Fawcett Memorial Hospital. There is no cost to the District for this Agreement.
2. Approval of the School Advisory Council Membership list from Bayshore Elementary School.
3. Approval of the new contract for Occupational Therapist Donna M. Ladd, and authorize the expenditure of an estimated total cost of \$19,666 effective March 24, 2010 through June 30, 2010.
4. Approval of AP Test materials at a cost of \$557,452 because of the increase in tests being administered.
5. Approval of five grant proposals at no additional cost to the District. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute related documents, and to approve normal and customary accounting, bookkeeping, and payroll processes to maintain continuity of federal and state grant expenditures during fiscal year changes and other technical transitions. Any processes so approved by the Superintendent will represent best practices, and will conform to funding agency regulations.

**C. Administrative Services – Mr. Michael McNerney**

1. Approval of the Interlocal Agreement with The Lee County Sheriff's Office for the vulnerability assessments and training for March 24, 2010 to January 1, 2011, at a cost of \$50,000.
2. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Fund Accounts at Colonial Elementary, and Diplomat Elementary with two signatures required on these accounts, one of which must be administrative; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.
3. Approval of the school bell times for 2010-2011 school year as presented.

**D. Business Services**

1. Approval of expenditures estimated at \$22,955 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 February 28, 2010.
3. Approval of the Budget Amendment dated February 28, 2010 to amend the 2009-10 annual school budget.
4. Approval of the anticipated expenditure of \$300,000 for State Contract 600-760-07-1 for mail processing equipment awarded to Modular Mailing Systems and Pitney Bowes through February 20, 2011 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
5. Approval of the purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$156,202.43; and authorization for the issuance of the fourteen (14) purchase orders as described.

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

1. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including administrative, certificated, support and substitute staff, out-of-field appointments.
2. Approval of the job description for the position for Virtual Education Teacher.

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

1. Approval of the total project cost of \$500,000.00 for the Cape Coral Elementary School Renovations 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. Renewal of Interlocal Agreement with the Lee County Clerk of Courts for Auditing Services.**

*Motion by Mr. Chilmonik, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve renewing the Interlocal Agreement with the Lee County Clerk of Courts to provide auditing services for the period from March 24, 2010 until March 23, 2011.*

**C. Renew Bid No. B086662VR – Computer Hardware, Software, Peripherals, Audio Visual Equipment, and Accessories.**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca and seconded by Mr. Chilmonik to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve renewing Bid No. B086662VR for computer hardware, software, peripherals, audio visual equipment, and accessories to the remaining twenty-four vendors for the period of April 22, 2010 through April 21, 2011 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$10,000,000; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.*

Mr. Chilmonik stated that he would not be supporting this recommendation and suggested that the District investigate ways to extend the life of current equipment as a means to conserve money.

*Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Chilmonik casting the vote in opposition to the Motion.*

**D. Acceptance of Florida Power & Light Energy Performance Improvements Phase II.**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board accept the Florida Power & Light Energy Performance Improvements and final payment of \$588,463 to Florida Power & Light; 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**

Mr. Chilmonik: expressed interest in developing "flight" numbers (as suggested by Allison David) to track student movement within the District; congratulated the Fort Myers High School boys' basketball team; referred to a recent article in the *News-Press* regarding a decline in land values and suggested that the District investigate ways to use property it currently owns to generate income; opined that matters should be conducted at the Board table to ensure public discussion.

Mrs. Dozier: none.

Dr. Kuckel: mentioned some recent accomplishments within the School District – Denise Phillips-Luster selected as the Florida Principal of the Year; Cape Coral High School earned the distinction of Best Large Delegation at the Model UN Conference; teachers chosen as this year's Golden Apple recipients; service learning project at South Fort Myers High School; March 31<sup>st</sup> production of Sweet Charity; Estero High School named a Cambridge International Center; South Fort Myers High School's fire fighting academy; student recipients of this year's Carson Scholarships.

Dr. Scricca: requested that those who address the Board with criticisms also suggest possible solutions for the alleged "deficits"; stated that she attended the Memorial Service

for former Cape Coral Commissioner Bob Janes; stated that she read scholarship applications submitted to the Fort Myers Rotary Club and was very proud of those submitted by District students.

Mr. Teuber: expressed appreciation to local service organizations that support the District's schools and provide enrichment opportunities for teachers and students.

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

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

Mr. McNerney: provided background information on the School District's land bank and the role of the Site Selection Committee; expressed his delight at having his picture taken with the Fort Myers High School boys' basketball team.

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

- April 20, 2010, 2:30 P.M.\*, School Board Briefing Meeting (\*Immediately following Student Hearings)
- April 20, 2010, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

**X. Adjournment**

*Motion* by Mr. Chilmonik, *seconded* by Dr. Scricca, and *carried 5-0* to adjourn the March 23, 2010, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

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

ATTEST:

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**Michael McNerney**, Acting Superintendent/Secretary

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