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To ensure that each student achieves his or her highest personal potential.

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To be a world-class school system.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
School Board Meeting - MINUTES
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)
Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Attending:

Mr. Thomas Scott, Chairman	Dr. Lawrence D. Tihen, Secretary and Interim Superintendent
Ms. Mary Fischer, M.A., Vice Chairman	Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member	
Mr. Don H. Armstrong, Member	Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Member (*out-of-town/personal*)

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, in the School Board Meeting Room for a Regular School Board Meeting. Board Chairman Thomas Scott presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Scott acknowledged Dr. Kuckel's absence.

Mr. Scott noted that Agenda Item IV.D.10. had been pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting, as it had been presented and approved at the January 11, 2011, Board Meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 4-0 to adopt the agenda as the Order of Business.

B. Invocation (Mrs. Dozier)

C. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance (Ms. Fischer)

- Cadet Command Sergeant Major James Dohner, East Lee County High School JROTC
- Major Rodney F. Walden, Senior Army Instructor, East Lee County High School

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

1. 2011 Lee County Educational Support Person of the Year (*Mr. Armstrong*)
 - Helyn Ferlazzo, Secretary to the Principal, Mariner High School
2. FMEA Elementary Music Teacher of the Year (*Mrs. Dozier*)
 - Gretchen Wahlberg, Music Specialist, Veterans Park Academy for the Arts
3. FMEA: All-State Selections (*Mrs. Dozier*)
 - Fifty-one Students from 22 Lee County School District Schools

B. Resolutions

- 1. Career and Technical Education Month: February 2011.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, February 1-28, 2011, has been designated Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides Americans with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to America’s leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts, and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and potential satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators and business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, in order to encourage all Lee County citizens to become familiar with services and benefits offered by the career and technical education programs in this community and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their individual work skills and productivity, hereby proclaims the month of February 2011 as

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

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

This Twenty-fifth day of January 2011

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 4-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming February 2011 as Career and Technical Education Month.

- 2. National School Counseling Week: February 7-11, 2011.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, school counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, school counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and

WHEREAS, school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal, and social growth of their children; and

WHEREAS, school counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

WHEREAS, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, in collaboration with the American School Counselor Association, hereby proclaims the week of February 7-11, 2011, as

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

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

This Twenty-fifth day of January 2011

Motion by Ms. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 4-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the week of February 7-11, 2011, as National School Counseling Week.

RECESS, 6:35-6:40 P.M.: Mr. Scott called a brief recess to allow those who wished to exit the Board Room an opportunity to do so.

C. Special Presentations to the Board (None)

D. Staff Presentation to the Board (None)

III. Public Comment

Speakers and the topics they addressed:

John Traube: restoration of summer dual-enrollment program; fuel consumption for District vehicles; expenditure of District funds

Sandra Worth: rumored discontinuation of the Social Communication class offered in the District; autism endorsement certification for teachers

Katherine Cherisia: restoration of summer dual-enrollment program; Superintendent's workload

Mr. Scott responded to speakers. He congratulated Dr. Tihen and Dr. Kenneth Walker [*District President, Edison State College*] for finding a way to fund the summer dual-enrollment program. He added that this program is in no way an entitlement for students and that there is no guarantee that funding would be available for the summer of 2012, although the District will endeavor to find a way to continue it. Informed Mr. Traube that Dr. Ami Desamours [*Director of Budget*] had provided a status update on the District's budget at this afternoon's Briefing Meeting. Asked Dr. Tihen to respond to Ms. Worth's comments; Dr. Tihen and Dr. Brunick [*Executive Director of Exceptional Student Education/Student Services*] responded that autism endorsement certification for additional teachers within the District is something that they are working on and that they anticipated an increase in the Social Communication program for next year. Asked Dr. Tihen to address comments regarding his workload; Dr. Tihen stated that he and staff are looking at ways to move positions internally, but that he is cautious about filling high level positions, as he would rather allow the new superintendent the opportunity to do so.

IV. Consent Action Items

The following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda:

Item IV.D.1. – Removal of Items from Official Property Records (Mr. Armstrong)

Item IV.F.2. – Ranking of Construction Management Firms for East Zone Middle School “LL” (Mr. Armstrong)

Item IV.B. 3. – New Contract with Edison State College for the use of the Edison State College Facility in Hendry County for the Licensed Practical Nursing Program (Mr. Scott)

Item IV.C.2. – Annual Reimbursement for Isolated/Handicapped Student Transportation for FY11 (Mr. Scott)

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Ms. Fischer, and carried 4-0 to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the pulled items referenced above.

A. Executive Services – Dr. Lawrence D. Tihen

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
 - December 3, 2010, School Board Workshop
 - December 14, 2010, School Board Student Hearings
 - January 11, 2011, School Board Action Meeting
2. Approval of the following change to the Construction Advisory Committee: appointment of Mr. Kenneth Bowen effective January 25, 2011 through the date of the regular School Board Meeting in September 2011 at which the Board takes action to appoint members to the Board Advisory Committees.

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with The Southwest Florida Museum of History at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 to provide lectures, site visits and two summer research project teacher interns as written in The Teaching American History grant; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all related documents.
2. Approval of the new Affiliation Agreement with Hendry Regional Medical Center for the Licensed Practical Nursing Program located at the Hendry Campus of Edison College effective March 1, 2011. There is no cost to the District for this Agreement.
3. Approval of the new Contract with Edison State College for use of Edison State College Facility in Hendry County for the Licensed Practical Nursing Program being provided by High Tech Central. There is no cost to the District for this contract. **Pulled for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the Agenda.**
4. Approval of the amendment to the contractual agreement, originally approved on May 4, 2010, with the School District and PACE Center for Girls effective from January 25, 2011 through June 30, 2011; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.

C. Administrative Services

1. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Fund Account at Colonial Elementary and Alternative Learning Center West with two signatures required on these accounts, one of which must be administrative; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.
2. Approval to reimburse Geoline K. Milford to transport (TE) to/from their residence, to/from Royal Palm Exceptional Center, for the period December 6, 2010 through

June 30, 2011, at the cost not to exceed \$2,650.00 for FY11. *Pulled for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the Agenda.*

3. Approval to change approved bell times for the 2011/12 school year for G. Weaver Hipps Elementary to a start time of 8:00 a.m. (drop-off of 7:30 a.m.) and end time of 2:15 p.m.; and Diplomat Elementary to a start time of 9:15 a.m. (drop-off 8:45 a.m.) and end time of 3:30 p.m.; and approval for the Superintendent to adjust the approved bell times, plus or minus 15 minutes from the Board adopted bell times for the 2011/12 school year to meet the educational needs of students and improve efficiency within our transportation system where and when possible.

D. Business Services

1. Approval to remove from the Official Property Records, 1,095 items listed on the attached report titled Property Records Asset Retirement by Bar Code/Tag Number. *Pulled for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the Agenda.*
2. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the period ending November 30, 2010.
3. Approval of the Budget Amendment dated November 30, 2010 to amend the 2010-11 annual school budget.
4. Approval to award Bid No. B106929GM to Mac Papers, Inc., Unisource Worldwide, Inc., and Xerox Corporation as indicated on the review/evaluation tabulation sheet for the period beginning January 25, 2011 through January 24, 2012, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$225,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
5. Approval to piggy-back Duval County Public Schools Bid No. ITB-005-10/LM to furnish and install stage drapes awarded to Heritage Product Resources, Inc. from January 25, 2011 through September 30, 2011, at an estimated expenditure of \$75,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
6. Approval to piggy-back Pinellas County Schools Bid No. 11-480-076, awarded to multiple vendors for catalog discounts on multi-line educational products, from January 25, 2011 through January 24, 2012 at an estimated expenditure of \$350,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
7. Approval to piggy-back State of Florida contract No. 445-001-11-1 a State Term Contract for the purchase of tools, hand-held and power, awarded to multiple vendors from January 25, 2011 through January 24, 2012 at an estimated expenditure of \$50,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
8. Approval to piggy-back State of Florida contract No. 760-000-10-1 a State Term contract for the purchase of construction, industrial, agricultural, and lawn equipment awarded to multiple vendors from January 25, 2011 through January 24, 2012 at an estimated expenditure of \$50,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
9. Approval of the purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$124,724.99 and authorization for the issuance of the ten (10) purchase orders as described.
10. ~~Approval to renew Bid No. B096839SW for the purchase of unleaded regular gasoline and diesel in small quantity lots (local depot) for Maintenance Services awarded to Evans Oil Company, LLC for diesel and to Palmdale Oil Company, Inc. for unleaded regular gasoline for the first renewal period of January 26, 2011 through~~

~~January 25, 2012, at the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$60,000; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents. Pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting. Item was presented and approved at the January 11, 2011, School Board Meeting.~~

11. Approval of the Parent-link system upgrade for emergency notification in the amount of \$144,000, and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.

E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins

1. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including administrative, certificated, support and substitute staff.
2. Approval of the 2011-2012 Calendar for 12-month personnel as presented.

F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore

1. Approval of the Easement Agreement with the River Hall Community Development District on the River Hall Elementary School property to allow the Community Development District to maintain landscaping installed by the developer.
2. Approval of the following ranking of Construction Management firms to provide services for East Zone Middle School “LL”: (1) Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc.; (2) Gates Butz Institutional Construction, LLC; (3) W.G. Mills, Inc.; (4) Kraft Construction, Inc.; (5) DeAngelis Diamond Construction, Inc., and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents. In the event negotiations with the top ranked firm are not successful, I recommend authorization to proceed with negotiation and execution of a contract according to the final ranking. Pulled for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the Agenda.
3. Approval of the Phase III Feasibility Study review of 40 District facilities with FPL Services, LLC as our performance contracting partner at a cost of \$58,174; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items

Item IV.D.1. – Removal of Items from Official Property Records

Motion by Mr. Armstrong and seconded by Mrs. Dozier to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation that the Board approve the removal from the Official Property Records, 1,095 items listed on the report titled “Property Records Asset Retirement by Bar Code/Tag Number.”

Mr. Armstrong referred to page 49 of the agenda for 33 items listed as “Unable to Locate” and stated that he would not be able to approve the Superintendent’s Motion unless these items were removed from the report.

Ms. Greta Campbell addressed Mr. Armstrong’s comments by providing information on the process for removing items designated as “unable to locate.”

Mr. Armstrong said that he was still not comfortable with approving the Recommendation and suggested that the Board discuss this matter at a future workshop.

Motion carried 3-1, with Mr. Armstrong casting the vote in opposition to the Motion.

Item IV.F.2. – Ranking of Construction Management Firms for East Zone Middle School “LL”

Motion by Ms. Fischer and seconded by Mr. Armstrong to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation that the Board approve the ranking of Construction Management firms to

provide services for East Zone Middle School "LL" as follows: (1) Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc.; (2) Gates Butz Institutional Construction, LLC; (3) W.G. Mills, Inc.; (4) Kraft Construction, Inc.; (5) DeAngelis Diamond Construction, Inc.; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents. In addition, in the event that negotiations with the top ranked firm are not successful, that the Board authorize staff to proceed with negotiation and execution of a contract according to the final ranking.

Mr. Armstrong stated that he had some concerns regarding the scoring system and would appreciate some additional time to discuss this with Mr. Moore [Executive Director of School Support].

Motion to Postpone the vote on the Motion to approve the ranking of construction management firms for East Zone Middle School "LL" until the February 8, 2011, School Board Meeting by Mr. Armstrong and ***seconded*** by Mrs. Dozier.

In response to Mrs. Dozier's question, Mr. Moore stated that he did not feel that a two-week postponement would delay the project.

Motion to Postpone carried 4-0.

Item IV.B. 3. – New Contract with Edison State College for the use of the Edison State College Facility in Hendry County for the Licensed Practical Nursing Program

Motion by Mrs. Dozier and ***seconded*** by Ms. Fischer to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the new Contract with Edison State College for the use of the Edison State College Facility in Hendry County for the Licensed Practical Nursing Program being provided by High Tech Central, at no cost to the District for the contract.

In response to Mr. Scott's question, Dr. Tihen explained that use of the Hendry County campus would allow the District to address the needs created by the expanding health care industry.

Motion carried 4-0.

Item IV.C.2. – Annual Reimbursement for Isolated/Handicapped Student Transportation for FY11

Motion by Mrs. Dozier and ***seconded*** by Mr. Armstrong to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve reimbursing Geoline K. Milford for transporting (TE) to/from their residence, to/from Royal Palm Exceptional Center, for the period December 6, 2010, through June 30, 2011, at the cost not to exceed \$2,650.00 for FY11.

In response to Mr. Scott's inquiry, Dr. Tihen explained that this sort of reimbursement is permitted pursuant to Florida Statute and Board Policy and is responsive to the TransPar audit.

Motion carried 4-0.

VI. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Good Cause (None)

B. Bid #CS297 – Fire Alarm Replacement at Fort Myers Middle School, Gateway Elementary School and Pinewoods Elementary School.

Motion by Ms. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve awarding Bid #CS297 for Fire Alarm Replacement at Fort Myers Middle School, Gateway Elementary School and Pinewoods Elementary School to Commercial Electrical Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$335,030.00 plus an amount not to exceed \$44,970.00 for contingency, if required, at the District's discretion; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

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

VIII. Public Hearing

Dr. Tihen presented this evening's Public Hearing item.

1. Revisions to the 2009/10-2011/12 Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Policies and Procedures (SP&P) Document.

Mr. Scott recessed the Board Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 P.M. He asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding the one item on the agenda for Public Hearing.

Sandra Worth: questioned whether the document was available for review by parents [Dr. Brunick provided an explanation of some of the revisions]

Judy Piesco: expressed a hope that the changes being instituted by the State would benefit Lee County's ESE students

John Traube: stated that it would be beneficial if the public were provided more information when new policies or revisions to current policies are brought forward [Mrs. Crotty (*Coordinator of District Operations*) provided an overview of the procedure for policy additions / revisions]

There being no further requests to address the Board, Mr. Scott closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Board Meeting at 7:35 P.M.

1. Revisions to the 2009/10-2011/12 Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Policies and Procedures (SP&P) Document.

Motion by Ms. Fischer, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the revised Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures (SP&P) document for the 2009-2010 through 2011-2012 school years to include language regarding: (1) reporting, data collection, and monitoring the use of restraint and seclusion; (2) Exceptional Student Education eligibility for students with autism spectrum disorder, dual-sensory impairment, emotional/behavioral disabilities, language impairments, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, speech impairments, or traumatic brain injury; students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing; and prekindergarten children with developmental delay; (3) development of individual educational plans (IEPS) and; (4) participation in state and district assessments. The effective date of the revised document is January 26, 2011.

IX. Other Business

A. Board Members' Comments/Reports

Ms. Fischer: no comments

Mrs. Dozier: congratulated the students who were recognized this evening; informed Mr. Traube that a timeline for addressing budget topics at upcoming briefing meetings was presented today and offered to provide him with a copy; thanked Ms. Worth for her comments regarding autism and stated the need to address the teacher certification process; stated that she regretted that she did not have a phone number to return Ms. Cherisia's call but had, in fact, been working on the dual-enrollment issue at the time; referred to a discussion regarding health insurance matters that had occurred at this afternoon's Briefing Meeting and stated that she had received consensus from the Board Members to present the following motion this evening:

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, ***seconded*** by Mr. Armstrong, and ***carried 4-0*** that the Board direct the Superintendent, with the assistance of staff, to conduct a complete investigation of the chain of events surrounding the dental services insurance RFP and report the results of that investigation at a workshop scheduled within the next two months at which the Board will consider and provide direction to the Superintendent concerning potential audits of the processes used in past years to award insurance contracts and will review District RFP provisions concerning banned communications and punishments for violation of such bans and provide direction concerning any desired changes.

Mr. Armstrong: stated that he had a great and diversified turnout at last week's Community Forum and expressed appreciation to District staff members who provided assistance; stated that he would like to schedule another workshop to further discuss the TransPar audit.

Dr. Tihen stated that he has asked Mr. Robert Morgan [*Director of Transportation*] to prepare an update on the audit recommendations and that it will be provided to the Board in the near future.

Mr. Scott: observed that although it is not possible to solve every problem immediately, the Board is willing to enter discussion to look for ways to resolve issues; expressed his appreciation to Dr. Tihen and his staff for all they do; announced that a Superintendent Search Workshop is scheduled for this Friday morning [*January 28th*] in the Board Room; thanked those who attended the Community Forum he hosted at Lehigh Senior High School; added that each Board Member has received a document containing input from each of the forums.

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

C. Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Dr. Tihen: thanked Dr. Walker for stepping forward to assist the District with the summer dual-enrollment program; expressed appreciation to the *News-Press* and WGPU for the forum on educational issues.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- January 28, 2011, 9:00 A.M., School Board Workshop
- February 8, 2011, 2:30 P.M.*, School Board Briefing Meeting (**Immediately following a School Board Special Meeting, if one is scheduled*)
- February 8, 2011, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

X. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Fischer, ***seconded*** by Mrs. Dozier, and ***carried 4-0*** to adjourn the January 25, 2011, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Thomas Scott, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Lawrence D. Tihen, PhD, Secretary and District Interim Superintendent

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