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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, April 20, 2010**

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**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

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**I. Opening Exercises**

**A. Call to Order**

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, April 20, 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 6:00 P.M.

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, 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 Major Lucero Maldonado, Estero High School JROTC
- Lieutenant Colonel Teresa Galgano, JRTOC Senior Army Instructor

**II. Special Presentations**

**A. Recognitions**

1. 2009 National Board Certified Teachers (Mrs. Dozier)
  - Fifteen Lee County School District Teachers
2. Model United National Conference: Best Large Delegation (Dr. Kuckel)
  - Twenty-one Model United Nations Club Members from Cape Coral High School

**B. Resolutions**

1. Teacher / Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week: May 3-7, 2010

*Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the week of May 3-7, 2010, as Teacher / Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week.*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 5,000 instructional employees in the Lee County School District who are strongly committed to a quality education for our students; and

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 950 substitute teachers on call throughout the year who also make meaningful contributions daily to the educational development of our youth as they substitute for classroom teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of teachers and substitute teachers are immeasurable, helping form the framework for lifelong learning in all students; and

**WHEREAS**, these educators fill the roles of listeners, explorers, motivators, role models, and mentors to our youth as they strive to keep American democracy alive by laying the basic foundation for good citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers impact the lives of their students throughout their school years and continue to influence them when those school days become memories; and

**WHEREAS**, all students, parents, and community members are encouraged to recognize the value of teachers and are urged to pay special tribute to them every day;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims the week of May 3-7, 2010, as

**TEACHER / SUBSTITUTE TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

Adopted at a regular meeting of The School Board of Lee County, Florida

This Twentieth day of April 2010

- 2. Earth Day: April 22, 2010

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming April 22, 2010 as Earth Day.*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day was established to encourage people around the globe to recommit to the goals of a healthy environment and a peaceful, just, and sustainable world; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vitally important to be committed to the preservation and stewardship of our natural landscape, open space, and sensitive environmental areas; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of each of us to preserve and protect our environment for the future of human, animal, and plant life; and

**WHEREAS**, we must provide leadership for our youth, tap talent of our community, and engage the hearts and minds of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress designated April 22<sup>nd</sup> each year as Earth Day to be set aside as a special time to concentrate on environmental awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, other nations throughout the world have also designated this same day for environmental awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, students and teachers in Lee County will be celebrating Earth Day with specially designed activities in reading, writing, science, and social studies; and

**WHEREAS**, our local theme for Earth Day this year is *Earth-Lee Connections*; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous local individuals and organizations are partnering with The School District of Lee County to provide meaningful experiences for students; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating Earth Day affords our community an opportunity to become aware of the richness and vitality of our planet;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims April 22, 2010, as

**EARTH DAY**

*“Earth-Lee Connections”*

Adopted at a regular meeting of The School Board of Lee County, Florida

This Twentieth day of April 2010

- 3. National Military Appreciation Month: May 2010

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the month of May 2010 as National Military Appreciation Month.*

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, National Military Appreciation Month was established to honor and pay tribute to all who have served in dedication to the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the freedom and security that citizens of the United States enjoy today are direct results of the vigilance of the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, service in the Armed Forces entails special hazards and demands extraordinary sacrifices from service members and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the support of the families of service members enhances the effectiveness and capabilities of the Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, it is proper to recognize and honor the dedication and commitment of members of the Armed Forces, and to show appreciation for all contributions made by such members for the protection and safety of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vitally important for our youth to understand that the service provided by members of the Armed Forces has secured and protected the freedoms that we enjoy today; and

**WHEREAS**, the relevance of the history and activities of the military must be made more apparent to present and future generations of the people of the United States through local, state, and national patriotic observances and ongoing activities; and

**WHEREAS**, all governmental agencies have the responsibility to raise awareness of and respect for our national heritage and to encourage citizens to dedicate themselves to the values and principles for which those military heroes of the United States served and are serving;

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

**NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH**

Adopted at a regular meeting of The School Board of Lee County, Florida

This Twentieth day of April 2010

**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:* taxpayer dollars; conducting business openly

*Bill Radford:* test scores; block scheduling

*Don Armstrong:* names of realtors involved in District land purchases; town hall meetings

*Donna Mutzenard:* expressed appreciation for the Teacher/Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week Resolution

*Mark Castellano:* thanked all those who rallied and contacted the Governor to express opposition to Senate Bill 6

Mr. Teuber addressed comments made by speakers; requested that Board Briefing Meetings be televised more frequently to afford members of the public additional opportunities to observe the work of the Board and Superintendent.

**IV. Consent Action Items**

*Motion by Dr. Kuckel, 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 Student Hearings
  - March 19, 2010, School Board Workshop
  - March 19, 2010, School Board Special Meeting
  - March 23, 2010, School Board Special Meeting
  - March 23, 2010, School Board Briefing Meeting
  - March 23, 2010, School Board Action Meeting
2. Approval of the following change: appointment of Sean Kelley to the Curriculum Advisory Committee, effective April 20, 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 of the Head Start/Early Head Start Program Self-Assessment with no fiscal impact to the District.
2. Approval to renew the Dental Contracts with Barkley Circle Dental Health, Dr. Oliver Favalli and Family Health Center of Southwest Florida to provide dental exams and treatment for children enrolled in Head Start, Early Head Start and Migrant Early Childhood programs for the period August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011 at a cost of \$70,100.
3. Approval to renew the contract with Apple Annie's Day Care dependent upon Federal Head Start appropriations. 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 during the period of August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011 and will not exceed \$85,925.
4. Approval of the contract with the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County for a Summer School Driver Education Program, for the period of June 17, 2010 to July 16, 2010 for a total cost not to exceed \$89,999.36.
5. Approval of the Implementation Agreement with the AVID Center to provide membership, training resource curriculum and teacher professional development for Lehigh Senior High School, Varsity Lakes Middle School, Lehigh Acres Middle School, Gulf Middle School, Dunbar High School, Island Coast High School, Gulf Middle School, Mariner Middle School, East Lee County High School, Veterans Park Academy for the Arts, Mariner High School, Cape Coral High School and Riverdale High School at a cost not to exceed \$133,240.95; and to allow the continuation of AVID funded through the Florida Partnership/Collegeboard grant program for South Ft. Myers High School, Lexington Middle School and Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for FY 10-11, at a cost to the District of \$133,240.95; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all related documents.

6. Approval to submit an MSAP grant application under the Magnet Schools Assistance Program in the approximate amount of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) to support a three-year magnet program at East Lee County High School, Lehigh Acres Middle School, and Fort Myers Middle Academy, and if the District is awarded MSAP funds, implementation of the magnet programs at these three schools.
7. Approval of these 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.
8. Approval of consultant expenditures for Kagan Publishing and Professional Development to provide three (3) Summer Institute workshops in June at a cost not to exceed \$54,010 for a total expenditure of \$76,410 from Staff Development funds.

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

1. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Fund Accounts at Veterans Park Academy for the Arts, Fort Myers Middle Academy, Heights Elementary, and Tropic Isles Elementary with two signatures required on these accounts, one of which must be administrative; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.

**D. Business Services**

1. Approval of expenditures estimated at \$15,640 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 to remove from the Official Property Records, 933 items listed on the attached reported titled Property Records Asset Retirement by Bar Code/Tag Number.
3. Approval of Bid No.B106856JM for paper products for District Warehouse Operations to be awarded to: (1) Cheney Brother Inc. item 9 for DWO delivery, (2) Dade Paper and Bag Company items 5 & 10 for DWO delivery and items 5, 7, & 10 for school delivery, (3) Peninsular Paper Co., Inc. items 2, 3, 4 & 7 for DWO delivery and items 2, 3 & 4 for school delivery and Pyramid II Janitorial Supplies & Equipment items 1, 6, 8 & 11 for DWO delivery and items 1, 6, 8, 9 & 11 for school delivery for the period of April 20, 2010 through April 19, 2011, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$350,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
4. Approval to award Bid No. B106864LO for replacement of nine air handlers at Edison Park Elementary to Nemeth Air Conditioning, Inc. having the lowest response and meeting specifications for a total price of \$53,300, and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
5. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. B086652JM for International Harvester OEM parts awarded to Wallace International Trucks, Inc., through June 2, 2010, by \$100,000 making a total annual estimated expenditure of \$550,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
6. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. B086667SW for underground water and electrical line repair/replacement related to irrigation to Shaw

- Irrigation, LLC by \$30,000 making a total estimated annual expenditure of \$230,000 through June 1, 2010 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
7. Approval to increase the estimated annual expenditure for State Contract No. 640-002-06-1 for paper: tissues and towels through July 31, 2010, by \$100,000 making a total annual estimated expenditure of \$200,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
  8. Approval to piggy-back Charlotte County Schools Bid No. 09/10-722 for the purchase of doors, frames and related hardware awarded to Stanton Door Company through March 8, 2011 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$75,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
  9. Approval to piggy-back Manatee County Schools Bid No. 10-0039-MR for the purchase of locksmith parts and accessories awarded to Southern Lock and Supply through April 19, 2011 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$100,000 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.
  10. Approval to piggy-back State Contract No. 425-001-06-1 for Office Furniture and Files, awarded to various vendors through March 1, 2011, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$200,000.00 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
  11. Approval of the purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$94,566.54; and authorization for the issuance of the twenty-one (21) purchase orders as described.
  12. Approval to renew Bid No. B086624LO for outdoor security lighting replacement on an as-needed basis District-wide to multiple vendors for the period of May 6, 2010 through May 5, 2011, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$25,000 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
  13. Approval to renew Bid No. B086666LO for waste removal (grease traps, sewer plants, lift stations and septic tanks) on an as-needed basis District-wide to Crews Environmental for the period of May 6, 2010 through May 5, 2011, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$75,000 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
  14. Approval to renew Bid No. B096772LO for wastewater and reverse osmosis water treatment plant operation at Alva Middle School and wastewater treatment plant operation at Mariner High School to Thompson Environmental for the period of April 21, 2010 through April 20, 2011 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$100,000 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
  15. Approval to renew RFQ No. R086645SW for tree trimming and removal services to Ecosystems Technologies, Inc. and Gulf Lawn Services, Inc. for the final renewal period of May 4, 2010 through May 3, 2011 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$250,000 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all 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, annual reappointments, corrections to items previously approved by the Board.

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

1. Approval to award Bid #CS276 for Mirror Lakes Elementary School Front Entry and Painting Project to Lodge Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$349,662.00 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
2. Approval to accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Cape Coral High School Addition/Renovation Project dated August 7, 2009 and final payment in the amount of \$161,361.25 to Kraft Construction Company, Inc. and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
3. Approval to accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Pelican Elementary Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Upgrade Project dated September 9, 2009 and final payment in the amount \$116,709.67 to Kraft Construction Company, Inc. and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
4. Approval of the total project cost of \$400,000.00 for Mirror Lakes Elementary School Front Entry and Painting 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. Approve Piggy-back of Wichita, KS Public Schools RFP No. 08-44-685 for Education, Classroom, Miscellaneous Support Furniture, and Related Services.**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca and seconded by Dr. Kuckel to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve piggy-backing Wichita, KS Public Schools RFP No. 08-44-685 for education, classroom, miscellaneous support furniture, and related services awarded to Virco, Inc., through December 31, 2011 at an estimated expenditure of \$500,000; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all documents.*

Mr. Chilmonik stated that he could not support the recommendation because he feels that the District should make use of the items it currently owns.

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

**C. Award RFQ No. R106866LO – Microbial Remediation, Asbestos Abatement, Lead Abatement, and Certification in RRP.**

*Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve awarding RFQ No. R106866LO to American Management Resource Corp., FreshAire Solutions of SWFL, and Percon Abatement, Inc. as sole providers for microbial remediation, asbestos abatement and lead abatement at the negotiated unit pricing for an estimated annual expenditure of \$1,500,000 beginning April 20, 2010 through April 19, 2011; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.*

**D. Ranking of Consultants for Comprehensive Facilities Evaluation Project.**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the following ranking of consulting firms to provide services for Comprehensive Facilities Evaluation. (1) Reynolds, Smith & Hills, Inc., (2) Schenkel & Shultz, Inc., (3) Fletcher-Thompson Architecture Engineering, LLC; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents. In addition, in the event that negotiations with the top ranked firm are not successful, that the Board provide authorization to proceed with negotiation and execution of a contract according to the final ranking.*

**E. Award Bid No. B106854JM – Trash Can Liners for District Warehouse Operations.**

*Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve awarding Bid No. B106854JM for paper products for District Warehouse Operations to: (1) All American Poly for line item 2 for school delivery, (2) Calico Industries, Inc. for line items 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 & 9 for DWO delivery and line items 8 & 9 for school delivery, (3) Central Poly Corporation for line items 1, 5 & 10 for DWO delivery and line items 1 & 10 for school delivery, (4) LMC Day Mark Corporation for line item 5 for school delivery, (5) Grainger for line item 7 for school delivery, (6) Interboro Packaging Corp. for line item 6, BID A for school delivery and (7) Peninsular Paper Company, Inc. for line items 3 & 4 for school delivery for the period of April 20, 2010 through April 19, 2011, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$500,000; 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: addressed Mr. Armstrong's comments regarding realtors involved in land purchases and offered to share with him a recent memorandum issued by the Superintendent; stated that he looks forward to information regarding proposed cost-savings measures, especially in light of a possible tax increase.

Mrs. Dozier: expressed support for additional replays of Briefing Meetings so that the public may see how the Board and Superintendent workshop matters; commented that the number of students taking AP exams this year has increased 73.6% over last year; stated that the Academy for Technology Excellence and the Academy for Digital Excellence have enabled students to pass over 1,595 certification tests to date; stressed the importance of keeping current with technology needs; stated that engaging in performance contracting has saved the District a great deal of money.

Dr. Kuckel: congratulated the Golden Apple teachers; thanked all who rallied in opposition to SB6; announced that a recent monitoring review of the District's Head Start and Early Head Start programs revealed compliance in all areas and no need for any corrective action; highlighted some recent student/school accomplishments.

Dr. Scricca: stated that the Board engages in discussions about current and upcoming issues at its Briefing Meetings; suggested that Briefing Meetings be renamed "Work Sessions" to better identify their purpose; observed that Board Members receive Board meeting agendas a week in advance, providing them an opportunity to review and request additional information or clarification on items on which they will be voting.

Mr. Teuber: (None)

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

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

Dr. Browder: congratulated this year's Golden Apple recipients; stated that briefing and action meetings are available on the District's website for viewing but that he would request that the meetings be televised more frequently on the District's educational channel; stated that he looks forward to further discussions regarding the FY2011 budget during the next several weeks.

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

- May 4, 2010, 2:30 P.M.\*, School Board Briefing Meeting (*\*Immediately following Student Hearings and/or a Special Board Meeting, if scheduled*)
- May 4, 2010, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

**X. Adjournment**

*Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 5-0 to adjourn the April 20, 2010, School Board Meeting.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

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

ATTEST:

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

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