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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 20, 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 20, 2009, to order at 2:59 P.M.

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

B. Board Members

1. Special Areas of Board Involvement / Reports

Mr. Chilmonik: stated that he attended the recent Smart Growth Advisory Committee meeting; reminded everyone of the October 26th benefit run to support law enforcement fallen heroes; stated that he participated in an online chat through the News-Press; requested information/input regarding transportation issues, responses to the media, and procedures for dealing with crime scenes around schools.

Mrs. Dozier: stated that she attended the October 12th meeting of the CSI Advisory Committee and asked Dr. Browder to provide information for their next meeting on whether or not parents need to be hooked up to ParentLink in order to respond to a survey and if the surveys are available in different languages; referred to *NSBA's Legislative Highlights* and asked that e-mails be sent to Senator Nelson in support of the appropriations bill for child nutrition programs; stated that she is looking forward to this evening's Designs & Dreams Art Show.

Dr. Kuckel: stated that she attended the Al Oerter Award Ceremony last Tuesday where the student nominees for this year's awards were recognized; announced that the 2010-2011 Instructional Calendar Committee has begun meeting and that she is attending as the Board representative.

Dr. Scricca: stated that she represented the Board at the Uncommon Friends Foundation Honorary Lifetime Member Awards Ceremony in honor of Mayor Jim Humphrey, participated in the Cape Coral Columbus Day Parade, attended the Hero Care appreciation event at Costco; stated that she would be attending a meeting of the Bonita Springs City Council tomorrow where she will receive another Pride & Patriotism proclamation; announced that more art and poetry entries for the Pride & Patriotism event have been received this year than in the past six years.

Mr. Teuber: thanked Dr. Kuckel for serving on the Calendar Committee and for attending the Al Oerter Award Ceremony; announced that the Cape Coral Bar Association and the Fort Myers Bar Association would cosponsor the mock trial competition trip this year;

requested and received consensus from the Board to work with Dr. Browder to place past years' Mock Trial plaques on the walls at the LCPEC.

C. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Changes to High School Grading Calculations

Dr. Richard Itzen, Director of Accountability, Research and Continuous Improvement, shared recently enacted changes to the high school grading system. He explained that 50% of high school grades will be based on FCAT components (reading, math, writing, and science) and that the other 50% will be based on the following new components: graduation rate, acceleration, college readiness, and growth/decline. Because of this, reporting of high school grades will be delayed until November or December; however, elementary and middle school grades will continue to be released during the summer.

Dr. Jones provided additional information on the following support initiatives: AVID, Laying the Foundation, Florida partnerships - PSAT/AP Potential; ACT registration for seniors, NovaNet credit retrieval, summer school, and college readiness courses.

During discussion about the PSAT, Dr. Kuckel suggested investigating the possibility of funding PSAT testing for all 9th graders; Mr. Teuber stated that he will work with Dr. Browder to present a proposal to the Legislature that Lee County serve as a test District for administering the PSAT to 9th graders; and Mrs. Dozier requested and received consensus to have staff investigate writing a grant to use stimulus dollars to fund PSAT testing for 9th graders.

D. Administrative/Support Services – Mr. Michael McNerney

1. Plan for Providing H1N1 Immunizations to the Community on School Campuses

Mr. Joe Donzelli, Director of Communications, explained that the H1N1 vaccination schedule has been revised to reflect that the first day the District could begin this would be Thursday, October 29th, if the vaccine arrives in town. He added that District schools are serving as a venue only and that the majority of the clinic staffing will consist of individuals from Emergency Operations and the Health Department. Mr. Donzelli clarified that the sole purpose of the clinics is to administer the immunizations to people at high risk for flu complications.

E. Business Services – Mrs. Greta Campbell / Dr. Ami Desamours (None)

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

G. Executive Services – Dr. James Browder (None)

H. Public Comment (None)

I. Board Attorney's / Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Martin shared a "School Law Minute" on the Food Service portion of Senate Bill 1676, Appropriations Conforming Bill, especially with regard to school breakfast programs.

Dr. Browder stated that a decision had been made to do everything possible to provide breakfast to students this year; informed the Board that following the adoption of the Red Ribbon Week Resolution this evening, Cathy Oerter will take a few minutes to acknowledge the winners of this year's Al Oerter awards; spoke about an Estero High School Health Academy student who used the skills she learned to save the life of an infant.

The October 20, 2009, Briefing Meeting adjourned at 4:00P.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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