



MISSION:

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

VISION:

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, February 8, 2011

Attending:

Mr. Thomas Scott, Chairman
Ms. Mary Fischer, M.A., Vice Chairman
Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member (*participating via telephone*)
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Member
Mr. Don H. Armstrong, Member

Dr. Lawrence D. Tihen, Secretary and Interim Superintendent
Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, February 8, 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 6:02 P.M.

Mr. Scott announced that Mrs. Dozier was out of town on School Board business but was participating in this evening's meeting via telephone.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to adopt the agenda as the Order of Business.

B. Invocation (*Ms. Fischer*)

C. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance (*Mr. Armstrong*)

- Cadet First Sergeant Jami Ciaffone, Estero High School JROTC
- LTC Teresa Galgano (RET), Senior Army Instructor, Estero High School

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

1. 2010-2011 Outstanding School Volunteers (*Ms. Fischer*)
 - Corey Leppelmeier, Youth Volunteer
 - Paul Pescatrice, Adult Volunteer
 - Renee Dzurinko, Senior Volunteer
2. Florida Music Educators Association: All-State Selections (*Ms. Fischer*)
 - Analiese Thomas-Larocque, Cypress Lake Middle School
 - Brooke Chenot, Diplomat Middle School

- 3. Florida State Final Swim Meets (*Dr. Kuckel*)
 - Molly DuBrasky, Estero High School
 - Kyle Snew, Estero High School

- 4. FHSAA Cross Country State Finals (*Dr. Kuckel*)
 - Fourteen Students from Estero High School

Steven Briner	Alexa Cline
Jose Cartagena	Aja Curth
Julian Chavez	Maria Frank
Alex Hernandez	Bethany Jenkins
Jesse Littlefield	Katie Slater
Aaron Rojas	Kacy Smith
Adam Sommer	Katy G. Solis

B. Resolutions

- 1. School Volunteer Month: February 2011.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the spirit of community is one of the philosophies upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, citizens from all walks of life, in Florida and Lee County, are giving the gift of their time, talents, and resources to public education; and

WHEREAS, volunteers of various ages, interests, and backgrounds contribute significantly to the extension and enrichment of the education of our youth; and

WHEREAS, working under the direction and guidance of teachers and administrators, family and community members provide valuable assistance with individualized instruction, skills, and attention that are vital to a student’s education; and

WHEREAS, family, business, and other community volunteers exhibit genuine interest in the development of children and the learning process; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of school and community partnerships provides a basis for continuing commitment by all persons interested in school improvement to increase involvement of the community in the public school classrooms in Lee County; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are urged to recognize and support the thousands of Lee County residents who unselfishly give of their time, talents, and resources to serve as school volunteers, thereby improving the quality of education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, in conjunction with the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2011 as

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER MONTH

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

This Eighth day of February 2011

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the month of February 2011 as School Volunteer Month.

C. Acknowledgement (*Mr. Armstrong*)

Character Education Word for February: Honesty

D. Special Presentations to the Board (None)**E. Staff Presentation to the Board** (None)**III. Public Comment**

Speakers and the topics they addressed:

Debbie Johnston: bullying and school safety

Rob Koebel, FOX-4 News: portable toilet facility (a/k/a potty bus) (*Mr. Koebel provided a list of "viewer questions", a copy of which is on file with the official minutes.*)

Sandra Worth: autism endorsements, Social Communication class, focus group for parents to provide input and create a dialogue among parents, teachers, and administrators

Brent Tandy: autism program at Trafalgar Middle School and teacher, Ms. Coleman

Mr. Scott responded to speakers. He thanked Brent for sharing his comments about Ms. Coleman; informed Ms. Johnston that Ms. Fischer had broached the subject of bullying at this afternoon's Briefing Meeting; asked Dr. Tihen to respond to Ms. Worth's comments; stated that Dr. Tihen has provided the Board Members with information related to the portable toilet facility that addresses some of the issues expressed by Mr. Koebel and added that a copy is available to the media.

IV. Consent Action Items

The following item was pulled by Mr. Armstrong for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda:

Item IV.D.3. – Increase Expenditure of Piggy-back of Lee County Bid No. Q-100152 for Mulch.

Motion by Ms. Fischer, *seconded* by Dr. Kuckel, and *carried 5-0* to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the pulled item, IV.D.3.

A. Executive Services – Dr. Lawrence D. Tihen

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
 - December 8, 2010, School Board Workshop
 - January 11, 2011, School Board Student Hearings
 - January 11, 2011, School Board Briefing Meeting
 - January 25, 2011, School Board Action Meeting
2. Approval of the following change to the Construction Advisory Committee: appointment of Ms. Patricia Smithwick effective February 8, 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 interagency agreement between Florida Department of Children and Families, Children's Network of Southwest Florida, Lee County School Board, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc. to coordinate their respective responsibilities for furnishing educational and vocational services and supports for children known to the Department of Children and Families.

C. Administrative Services

1. Approval to open a checking account for Pinewoods Elementary School Internal Fund at Bank of America 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 to award Bid No. B106901RL for plumbing & HVAC supplies to Apple Specialties; Gorman Company; HD Supply; Interline Brands, Inc. dba Sexauer; Mark's Plumbing; Palm Beach Plumbing Parts; and Stromquist & Co., Inc. as outlined in the bid tabulation sheet for the period beginning February 8, 2011 through February 7, 2012, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$350,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
2. Approval to award Bid No. B106925SW for replacement seat covers for buses to J.R. Kennedy Company, Inc.; Pride Enterprises; and Easy Way Safety Services Inc. as outlined in the bid tabulation sheet for the period beginning February 8, 2011 through February 7, 2012, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$85,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents. **Pulled for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda.**
3. Approval to increase the estimated expenditure of Lee County Bid No. Q-100152 for the purchase of mulch awarded to Forestry Resources, Inc. and 7L Brands, LLC. by \$150,000 increasing the total estimated expenditure to \$250,000 through May 9, 2011, pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board, and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
4. Approval of the purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$285,382.37 and authorization for the issuance of the nine (9) purchase orders as described.
5. Approval to renew Bid No. B106851JM for first aid supplies and equipment awarded to Armchem International Corp; Henry Schein Inc.; Moore Medical, LLC; Quadmed Inc.; School Health; and School Kids Healthcare for the first renewal period of February 23, 2011 through February 22, 2012 at an estimated expenditure of \$130,000, pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.

E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins

1. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including administrative, certificated, support and substitute staff, and annual appointments.
2. Approval of the Amendment to the District's Flexible Benefits Plan effective, April 1, 2011, to reflect the Change in Tax Treatment of Employer-Provided Health Benefits for Children Under Age 27 to comply with the change in the Internal Revenue Code, at no cost to the District.
3. Approval of the Amendment to the District's Flexible Benefits Plan to add a 2½ month grace period for Flex Spending Accounts effective with April 1, 2011, Plan Year.
4. Approval of the Out-of-Field appointments as outlined.

F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore

1. Approval of the acceptance of the Certificate of Final Inspection for Educational Facilities Survey Recommendations for East Zone Schools – Phase 1. The final payment to Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$90,598.30 is recommended and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
2. Approval of the acceptance of the Certificate of Final Inspection for East Zone Transportation Building dated April 10, 2010 and final payment in the amount of \$139,618.67 to GATES Butz Institutional Construction, LLC is recommended and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items**Item IV.D.3 – Increase Expenditure of Piggy-back of Lee County Bid No. Q-100152 for Mulch.**

Motion by Mrs. Dozier and seconded by Mr. Armstrong to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve increasing the estimated expenditure of Lee County Bid No. Q-100152 for the purchase of mulch awarded to Forestry Resources, Inc. and 7L Brands, LLC. by \$150,000, thereby increasing the total estimated expenditure to \$250,000 through May 9, 2011, pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all documents.

Dr. Tihen and Mr. Bill Moore (*Executive Director for School Support*) responded to Mr. Armstrong's questions regarding the cost of the mulch and the necessity for this action.

Mr. Armstrong stated that he would not be able to support this recommendation and that he would prefer to wait until this is put out for bid again.

Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Armstrong casting the vote in opposition to the Motion.

A. 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. Scott asked if there was any discussion on the above motion and second made at the January 25, 2011, School Board Meeting.

Mr. Armstrong stated that he discovered discrepancies and missing items in connection with the RFQ submittals. (*A copy of a handout provided by Mr. Armstrong is on file with the official minutes.*)

Amendment to the Motion by Mr. Armstrong to remove Gulfpoint Construction Company, Inc. as the number one ranked firm and to move the second ranked firm [Gates Butz Institutional Construction, LLC] to the number one position.

Amendment to the Motion failed for lack of a second.

Main Motion carried 4-1, with Mr. Armstrong casting the vote in opposition to the Motion.

VI. Superintendent's Recommendations

- A. Good Cause (None)**
- B. Increase Annual Expenditure: Bid No. B086662VR – Computer Hardware, Software, Peripherals, Audio-Visual Equipment and Supplies.**

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve increasing the estimated annual expenditure for Bid No. B086662VR for purchase of computer hardware, software, peripherals, audio-visual equipment, and supplies awarded to multiple vendors by \$2,500,000, thereby increasing the total estimated annual expenditure to \$12,500,000 through April 21, 2011; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

- C. Increase Annual Expenditure: RFP No. R086730VR – Portable Computer Workstations.**

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve increasing the estimated annual expenditure for RFP No. R086730VR for purchase of portable computer workstations awarded to Dell Computer by \$2,500,000, thereby increasing the total estimated annual expenditure to \$4,500,000 through June 30, 2011; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

- D. Renewal Policy with Delta Dental Insurance Company to Provide Voluntary Dental Insurance.**

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Ms. Fischer, and carried 5-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the renewal of the policy with Delta Dental Insurance Company to provide voluntary dental insurance for School District employees for the one-year period April 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012, at no cost to the District.

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

VIII. Public Hearing (None)

IX. Other Business

- A. Board Members' Comments/Reports**

Ms. Fischer: announced that this is National School Counseling Week and spoke in support of the counselors and the work they do; announced that Dr. Tihen will be the guest speaker at the February 16th DAC meeting; stated that she has visited several schools and that she is very impressed by what is happening, i.e. support for students, overall atmosphere, and inclusion of the arts.

Dr. Kuckel: none.

Mr. Armstrong: thanked Debbie Johnston for all that she has done and offered to provide any assistance that she might need; opined that there is a problem with the District's bidding process and that the procedures need to be examined; shared some of his concerns related to the "potty bus."

Mrs. Dozier: addressed comments made by Sandra Worth related to autism; commended Brent Tandy for his eloquent comments regarding Ms. Coleman; expressed concern regarding the reduction in time for the health insurance open enrollment period; shared aspects of Governor Scott's proposed budget and the negative impact it would have on education and the District's employees.

Mr. Scott: announced that the Superintendent Search Citizens Committee would be meeting Thursday evening at 6:00 for organizational purposes and that Dr. Wayne Blanton of the Florida School Boards Association would be in attendance; announced that he would be participating in a symposium on Friday at Harborside regarding the anticipated future of Lee County in the year 2035; stated that the Governor's proposed budget was a topic of discussion at this afternoon's Briefing Meeting; thanked Mr. Moore for his presentation this afternoon regarding the bidding process; requested that Board Members share, prior to meetings, any information they plan to discuss; stated his regret that all of the information regarding the "potty bus" was not made available at the start of the project.

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

C. Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Dr. Tihen: thanked Debbie Johnston for all she has done and for representing Lee County so well; acknowledged the recognition of the volunteers and stated that their service to the District is remarkable; acknowledged the announcement of Barbara Esno as Lee County's Teacher of the Year; asked that any concerns regarding possible "potty bus" code violations be forwarded to him for review by staff; addressed Mrs. Dozier's comments regarding the health insurance open enrollment period and stated that information about the shortened time period would be shared with the Board; introduced Shellie Halstead as the District's newly-appointed Race To The Top Coordinator.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- February 22, 2011, 2:30 P.M.*, School Board Briefing Meeting (**Immediately following a School Board Special Meeting, if one is scheduled*)
- February 22, 2011, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

X. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Fischer, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to adjourn the February 8, 2011, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Thomas Scott, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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