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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, December 8, 2009

Attending

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

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

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

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 Lieutenant Colonel Tyler Chism, North Fort Myers High School JROTC
- Sergeant First Class Angel Villanueva, Army Instructor, JROTC

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

1. Annual Holiday Greeting Cards - Middle School Student Artists (*Mrs. Dozier*)
 - Julie Villarreal and Kaila Fuentes, Alva Middle School
 - Brooke Younger, Cypress Lake Middle School
 - Rachel Santana, Fort Myers Middle School
 - Paige Bates, Diplomat Middle School
 - Angela Rimany and George Diggs, Trafalgar Middle School
 - Kasey Clause, Bonita Springs Middle School
2. Estero High School Medical Academy Student (*Dr. Kuckel*)
 - Jennifer Novelo, Student
 - Wendy Henderson, Program Coordinator
 - Sheila Sarver, R.N., CPR Trainer
3. Battle of the Belts 2008-2009 (*Dr. Scricca*)

- East Lee County High School
- Cypress Lake High School

B. Resolutions (None)

C. Acknowledgement (Mr. Chilmonik)

Character Word for December: Kindness/Compassion – Demonstrating concern for the wellbeing of others: giving support and showing empathy.

D. Special Presentations to the Board (None)

E. Staff Presentation to the Board (None)

III. Public Comment

Speakers and the topics they addressed:

Kellie Elders: rules governing public comment

Melissa Thomas: The Sanibel School

Karen Taylor: treatment of her ESE son

Rob Koebel: investigation of bus routes by FOX-4 News*

Tyisha Fernandes: investigation of bus routes by FOX-4 News*

John Traube: investigations related to The Sanibel School and bus driver incident

Margaret Norsworthy: The Sanibel School

Claudia Foster: The Sanibel School*

Tom Foster: The Sanibel School

Joe Lentini: lowered speed limit at Challenger Middle School; length of bus rides; weapons signage

Clara Alevy: treatment of ESE students

MG Whitaker: The Sanibel School*

Sue Jacobse: formation of a bullying task force

Kathleen Robertson: allegations of bullying

Bob Rushlow, SPALC President: voluntary/involuntary transfers; concerns regarding the Director at Transportation West

Charlotte Harlow: The Sanibel School

(*handouts provided by speakers are on file with the official minutes)

Mr. Teuber, in response to remarks made by speakers, directed the Superintendent to: (1) consider comments made regarding the administration at Transportation West; (2) consider posting signage at the Lee County Public Education Center indicating a zero tolerance for weapons on the property; and (3) consider forming a bullying task force.

IV. Consent Action Items

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, **seconded** by Dr. Scricca, 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:
 - November 17, 2009, School Board Special Meeting
 - November 17, 2009, School Board Briefing Meeting
 - November 17, 2009, School Board Action Meeting

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of the two grant proposals and two related agreements 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 Statement of Agreement with Child Care of Southwest Florida to identify the District's high schools and High Tech Central as "providers" of the Child Care Training Courses.

C. Administrative Services – Mr. Michael McNerney

1. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Fund Accounts at San Carlos Park Elementary, Rayma C. Page Elementary, and Fort Myers High with two signatures required on these accounts, one of which must be administrative; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all related documents.
2. Approval to open a checking account for Cape Coral High Internal Fund at Bank of America with two signatures required on these accounts; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all related documents.

D. Business Services

1. Approval to remove from the Official Property Records, 563 items listed on the attached report titled Property Records Asset Retirement by Bar Code/Tag Number.
2. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the period ending October 31, 2009.
3. Approval of the Budget Amendment dated October 30, 2009 to amend the 2009-2010 annual school budget.
4. Approval of the expenditures estimated at \$10,679 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.
5. Approval to increase the "not to exceed" expenditure for RFP No. R096777RG, Independent Auditing Services, awarded to Cherry, Bekaert and Holland, LLP for fiscal year 2008-2009, from \$109,500 to \$129,400, an increase of \$19,900, due to additional audit requirements that were encountered during the audit and were not included in the original approved expenditure. Approval also includes authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary related documents.
6. Approval of the elimination of the Computer Operator, Help Desk Technician, and Programmer Analyst positions in Information Systems to be replaced with the Systems Analyst and Systems Programmer positions effective January 1, 2010, at an estimated savings of \$9,833.
7. Approval to award Bid No. B096833JM for pizza service for selected Lee County schools to Mione Pizza d/b/a Domino's Pizza; OSP d/b/a Papa Johns; Ro Ho Ho, Inc. d/b/a Papa John's Pizza; PJ Fort Myers, Inc. d/b/a Papa John's Pizza; Sheer Pizza, Inc. d/b/a Domino's Pizza; and Team St. Pete, Inc. d/b/a Domino's Pizza; as outlined on the bid tabulation for the period of December 14, 2009 through December 13, 2010, at

- an annual estimated expenditure of \$250,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
8. Approval of Bid No.B096835JM for paper for Printing Services to Mac Paper, Inc., Unisource Worldwide, and Xpedx Paper & Graphics as outlined on the bid tabulation at an estimated annual expenditure of \$225,000 beginning December 8, 2009 through December 7, 2010; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
 9. Approval of the Bid No. B096836JM for automotive/equipment filters for the Transportation Services Department to: Fleetpride for items 10&50; Parts Depot Inc. for item 26; Sam Galloway Ford for items 1-3, 9, 16-19, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30-32, 34, 44, 49, 51-53, 57, 58 & 60; Total Truck Parts, Inc. for items 4-8, 11-15, 20, 21, 23, 29, 33, 35-43, 45-48, 54-56, 59 & 61-65; at an estimated annual expenditure of \$69,000 beginning December 8, 2009 through December 7, 2010, with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendors and the Board; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
 10. Approval of Bid No. B096834LO for drinking water (emergency use) to be awarded to DS Waters, Inc. for the period of December 8, 2009 through December 7, 2010, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$50,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
 11. Approval to award Bid No. B096837LO for replacement of two chillers and three chiller pumps at Gateway Elementary School to United Mechanical, Inc. having the lowest response and meeting specifications for a total price of \$150,900; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
 12. Approval to award Bid No. B096838LO for water line replacement (re-piping inside buildings) at Diplomat Middle School to Franzese Plumbing having the lowest response and meeting specifications for a total price of \$137,500; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
 13. Approval of Bid No.B096842SW for rental vehicle to be awarded to Enterprise Leasing of Southwest Florida, LLC for the period of December 8, 2009 through December 7, 2010, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$25,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
 14. Approval to piggy-back Broward County Schools Bid No. 27-084H, awarded to multiple vendors for Athletic and Physical Education Supplies, Equipment, Uniforms and Shirts, through December 31, 2010, as indicated on bid tabulation on file in the Superintendent's Office at an estimated expenditure of \$200,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
 15. Approval to piggy-back Pinellas County Schools Bid No. 08-480-053, awarded to multiple vendors for catalog discounts on multi-line educational products, through December 8, 2010, as indicated on bid tabulation on file in Superintendent's Office at an estimated expenditure of \$350,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
 16. Approval to piggy-back Wichita, KS Public Schools RFP No. 08-44-685 for education, classroom, miscellaneous support furniture, and related services awarded to Virco, Inc., through March 31, 2010 at an estimated expenditure of \$250,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.

17. Approval to piggy-back State of Florida contract No. 450-000-07-1 for the purchase of electrical equipment awarded to Mayer Electric Supply through November 13, 2010 at an estimated expenditure of \$25,000.00; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
18. Approval of purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$1,512,310.86; and authorization for the issuance of the twenty-four (24) purchase orders as described.
19. Approval to reject Bid No. B096829LO for doors and related hardware (purchase and/or install) and authorization for the solicitation to be reissued utilizing revised specifications.
20. Approval to renew Bid No. B086749JM for replacement of school bus seat covers for the Transportation Services Department to United School Bus Seat Service, Inc. as primary vendor and JR Kennedy Co., Inc. as secondary vendor for the period of January 5, 2010 through January 4, 2011 at an annual estimated expenditure of \$80,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
21. Approval to renew Bid No. B076626LO for purchase and installation of window blinds on an as-needed basis district wide to The Blind Guys of SW FL, Inc. at an estimated annual expenditure of \$25,000 for the period of January 8, 2010 through January 7, 2011; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
22. Approval to renew Bid No. B076631SW for purchase and repair of golf carts (new and used) on an as-needed basis district wide to B&W Golf Carts, Inc., Golf & Electric Vehicles, Inc., and The Cart Guys at an annual estimated expenditure of \$25,000 for the period of January 6, 2010 through January 5, 2011; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
23. Approval of ITN No. N096825SW for elevator equipment maintenance and repair district wide to be awarded to Mowrey Elevator Company of Florida for the period of December 8, 2009 through December 7, 2010, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$80,000; 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.
2. ~~Approval of this Leave of Absence for Jeanne Dozier, teacher, for the period of October 23, 2009 through June 16, 2010. This item was moved to Superintendent's Recommendation prior to the meeting.~~

F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore

1. Approval to accept the Certificate of Final Inspection for Royal Palm Exceptional Center Re-Roof dated October 6, 2009 and final payment in the amount of \$22,150.49 to Crowther Roofing; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
2. Approval to reject Bid Number CS268 for Mirror Lakes Elementary School Front Entry and Painting; and authorization to solicit new bids utilizing revised specifications.

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items (None)**VI. Superintendent's Recommendations****A. Good Cause (None)****B. Award Bid No. B096816JM – Electrical Supplies.**

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve awarding Bid No.B096816JM for electrical supplies to: HD Electrical Supply as primary vendor for items 1-3 & 5-13; Southern Electrical Supply as primary vendor for item 4 and secondary vendor for items 1 & 3; and Mayer Electrical Supply as secondary vendor for items 2 & 5-13; at an estimated annual expenditure of \$500,000 beginning December 8, 2009 through December 7, 2010, with renewal options for two additional one-year periods upon the written agreement of the vendors and the Board and to authorize the Superintendent to execute all documents.

~~C. Personnel Recommendation – Leave of Absence/Instructional.~~ *This item was pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting.*

VII. Attorney's Recommendations – Mr. Keith Martin (None)**VIII. Public Hearing (None)****IX. Other Business****A. Board Members' Comments/Reports**

Dr. Scricca: addressed the investigation concerning The Sanibel School, the possible formation of a bullying task force, and the length of bus rides; and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Dr. Kuckel: addressed transportation issues and the investigation related to The Sanibel School; requested follow-up data regarding e-mails received and shared this evening by the FOX-4 reporters as to whether the long bus rides experienced by some students are the result of their parents' choice of schools; and sent happy holiday wishes.

Mrs. Dozier: addressed neighborhood schools versus school zones and the suggestion of a bullying task force; encouraged that people lobby their legislators to not cut education funding; and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mr. Chilmonik: addressed the length of bus rides and the related investigation, comments made by the Transportation West Director, and the investigation concerning The Sanibel School; and wished everyone a safe holiday.

Mr. Teuber: none.

B. Board Attorney's Comments/Reports

Mr. Martin: none.

C. Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Dr. Browder: extended best wishes to all for a happy holiday; announced that Lee County student Christian Cousin achieved a perfect score on the math portion of the SAT.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- January 12, 2010, 2:30 P.M., Student Hearings
- January 12, 2010, 2:30 P.M.*, School Board Briefing Meeting (**Immediately following the Student Hearings and a Special School Board Meeting, if one is scheduled*)
- January 12, 2010, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

X. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, *seconded* by Mrs. Dozier, and *carried 5-0* to adjourn the December 8, 2009, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Steven K. Teuber, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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