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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, September 8, 2009

Attending

Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Vice Chair	Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Superintendent
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Member	Mr. Keith B. Martin, Board Attorney
Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member	
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Member	Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, in the School Board Meeting Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. Board Vice Chairman Steven Teuber presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Teuber acknowledged that Dr. Kuckel would not be attending the meeting, as she is out of town on family business.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 4-0 to adopt the agenda as the Order of Business.

B. Invocation (Dr. Scricca)

C. Presentation of Colors / Pledge of Allegiance (Mr. Chilmonik)

- Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Brittany Fones, South Fort Myers High School JROTC
- CSM(R) John Humphries, JRTOC Army Instructor

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

1. Health Occupations Students of America State Competition (*Mrs. Dozier*)
 - Jennilee Williams, Lee County High Tech Center North
 - Carmen Gonzalez, Lee County High Tech Center North
 - Shannon Rademacher, Lee County High Tech Center North

B. Resolutions

1. Constitution Day & Citizenship Day: September 17, 2009 (*Dr. Scricca*)

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 4-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming September 17, 2009, as Constitution Day & Citizenship Day.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1787, delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia signed one of the most enduring documents in history: the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, for more than 200 years the Constitution has provided our Nation with the resilience to survive trying times and the flexibility to correct past injustices; and

WHEREAS, at every turning point in our history, the letter and spirit of the Constitution have enabled us to reaffirm our union and expand the meaning of liberty; and

WHEREAS, our Constitution is the foundation of our liberty and guarantees our citizens the right and responsibility to choose leaders through free elections, thereby giving Americans the means to enact political change without resorting to violence, insurrection, or revolution; and

WHEREAS, the success of our Constitution is evidenced by the millions of people who have left their homelands over the past two centuries to become American citizens, and its influence can be measured by the number and vigor of new democracies being created across the globe; and

WHEREAS, along with the many gifts bestowed upon us by the Constitution comes the responsibility to be informed and engaged citizens who must take an active role in the civic life of our communities and our country; and

WHEREAS, on Constitution Day & Citizenship Day we will reaffirm our commitment to freedom, to ensuring that our history endures, and to instilling in America's next generation the values that make our country great;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims September 17, 2009, as

CONSTITUTION DAY & CITIZENSHIP DAY

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

This Eighth day of September 2009

C. Acknowledgement (*Mr. Chilmonik*)

Character Word for September: Tolerance – A fair and objective attitude toward those whose opinions, practices, race, religion, nationality, or the like differs from one’s own; freedom from bigotry.

D. Special Presentations to the Board (None)

E. Staff Presentation to the Board (None)

III. Public Comment

Speakers and the topics they addressed were as follows:

John Traube: President Obama’s speech

Kellie Elders: speakers at Board Meetings

Karen Taylor: treatment of ESE students

Joe Lentini: traffic problems at Challenger Middle School, especially with regard to signage

Sue Jacobse: expressed appreciation for the previously-approved budget

In response to Mr. Teuber’s request, Dr. Browder addressed Mr. Lentini’s concerns. He explained that signage in school zones is the responsibility of the City. He added that he would have someone meet Mr. Lentini at the school area tomorrow morning to monitor the observations made by Mr. Lentini. Mr. Teuber stated that he would also speak with City officials and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

IV. Consent Action Items

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, **seconded** by Dr. Scricca, and **carried 4-0** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. Executive Services – Dr. James W. Browder

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
 - August 11, 2009, School Board Student Hearings
 - August 25, 2009, School Board Briefing Meeting
 - August 25, 2009, School Board Action Meeting

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of the Addendum to the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida School Readiness 2009-2010 Provider Agreement approved by the Board on July 29, 2009, for the 2009-2010 program year, at no cost to the District, and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.
2. Approval of consultant expenditures for Mr. Bob Hoglund for professional development training services at a cost not to exceed \$38,000 plus estimated travel expenses of \$16,000 for fiscal year 2010.
3. Approval of the Revised Master In-service Plan for 2009-2010.
4. Approval of extension of the review timeline on charter applications through October 20, 2009, for five charter applications. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute related documents.

C. Administrative Services – Mr. Michael McNerney

1. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Fund Accounts at Manatee Elementary, Mariner High School, Bayshore Elementary, Tice Elementary, San Carlos Park Elementary, Curriculum and Staff Development Center, Alternative Learning Center West, Three Oaks Elementary, and Mirror Lakes 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 to remove from the Official Property Records, 101 items listed on the attached spreadsheet.
- ~~2. Approval to award Bid No. B096810SW for pressure washing to Florida Painters of Lee County, Inc. for item numbers 1,2,3,4, and 7; and to Mike Griffins Pressure Washing and Cleaning Services, Inc. for items numbers 5a., 5b., and 7, Inc. at an estimated annual expenditure of \$75,000 beginning September 8, 2009 through September 7, 2010, with renewal options for two additional one year periods upon the written agreement of the vendor and the Board; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents. Pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting.~~
3. Approval of purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$ 595,000.00; and authorization for the issuance of the eleven (11) purchase orders as described.
4. Approval to renew Bid No. B086711LO for HVAC repair service with Debon Air Mechanical, Inc., United Mechanical, Inc., and Air Mechanical Corp. for the renewal period through September 22, 2010 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$200,000; 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.

F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore

1. Approval to award a single source procurement to and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate with B&I Contractors, Inc. for chilled water storage tank repairs at Lehigh Senior High School in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
2. Approval to award Bid #CS263 for Trafalgar Middle School Metal Re-Roof to Crowther Roofing in the amount of \$555,600.00 plus an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for contingency, if required, at the District's discretion; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
3. Approval to award Bid #CS264 for Orangewood Elementary School Re-Roof to Advanced Roofing in the amount of \$27,930.00 plus an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
4. Approval to award Bid #CS265 for Transportation West Re-Roof to Advanced Roofing in the amount of \$37,390.00 plus an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for contingency, if required, at the District's discretion; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
5. Approval of the job description for the position of Project Manager for Fire/Safety, Construction Services.

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items (None)**VI. Superintendent's Recommendations****A. Good Cause (None)****B. 2010 Legislative Platform for The School District of Lee County.**

Motion by Mrs. Dozier and seconded by Mr. Chilmonik to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the 2010 Legislative Platform for The School District of Lee County.

It was noted that the last bullet under **Assist with Classroom Space Needs**, should read: *Reject any new proposals to shift capital property taxes into operations either in the required local effort or the discretionary local effort.*

Motion carried 4-0.

C. Adoption of a Reimbursement Resolution with Respect to a Future Issuance of Certificates of Participation as Qualified School Construction Bonds.

Motion by Mr. Chilmonik, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the Resolution enabling reimbursement of the School Board for the costs of projects from the proceeds of Qualified School Construction Bonds; 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: noted that Mr. Demming, Principal of Riverdale High School, was in the audience and congratulated him on his school's SAC scores; stated that he felt the decision regarding airing the speech made by President Obama needed to be made at the Board level rather than placing the responsibility with the teachers.

Motion by Mr. Chilmonik and seconded by Mr. Teuber to have the Board direct the Superintendent to plan the airing of President Obama's address to students on September 11, 2009, in all classrooms of the School District, while giving parents the opportunity to request their child be assigned to a different activity while the speech is being aired.

Mr. Teuber stated that he felt there were students who would have no other opportunity to view the President's speech other than in the classroom setting.

Mrs. Dozier stated that this went through the process and that she felt some parents might not send their children to school if a decision is made to air the speech.

Dr. Scricca stated that she agreed with the Superintendent's decision and was willing to let the matter play out, seeing how many teachers show the speech and how many students watch it.

Mr. Teuber stated that he would not support Mr. Chilmonik's motion since the District only found out about the speech last Wednesday.

Motion failed 1-3, with Mr. Teuber, Mrs. Dozier and Dr. Scricca casting the votes in opposition to the motion.

Mrs. Dozier: suggested that a letter be written to the Cape Coral City Council regarding the school signage around Challenger Middle School; requested that Dr. Browder share information with the Board regarding the "Race to the Top" initiative.

Dr. Scricca: acknowledged that plans are in place to deal with the H1N1 alleged pandemic situation at the school level but expressed concern regarding what was being done at the District level.

Mr. Teuber: stated that he had no additional comments.

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

Dr. Browder: stated that President Obama's speech would be made available to anyone who wanted to view it via the following means: placement in the Video Courier library for teachers to access on demand; as an addition to the District's instructional resource library; as a post to the District's website; and rebroadcast on the District's Comcast Cable channel (99) on Wednesday, September 9th at approximately 8:00 P.M.; on Thursday, September 10th at approximately 8:00 P.M.; on Friday, September 11th at 6:00 and 8:00 P.M.; and on Saturday, September 12th at 6:00 and 8:00 P.M.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- September 22, 2009, 2:30 P.M., School Board Briefing Meeting (*Immediately following a Special Board Meeting, if scheduled)
- September 22, 2009, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

X. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 4-0 to adjourn the September 8, 2009, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

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

ATTEST:

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

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