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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, May 4, 2010

Attending

Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Chairman Superintendent <i>(arrived at 2:50 P.M.)</i>	Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Vice Chairman	Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Member	

Dr. Scricca called the Briefing Meeting of May 4, 2010, to order at 2:36 P.M.

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

B. Board Members

1. Special Areas of Board Involvement / Reports

Mr. Chilmonik: announced that he attended the Cape Coral Mayor's Annual Awards Banquet and the Law Week Awards Luncheon.

Dr. Scricca: announced that she attended the following events: Sons of the American Revolution JROTC Awards Ceremony, dedication of the Community Forest at Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Littleton Elementary School, Cape Coral Mayor's Annual Awards Banquet, League of Women Voters meeting, IB Authorization Visit at Lexington Middle School, Law Week Awards Luncheon, Take Stock in Children Graduation Luncheon; added that she would be speaking at the Ladies Club at Dr. Carrie D. Robinson Littleton Elementary School next month.

C. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Update / Laying the Foundation Training

Mrs. Patti Elkin (Assistant Director for Curriculum, Quality, and Staff Development) provided an update on the Laying the Foundation Program, which is designed to increase the number of students taking and receiving credit on Advanced Placement and other college-level exams. As part of her PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file with the official minutes, she reviewed the goals of the program, what the program provides, the District's implementation to date, comments teachers have made about the program, and information on the summer institutes. Mrs. Elkin added that a future goal is to train District teachers to ultimately take on the role of Laying the Foundation trainers.

D. Administrative/Support Services – Mr. Michael McNerney

1. Change Orders – April 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. Budget Update FY11

Dr. Ami Desamours (Executive Director of Budget) reviewed the latest update on the FY11 budget released by the legislature. She explained that there are three possible scenarios as it goes to the Governor: the Governor could veto the conforming bill, which would not affect the budget; the Governor could veto the entire budget, which would require that the legislature go into special session; or the Governor could accept the proposed budget in its entirety. She added that all three scenarios are being considered so that the District can plan its resources accordingly. Dr. Desamours stated that the Budget Committee is also working on a communications plan to disseminate information to all stockholders.

Dr. Browder stated that he is still concerned about the class size initiative and the possible negative effect it could have on the District as budget planning continues. He added that he hoped everything would be finalized in the legislature so that he could bring information to the Board at the May 18th briefing meeting.

F. Human Resources – Dr. Greg Adkins (*None*)**G. Executive Services – Dr. James Browder**

1. Update / Legislation

Dr. Browder distributed two documents (on file with the official minutes) and briefly highlighted some bills concerning education, among them: HB 0105, Relating to Civics Education; SB 0206, Relating to District School Board Policies and Procedures; SB 1058, Relating to Cooperation Between Schools & Juvenile Authorities; HB 1505, Relating to John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program. He encouraged the Board Members to contact him with any questions once they had had an opportunity to review all of the information.

2. Update / TransPar Audit

Dr. Browder explained that the TransPar team gathered a variety of information when they met with District staff. He added that once the report is finalized, the group would present it to the Board. Mr. Chilmonik suggested some things to address: average bus occupancy, number of students being transported, number of bus stops, and length of bus rides.

Dr. Browder briefed the Board on Project Lead the Way® (PLTW) and an agreement that he would like to enter into whereby the organization would provide membership, training resource curriculum, and teacher professional development for Mariner High School's Biomedical Career Academy. He explained that he plans to bring a recommendation to the May 18th Board Meeting; however, in order to move forward in a timely fashion to allow teachers to register for training during the summer, PLTW is requiring a signed agreement at this time. Dr. Browder requested and received Board consensus to sign the agreement indicating that his signature to proceed was contingent upon Board approval. He added that no funds would be expended prior to the Board's approval.

Dr. Browder informed that Board that while he was in Tallahassee last week, he met with Superintendents who are working with the Governor on the Race To The Top initiative. He stated that he had an opportunity to review the new Memorandum of Understanding and that the language has been moved around, making the document more reasonable and county friendly. Dr. Browder stated that he has discussed this with the bargaining units, and that he feels that the agreement will be a very positive one now. He added that he plans on bringing a document that explains what the District will be doing to the May 18th meeting.

H. Public Comment (*None*)

I. Board Attorney's / Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Martin provided a *School Law Minute* on procurement and the competitive solicitation process for commodities or services that exceed \$50,000.

Dr. Browder: stated that he was very proud that 32 of the District's students received scholarships at the Take Stock in Children luncheon; reminded the Board of the reception for the District's retirees scheduled for 5:00 this evening.

Dr. Scricca adjourned the May 4, 2010, Briefing Meeting at 3:41 P.M.

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

ATTEST:

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

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