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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 23, 2010**

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**Attending**

Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Chairman	Mr. Michael Mc Nerney, Acting Superintendent/Secretary
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 March 23, 2010, to order at 2:47 P.M. Mr. Michael Mc Nerney, the District's Chief Administrative Officer, was present on Dr. Browder's behalf as Acting Superintendent/Secretary.

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

1. Board Advisory Committee Chair Reports

Representatives from the five Board Advisory Committees delivered an update on their respective committee's activities:

Finance Advisory Committee – David Hall, Chairman (*report submitted*)

District Advisory Committee – Andy Erickson (*handout provided*)

Mr. Teuber distributed a memorandum explaining that the March 29, 2010, workshop to discuss calendar issues was being canceled, due to schedule conflicts, and would be rescheduled for another time.

Curriculum Advisory Committee – Patti Lochner, Chairman (*handout provided*)

Continuous Systemic Improvement Advisory Committee – Todd Rinehart could not attend the meeting but his report was presented in his absence (*handout provided*)

Construction Advisory Committee – Trish Leonard could not attend the meeting but her report was presented in her absence (*handout provided*)

**B. Board Members**

1. Special Areas of Board Involvement / Reports

Mr. Chilmonik: attended the Opening Ceremony of the Lehigh Spring Festival on March 19<sup>th</sup>; competed in a Rotary 4-mile run on March 20<sup>th</sup>; opined that last Friday's workshop on the Sunshine Law was informative.

Dr. Kuckel: reported that she attended the Golden Apple Social; requested that Mr. Bob Cerra, of Cerra Consulting Group and the School District's legislative lobbyist, be invited to the next briefing meeting to provide information regarding proposed legislation and to suggest how and when contact with legislators should be initiated; suggested that a formal plan be developed to communicate with parents and other community members regarding proposed legislation and how it would impact the School District.

Mr. Teuber: stated that he would work with Mrs. Dozier and Mr. Cerra to issue a weekly update on legislative matters; thanked FSBA for presenting information on the Sunshine

Law at last week's workshop; mentioned that the Learning for Life and Uncommon Friends annual banquets are approaching; announced that the Cape Coral Bar Association would be donating \$500 to the Cape Coral Do The Right Thing program and asked Dr. Scricca to be there to represent the School Board.

Dr. Scricca: reported that she attended the Golden Apple Social, the Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting, the Lehigh Spring Festival Opening Ceremony, and the Memorial Service for former Cape Coral Commissioner Bob Janes; announced that there will be an Arbor Day ceremony at the Lee County Public Education Center on April 30<sup>th</sup> to plant the oak tree seedling but that, due to the cold weather, the ceremony at the schools would probably not take place until next year; requested that a presentation regarding the technology programs at Dunbar High School be scheduled for an upcoming Board meeting; announced that this year's Pride & Patriotism event is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

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

1. New Math Standards & Textbook Adoption for FY11

Ms. Sharon Vandeventer, Mathematics Coordinator, and Ms. Patti Elkin, Assistant Director for Staff Development, presented information on the new math standards and textbook adoption for FY11. (*A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file with the official minutes.*)

Among the information shared was the fact that under the New Generation Sunshine State Standards, the benchmarks for grades K-8 have been greatly reduced while the benchmarks for grades 9-12 have increased; and the implementation schedule for the new elementary and middle school math standards indicates that the final phase will occur during the 2010-2011 school year. Also addressed during the presentation were the textbook adoption timeline and the textbook adoption process.

**D. Administrative/Support Services – Mr. Michael McNerney (*None*)**

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

1. School Allocations

Dr. Ami Desamours, Executive Director of Budget, provided an update on FY11 school allocations. She explained that the target date to release school allocations is this Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Desamours explained that two processes will be used to finalize school allocations: the Budget Choice Personnel Committee and the Budget Committee. She added that the strategy for FY11 is to maintain, as much as possible, the current allocations, while taking advantage of previous year cost-cutting strategies with recurring effects. Dr. Desamours outlined some of the assumptions upon which the school allocations for FY11 would be based.

Dr. Desamours distributed a handout containing information on class size legislation, a copy of which is on file with the official minutes. She briefly reviewed the information, including a comparison of the House and Senate proposals.

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

**G. Executive Services – Mr. Michael McNerney for Dr. James Browder**

1. School Bell Times (*Memo sent March 12, 2010-Respond to Questions*)

Board Members had no questions regarding the proposed school bell times as outlined in the March 12<sup>th</sup> memorandum.

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

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

**Mr. Martin** provided a *School Law Minute* on procurement and the competitive bidding exceptions.

**Mr. McNerney** (*None*)

Dr. Scricca adjourned the March 23, 2010, Briefing Meeting at 4:15 P.M.

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

ATTEST:

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**Michael McNerney**, Acting Superintendent/Secretary

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