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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, October 6, 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
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Board Chair *(via telephone)*

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, October 6, 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 Dr. Kuckel's participation via telephone due to illness.

Dr. Browder provided justification for the addition of his Good Cause item. Mr. Teuber stated that as presiding officer he determined there is good cause to add the item to the agenda.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, 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 Theresa Quintana, Ida S. Baker High School JROTC
- Major (Retired) Gordon Rodell, Senior JRTOC Army Instructor

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

1. 2008-2009 Five-Star School Awards *(Dr. Scricca)*
 - Seventeen Lee County Schools

B. Resolutions

1. National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week: October 4-10, 2009 (*Mrs. Dozier*)

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming October 4-10, 2009, as National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, childhood bullying is a significant problem nationwide that can affect all children, including those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, bullying can elicit feelings of loneliness, sadness, fear, and depression; and

WHEREAS, bullying can cause school absenteeism, mental and physical stress, poor school performance, low self-esteem, and, in some cases, school violence; and

WHEREAS, statistics reveal that more than 160,000 children in the United States miss school each day as a result of being bullied, and approximately 3.2 million children are victims of bullying every year; and

WHEREAS, bullying is a community problem, requiring that students, teachers, parents, and other adults work together to create a climate that does not tolerate bullying; and

WHEREAS, when adults and children unite to reduce bullying, communities will see safer school environments with students achieving at their highest potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, in an effort to encourage the Lee County community to work together to raise awareness of the prevalence of bullying and the impact of bullying on all children, hereby proclaims October 4-10, 2009, as

NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK

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

This Sixth day of October 2009

2. National School Lunch Week: October 12-16, 2009 (*Mrs. Dozier*)

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming October 12-16, 2009, as National School Lunch Week.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program continues to play a vital role in shaping the health and nutrition patterns of Florida's children; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County School Lunch Program has been aggressive in the promotion and implementation of nutrition principles outlined in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County School Lunch Program purchases and promotes the increased consumption of high-quality, nutritious agricultural products from Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County School Lunch Program serves the children in Lee County schools by providing meals that enhance their readiness to learn and to succeed in school; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Food and Nutrition Services Department has implemented a county-wide Healthy Choices Program to fight the national adolescent obesity epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Food and Nutrition Services Department conducts a nutritional analysis of every item served in each reimbursable meal to ensure healthy eating habits; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County School Lunch Program served over **11 MILLION** meals during the 2008-2009 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Food Service Association, the Florida School Nutrition Association, and the School Nutrition Association collaborate with other organizations dedicated to the educational success of America's children by creating public awareness of the impact of hunger on a child's ability to learn;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims the week of October 12-16, 2009, as

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK
“All-Star School Lunch”

Adopted at a regular meeting of The School Board of Lee County, Florida
This Sixth day of October 2009

3. National School Bus Safety Week: October 19-23, 2009 (*Mrs. Dozier*)

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming October 19-23, 2009, as National School Bus Safety Week.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The School District of Lee County has over 608 school buses in service, transporting more than 45,000 children each day; and

WHEREAS, school transportation personnel accomplish one of the most important jobs in the educational system by transporting students to school ready to learn and then back home safely each school day; and

WHEREAS, school bus safety training and awareness at all levels of our educational system and community are crucial for the continued safe transportation of students; and

WHEREAS, activities in our schools and our community are strongly encouraged to highlight the importance of school bus safety; and

WHEREAS, school transportation personnel contribute daily - directly and indirectly - to the education of Lee County students; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with National School Bus Safety Week, the School Board urges all students, teachers, support staff, administrators, parents, and community members to express appreciation for school transportation personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, in recognition of the daily contributions of all transportation personnel and to promote safety in student transportation, hereby proclaims the week of October 19-23, 2009, as

NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK
“Avoid Harm, Obey the Stop Arm”

Adopted at a regular meeting of The School Board of Lee County, Florida
This Sixth day of October 2009

C. Acknowledgement (*Mr. Chilmonik*)

Character Word for October: Respect – Showing regard for the value of persons or things through courteous consideration and appreciation.

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:

Robert Chilmonik: questioned the legality of a School Board to censure one of its members

John Traube: bullying and respect

Joann Thomas Joseph: former request by her for information regarding stimulus dollars

Sue Jacobse: use of correct stationery and need for Board to stay focused and do what is right for children

Antonia Jacobse: expressed appreciation for the education that she and other students are receiving

Bob Rushlow, SPALC President: operations of the Food & Nutrition Services Department related to positions, power buying and purchase of processed food, and labor costs.

Charlotte Rafferty: moral responsibility of all to promote what is best for students

Mr. Teuber responded to individual speakers.

IV. Consent Action Items

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Chilmonik, 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:
 - September 22, 2009, School Board Special Meeting
 - September 22, 2009, School Board Briefing Meeting
 - September 22, 2009, School Board Action Meeting

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of two 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.
2. Approval of the proposal for \$178,000 for Laying the Foundation Training in the Lee County Schools and \$128,916.70 for teacher stipends & substitutes for a total cost of \$306,916.70 to the District.
3. Approval of the New Contract for Occupational Therapist Annette Naqui, and authorize the expenditure of an estimated total cost of \$52,708 effective September 8, 2009 through June 30, 2010.
4. Approval of the Services Agreement for Occupational Therapy Services with Elite Speech Therapy, Inc., effective October 6, 2009 through June 18, 2010, at an estimated cost to the District of \$82,875.
5. Approval of the Interlocal Agreement with The City of Sanibel for the continuation of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program for August 11, 2009 to August 10, 2010, at a cost of \$39,450
6. Approval of the Cooperative Agreement with the Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc. and Lee County School Board to meet the individual education, security and treatment needs of youth while attending the Alternative Learning Center for the period of October 15, 2009 to June 30, 2010 at a cost of \$80,000.00.

C. Administrative Services – Mr. Michael McNerney (*None*)

D. Business Services

1. Approval of the expenditure estimated at \$6,993 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 of Bid No. B096812JM for art supplies for District Warehouse Operations to be awarded as outlined on the bid tabulation for the period of October 6, 2009 through October 5, 2010, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$150,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
3. Approval to award Bid No. B096820LO for the replacement of three chillers to Caloosa Middle School to B&I Contractors, Inc. having the lowest response and meeting specifications for a total price of \$489,000.00 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
4. Approval of purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$ 50,575.00; and authorization for the issuance of the (2) purchase orders as described.
5. Approval to renew Bid No. B086729SW for site preparation and improvements with Bateman Contracting, LLP and Gulf Paving Company, Inc. for the renewal period through November 2, 2010 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$350,000 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 accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Estero High School HVAC – Phase II dated November 10, 2008 and final payment in the amount of \$421,752.64 to Lodge Construction, Inc. and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
2. Approval to accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Fort Myers Beach Elementary School Plumbing Renovations dated September 9, 2009 and final payment in the amount of \$375,058.20 to Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc. and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items (None)**VI. Superintendent's Recommendations****A. Good Cause**

1. One Grant Proposal – Head Start Expansion (ARRA).

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve one grant proposal 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.

B. Renew Bid No. B086719LO – Roof Repairs.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve renewing Bid No. B086719LO for roof repairs with Advanced Roofing & Sheet Metal, Camp-Rigby Roofing-Sheetmetal Contractors, Inc., Crowther Roofing & Sheet Metal of Florida, Inc. and Murton Roofing Corp. for the renewal period through October 20, 2010 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$500,000; and to authorize the Superintendent to execute all documents.

VII. Attorney's Recommendations – Mr. Keith Martin (None)

VIII. Public Hearing

Dr. Browder presented his recommendations for this evening's Public Hearing items.

A. Adoption of Policy 4.33, By-laws of the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council.

B. Revisions to Policy 4.08, Zero Tolerance for School-related Crimes.

Mr. Teuber recessed the Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 P.M. He asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the two items on the agenda for Public Hearing.

John Traube expressed pleasure with the revisions to Policy 4.08 and suggested that more be done with peer mediation and dispute resolution.

There being no further requests to address the Board, Mr. Teuber closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Board Meeting at 7:05 P.M.

A. Adoption of Policy 4.33, By-laws of the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the adoption of Policy 4.33, By-laws of the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council to establish and outline the responsibilities for the direction of the Head Start Program, including program design and operation, and long-term and short-term planning goals and objectives, taking into account the annual communitywide strategic planning and needs assessment and self-assessment. The effective date of the Rule is October 7, 2009.

B. Revisions to Policy 4.08, Zero Tolerance for School-related Crimes.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the revisions to Policy 4.08, Zero Tolerance for School-related Crimes, to meet the requirements of amended s. 1006.13, Florida Statutes. The intent of the amended statute and Board Policy is to encourage schools to address disruptive behavior by means other than referrals to law enforcement and expulsion. The effective date of the proposed Rule is October 7, 2009.

IX. Other Business

A. Board Members' Comments/Reports

Mr. Chilmonik: commented on teacher load and planning time; questioned some issues related to the new paycheck system; stated that he would be requesting another independent audit.

Mrs. Dozier: addressed some of the comments made by speakers; readdressed the resolution she brought forward at this afternoon's Briefing Meeting and stated that she would be bringing it back to the next Board Meeting.

Dr. Kuckel: *none*

Dr. Scricca: commented on the behavior displayed by Board Members.

Dr. Kuckel: *none*

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

C. Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Dr. Browder: commented on the remarkable facility upgrades at Buckingham Exceptional Center; addressed the new payroll system and encouraged those with questions to either e-mail him or call the District's Customer Care number.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- October 20, 2009, 2:30 P.M., School Board Special Meeting
- October 20, 2009, 2:30 P.M., School Board Briefing Meeting (*Immediately following the Special Meeting*)
- October 20, 2009, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

X. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Chilmonik, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to adjourn the October 6, 2009, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

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

ATTEST:

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

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