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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, June 22, 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
Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member	Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

Dr. Scricca called the Briefing Meeting of June 22, 2010, to order at 3:00 P.M.

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

B. Board Members

1. Special Areas of Board Involvement / Reports

Mrs. Dozier: congratulated principals on the successful graduation ceremonies; stated that she attended the FSBA Spring Conference and was disheartened by news about legislative matters, especially the probability of another bill similar to SB6 being proposed; distributed a memorandum regarding the 2011 Legislative Platform (*copy on file with the official minutes*) and asked Board Members to contact Bob Cerra with suggestions, all of which will be discussed at the July 29th briefing meeting; thanked all District employees for working so hard during the year; congratulated the Superintendent on his recent evaluation.

Mr. Teuber: thanked Mr. Martin for the legislative summary he compiled; commended all of the schools on the recent graduation ceremonies.

Dr. Scricca: congratulated all on the successful graduations and thanked everyone for working so hard during the past school year.

C. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones (*None*)

D. Administrative/Support Services – Mr. Michael McNerney

1. Change Orders – May 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. Preliminary Budget for FY11

Dr. Ami Desamours (Executive Director of Budget) updated the Board on the FY11 budget using a PowerPoint presentation (*copy on file with the official minutes*). She explained and reviewed the three major issues with which the District needs to deal: class size, stimulus funding, and bargaining. Dr. Desamours stated that the preliminary FY2011 budget currently totals \$1.4 billion which includes: \$735.5 million/general fund; \$48.9 million/debt service; \$382.2 million/capital funds; \$83.6 million/federal funds; \$110.7

million/internal service; and \$41.6 million/food service. She outlined the next steps among which are the public hearing for the tentative budget on July 29th and the public hearing for the final budget on September 14th.

Following the discussion, Dr. Scricca requested that the Superintendent provide data regarding the financial stability of comparable school districts.

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

G. Executive Services – Dr. James Browder

1. Parent Guide and Code of Conduct for Students, Grades PreK-5

Dr. Browder noted that there were very few changes to this document and offered to answer any questions from the Board Members.

2. Parent Guide and Code of Conduct for Students, Grades 6-12

Dr. Browder reviewed the changes included in this year's document. Following discussion, the Board reached consensus that:

- Language be adjusted in the Student Dress Code section (*page 14*) to reflect that *jeans with holes, tears, etc. may not be worn if, in the principal's judgment, they cause a disruption to the school environment OR jeans with holes, tears, etc. may be worn if, in the principal's judgment, there is no disruption to the school environment.*
- Verbiage such as "disruptive" and "judgment" be added to the Student Dress Code section (*page 14*) in connection with adornments.
- Further discussion be scheduled at a future Board workshop regarding student use of personal electronics in classrooms and on school campuses (*page 23*).

In addition, Mrs. Dozier requested that discipline for the use of profanity directed toward a teacher or other staff member result in an automatic out-of-school suspension.

3. Revisions to the 2009-2012 ELL Plan

Dr. Browder offered to answer any questions from the Board Members.

4. 2010/11 Athletic Manual

During discussion, the Board reached consensus that all schools be provided with a CD of the *National Anthem* for use at sporting events, etc. when the song is not performed live.

Dr. Browder distributed a Project Update on the transportation audit (*copy on file with the official minutes*). He explained that there were five primary areas of review (safety, operations, customer service, cost control, and maintenance) and reviewed the preliminary findings as provided by the TransPar Group. He noted that the District is being cautioned to take time to carefully review the findings, rather than attempting a "quick fix." Dr. Browder estimated that the final report should be available to the District around mid-August, at which point time will be taken to investigate the findings and develop a plan to address each.

Dr. Scricca requested that another update regarding the audit be provided to the Board at the next briefing meeting on July 29th.

H. Public Comment (*None*)

I. Board Attorney's / Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Martin (*None*)

Dr. Browder had no further comments.

Dr. Scricca adjourned the June 22, 2010, Briefing Meeting at 4:36 P.M.

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

ATTEST:

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

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