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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, October 6, 2009

Attending

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

Mr. Teuber called the Briefing Meeting of October 6, 2009, to order at 2:45 P.M.

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

B. Board Members

1. Special Areas of Board Involvement / Reports

Mr. Chilmonik: outlined various events he recently attended; distributed a packet of information containing academic statistics, which he agreed to bring back to another meeting (*a copy is on file with the official minutes*); raised questions regarding the new payroll system.

Mrs. Dozier: outlined various events she recently attended; thanked Dr. Browder for the information he shared after attending the recent FADSS Conference; presented a resolution censuring Mr. Chilmonik's recent actions and requested, but did not receive, consensus to bring it to this evening's Board Meeting (*a copy is on file with the official minutes*).

Dr. Kuckel: outlined various events she recently attended; stated that she will work with Dr. Browder and Mr. Martin to develop guidelines regarding what is appropriate to be addressed during the "Special Areas of Board Involvement/Reports" portion of briefing meetings and during the "Board Member Comments" portion of action meetings for review and discussion by Board Members at an upcoming briefing meeting or at the annual Board Organizational Planning Meeting next month.

Dr. Scricca: outlined various events she recently attended; stated that each local governmental agency will adopt a resolution proclaiming November 10, 2009, as Pride & Patriotism Day.

Mr. Teuber: distributed copies of the District's 2010 Legislative Priorities cards; outlined events he recently attended; thanked Dr. Browder for working with Health Services to ensure that the District is proactive in the prevention and treatment of Swine Flu; stated that he met with a representative from AFLAC about an insurance program and that Dr. Browder would be turning the information over to the Insurance Task Force.

C. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Pending Charter School Applications

Information on the FY2011 Charter School Applications was included in the meeting packet for review by the Board Members. It was noted that The Academy of Hope has withdrawn their application; therefore, there will only be four applications coming to the Board for approval on October 20th: Edison Collegiate High School, The Learning Place Academy, Lee Charter School of Excellence, and Pivot Charter School.

D. Administrative/Support Services – Mr. Michael McNerney

1. Change Orders – September 2009

Information on the change orders processed by Construction Services for the period September 1-30, 2009, was included in the meeting packet for review by the Board Members.

E. Business Services – Mrs. Greta Campbell / Dr. Ami Desamours (*None*)**F. Human Resources – Dr. Greg Adkins**

1. Teacher Final Performance Assessment

Dr. Adkins reviewed the training document that was provided to administrators to assist them with the implementation of the new final performance assessment process for instructional staff. He explained that one of the goals of the new process is to establish an on-going evaluation system to support, monitor, and improve teacher performance. Dr. Adkins reviewed the revised final performance assessment (FPA) instrument, explaining that it was developed with the intention of creating a clearer, less ambiguous, more comprehensive and objective document and of establishing uniformity across the District. Dr. Adkins explained the new rating scale, the guidelines for high performance rating, and the bonus points checklist. He explained that the new system is part of PeopleSoft so that the process could be completed and submitted online. Dr. Adkins added that resources to access the TALC contract and all of the documents pertaining to the new FPA process are available on the District's website.

Board Members expressed some concern regarding the bonus points component of the FPA process, especially with regard to measurable levels of participation.

Dr. Browder opined that most of the Board's concerns will come to the table during this first year of implementation and suggested that ongoing data be collected for Board Member review and evaluation.

G. Executive Services – Dr. James Browder

1. Refunding 1999A Certificates of Participation (COPs)

Dr. Browder referred to the "Update on Refunding Certificates of Participation, Series 1999A." He explained that refunding the COPs would result in a 3.26% savings for the District. Dr. Browder requested and received consensus from the Board to move forward with the refunding. He stated that he would provide the Board with specific written information relevant to this matter.

2. Qualified School Construction Bonds

Dr. Browder stated that staff has been working on this and that everything is still on target. He added that additional information will be coming to the Board.

H. Public Comment

Donna Mutzenard, Executive Director of Island Coast FEA, referred to the FPA process, explaining that the bonus points will be used to recognize teachers who go above and beyond and will have no bearing on bonus pay.

I. Board Attorney's / Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Martin shared a "School Law Minute" on the Virtual Schools portion of Senate Bill 1676, Appropriations Conforming Bill.

Dr. Browder commented that the Rotary Dictionary Day was a successful event, with every 3rd grader in Lee County receiving a dictionary; stated that the District is continuing to experience problems with the FAIR testing; informed the Board that, in order to narrow the focus for teachers, he will be communicating on Thursday with principals and teachers regarding the things that will continue to be done and the things that will become optional; distributed and used two documents containing District grade information illustrating that the Lee County School District continues to be one of the highest performing districts in Florida (*a copy is on file with the official minutes*).

The October 6, 2009, Briefing Meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Steven K. Teuber, J.D., School Board Vice Chairman and Meeting Chair

ATTEST:

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

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