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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, November 3, 2009

Attending

Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Board Chair	Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Superintendent
Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Vice Chair	Mr. Keith B. Martin, Board Attorney
Mr. Robert D. Chilmonik, Member	
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, November 3, 2009, in the School Board Meeting Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. Board Chair Jane Kuckel presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 5-0 to adopt the agenda as the Order of Business.

B. Invocation (Mr. Teuber)

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

- Island Coast High School Full Color Guard: Sergeant First Class Dalton Senseman; Staff Sergeant Paige Sterling; Captain Nathan McIntyre; Staff Sergeant Devin Delucca
- Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Glenn T. Steffenhagen, Army Instructor, JROTC

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions (None)

B. Resolutions

1. Veterans Appreciation Week: November 8-14, 2009 (Dr. Scricca)

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming November 8-14, 2009, as Veterans Appreciation Week.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the freedom and security that Americans enjoy today are a direct result of the vigilance of the loyal and dedicated men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Veterans of the United States Armed Forces made great sacrifices – educational, personal, and financial – to ensure the safety and security of their countrymen; and

WHEREAS, our military Veterans deserve our respect and acknowledgement for the sacrifices they made to protect our Country and its freedoms; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and honor our Veterans and to publicly demonstrate appreciation for their dedication and commitment; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important for our youth to understand that the service provided by Veterans of the United States Armed Forces has secured and protected the freedoms that we enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, the relevance of the history and activities of the United States Armed Forces must be made more apparent to all generations of Americans through local, state, and national patriotic observances and ongoing activities

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims the week of November 8–14, 2009, as

VETERANS APPRECIATION WEEK

The Korean Conflict: Remembering 'The Forgotten War'

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

This Third Day of November 2009

2. American Education Week: November 15-21, 2009 (*Mr. Teuber*)

Motion by Mr. Teuber, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming November 15-21, 2009, as American Education Week.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools needed to maintain America's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS, the School Board acknowledges that all employees, regardless of their position in the District, work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, schools and school-related activities are bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise; and

WHEREAS, all students, teachers, support staff, administrators, parents and community members are urged to recognize and celebrate American Education Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, in collaboration with the National Education Association, the Teachers Association of Lee County, and the Support Personnel Association of Lee County, hereby proclaims the week of November 15-21, 2009, as

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility

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

This Third Day of November 2009

- C. Acknowledgement** (*Mr. Chilmonik*)

Character Word for November: Citizenship/Patriotism – The quality of an individual's response to membership in a community.

- D. Special Presentations to the Board** (None)

- E. Staff Presentation to the Board** (None)

III. Public Comment

Speakers and the topics they addressed:

Juanita D'Anna: bus drivers and the safety of students; unmarked media van incident

Claudia Foster: concerns about The Sanibel School

M.G. Whittaker: concerns about The Sanibel School

John Traube: independent auditor

Rebecka Evans: concerns about The Sanibel School

Tom Foster: concerns about The Sanibel School

Beth Miller: concerns about The Sanibel School

Kirsten Harlow: concerns about The Sanibel School

Charlotte Harlow: concerns about The Sanibel School

Joanne Thomas-Joseph: concerns regarding Lehigh Acres bus stops and student safety

John Herman: concerns about The Sanibel School

Loretta Gonzalez: concerns about The Sanibel School

[A copy of a packet of information that was provided to each Board Member and the Superintendent by the Sanibel speakers is on file with the official minutes.]

Dr. Kuckel requested that (1) the Superintendent investigate the concerns expressed regarding The Sanibel School and provide feedback to the Board on his findings and (2) look into safety issues concerning bus stops in Lehigh Acres.

IV. Consent Action Items

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, 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:
 - October 20, 2009, School Board Special Meeting
 - October 20, 2009, School Board Briefing Meeting
 - October 20, 2009, School Board Action Meeting
2. Approval of the following change (s): Construction Advisory Committee: appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Monscour to District 1; and the Continuous Systemic Improvement Advisory Committee: appointment of Ms. Karen Rubin to District 4, effective November 3, 2009, through the date of the regular School Board meeting in September 2010, at which the Board takes action to appoint members to Board Advisory Committees.

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of the Destiny Resources Management Software renewal with Follett Software Company for District-wide use beginning November 1, 2009 to October 31, 2010 in the amount of \$86,448.73 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute the documents.
2. Approval of the financial corrective action plan for Lee Charter Academy, Inc. 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 Account as described, with two signatures required on this account, one of which must be administrative; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.

D. Business Services

1. Approval of the expenditures estimated at \$24,933 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 to award Bid No. B096823LO for the replacement of six air handlers at Transportation West to Air Mechanical & Service Corp. having the lowest response

and meeting specifications for a price of \$78,965 plus alternate one for replacing two additional air handlers at a price of \$12,739 for a total price of \$91,704 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

3. Approval of ITN NO. N096821SW for water based fire system inspections district wide to be awarded as outlined on the bid tabulation for the period of November 3, 2009 through November 2, 2010, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$100,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
4. Approval of ITN No.N096822SW for water based fire system repairs district wide to be awarded as outlined on the bid tabulation for the period of November 3, 2009 through November 2, 2010, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$75,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
5. Approval to piggy-back The School District of Collier County RFP No. 32-9/08 for recycling services district wide awarded to Sunshine Recycling Services of S.W. Florida, LLC for the period of December 9, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at an estimated annual expenditure of \$145,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
6. Approval of purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$108,760.11; and authorization for the issuance of the six (6) purchase orders as described.
7. Approval to renew Bid No. B086745JM for fencing supplies for maintenance stock, for the renewal period through December 8, 2010 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$40,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
8. Approval to renew Bid No. B076629JM for the purchase of Host carpet cleaners to Pyramid II, Inc., for the renewal period through December 19, 2010 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$25,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.

E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins

1. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including certificated, support and substitute staff, out-of-field appointments, annual reappointments, and correction to item previously approved by the Board.
2. Approval of the new job description for the position of Coordinator, Fire, Safety and Inspections, to accurately describe the responsibilities of this position; deletion of the job description for the position of Project Manager, Fire/Safety, Construction Services; the transfer of the position from Construction Services (9110) to the Safety, Security & Inspections Department (9105), at no additional cost to the District.
3. Approval of the revised job description for the position of Coordinator, Security, to accurately describe the title and responsibilities of this position, at no additional cost to the District.
4. Approval of the renewal with Delta Dental Insurance Company to provide voluntary dental insurance for School District employees for the one-year period April 1, 2010, through March 21, 2011 at no cost to the District.
5. Approval to renew the voluntary cancer insurance plan offered by AIG for the one-year period April 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011 at no cost to the District.

6. Approval to renew the current Agreement with Gallagher Benefit Services (GBS) to provide benefit consulting services to the District for the one-year period January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010, at no cost to the District.
7. Approval to renew the voluntary disability insurance plan offered by UNUM Life Insurance Company of America for the one-year period April 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011 at no cost to the District.
8. Approval of the agreement with EAP Consultants, Inc. to provide Employee Assistance Program (EAP) services to School District employees and their eligible dependents for the one-year period April 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011, at an estimated cost of \$140,000.

F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore

1. Approval to accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Survey improvements for South Zone Schools (Allen Park and Three Oaks Elementary Schools, Bonita Springs, Cypress Lake and Fort Myers Middle Schools) and final payment in the amount of \$175,315.00 to Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc. and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
2. Approval to accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Survey improvements for South Zone Schools (Fort Myers Beach, Pinewoods, Rayma C. Page, Ray Pottorf and San Carlos Park Elementary Schools) and final payment in the amount of \$103,495.00 to Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc. and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items

VI. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Good Cause (None)

B. Certificate of Final Inspection for Lehigh Elementary School Renovations and Addition.

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Lehigh Elementary School Renovations and Addition dated June 29, 2009, and final payment in the amount of \$646,034.81 to Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc.; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

C. Ranking of Architects for Villas Elementary School Renovation Project.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the following ranking of Architectural firms to provide services for the Villas Elementary School Renovation Project. (1) Schenkel & Schultz, Inc.; (2) Reynolds, Smith & Hills, Inc.; (3) Harvard Jolly, Inc.; (4) Fletcher-Thompson Architecture Engineering, LLC; (5) Alliance Design Group, P.A.; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents. Further, in the event negotiations with the top-ranked firm are not successful, that the Board authorize the Superintendent to proceed with negotiation and execution of a contract according to the final ranking.

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

VIII. Public Hearing (None)**IX. Other Business****A. Board Members' Comments/Reports**

Mr. Teuber: none.

Dr. Scricca: acknowledged that Dr. Kuckel had responded to the evening's speakers and stated that she looks forward to the Superintendent's report.

Mrs. Dozier: thanked the speakers for the information they provided and stated that she looks forward to feedback from the Superintendent.

Mr. Chilmonik: expressed appreciation to Dr. Scricca for her efforts in connection with the upcoming Pride & Patriotism event; thanked military veterans for their service to the Country; thanked the parents who addressed the Board this evening and stated that he will review the information they provided.

Dr. Kuckel: informed the speakers that there will be a follow up on the concerns they expressed; announced that this is her last meeting as Chairman and thanked the other Board Members for their support during the past year.

B. Board Attorney's Comments/Reports

Mr. Martin: announced that the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) investigation into the complaint alleging that Lee County was among 64 school districts that failed to establish and implement a system of procedural safeguards to protect the rights of disabled students revealed that the School District is in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and; therefore, OCR closed the investigation effective October 23, 2009.

C. Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Dr. Browder: issued a reminder about the H1N1 clinics; acknowledged student Martha Ekdahl from Ida S. Baker High School and her senior project to run a school bus on vegetable oil; informed the Board that the incident involving an unmarked media van and a school bus had been reported to the Cape Coral Police Department; announced that he will be attending the Veterans Day event at Gulf Middle School.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- November 17, 2009, 2:30 P.M., Special School Board Meeting
- November 17, 2009, 2:30 P.M.*, School Board Briefing Meeting (**Immediately following the Special School Board Meeting*)
- November 17, 2009, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting to include the Annual Organization of the School Board

X. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Scricca, seconded by Mr. Teuber, and carried 5-0 to adjourn the November 3, 2009, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

ATTEST:

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

An audio-visual recording of this meeting has been produced to provide a verbatim record of the proceedings and may be viewed on the School District's Website at www.leeschools.net/board/stream/welcome.htm. Members of the public wishing to obtain a copy of the recording of this or any meeting of the School Board must make a request through the District's Communications Department at (239) 337-8327.