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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, March 29, 2011

Attending:

Mr. Thomas Scott, Chairman	Dr. Gregory K. Adkins, Secretary and Acting Superintendent
Ms. Mary Fischer, M.A., Vice Chairman	Mr. Keith Martin, Board Attorney
Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member	
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Member	
Mr. Don H. Armstrong, Member	Mrs. Donna Lesansky, Recording Secretary

I. Opening Exercises

A. Call to Order

The School Board of Lee County, Florida, met on Tuesday, March 29, 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.

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

Mr. Scott acknowledged that Dr. Adkins is serving as Acting Superintendent in Dr. Tihen's absence while he tends to a family situation.

B. Invocation (Ms. Fischer)

C. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance (Mrs. Dozier)

- Full Color Guard, Ida S. Baker High School JROTC
 - Cadet Corporal Giovanni Pereira
 - Color Guard Commander Cadet Second-Lieutenant Donald Waddell
 - Cadet Captain Gerardo Ruiz
 - Cadet Staff Sergeant Daniel Porter
- Major Gordon Rodell, Senior Army Instructor, Ida S. Baker High School

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

1. 2011 Florida School Nurse of the Year (*Dr. Kuckel*)
 - Corinne Nelson, R.N., - Health Specialist, Early Head Start/Head Start Programs
2. Achieve3000® National Weekly Top Scorer (*Dr. Kuckel*)
 - Julie Monien, Estero High School
3. FHSAA Class 4A State Soccer Championship (*Ms. Fischer*)
 - Cape Coral High School Boys Soccer Team

B. Resolutions

1. Florida Suicide Prevention Day: March 30, 2011.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, suicide is a multifaceted public health problem requiring attention from an entire community to ensure that the protection and welfare of its citizens is a priority; and

WHEREAS, people suffering in silence and losing hope in their futures is a tragedy that can be curtailed by implementing comprehensive approaches at all stages of the life cycle; and

WHEREAS, suicide is one of the most devastating and tragic events a family and a community can experience; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the ninth leading cause of death in Florida and the third leading cause of death among the state's teenagers; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the quality of life for all Floridians be improved by promoting a culture that restores hope, fosters self-seeking behaviors, and builds resilience and connectedness among communities, families and individuals in order to create a strong foundation from which people can successfully face life's stress; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature and the Governor of Florida enacted a law to establish the Statewide Office of Suicide Prevention, thereby placing a high priority on the protection and welfare of Florida's citizens, especially its youth; and

WHEREAS, school systems are a critical avenue through which the quality of life for Floridians can be improved, in part by enhancing the emotional well-being of students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, in collaboration with the Governor of the State of Florida, hereby proclaims March 30, 2011, as

FLORIDA SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

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

This Twenty-ninth day of March 2011

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Ms. Fischer, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming March 30, 2011 as Florida Suicide Prevention Day.

2. School Library Month: April 2011.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, school library media programs significantly contribute to student achievement by providing instructional support resources and services; and

WHEREAS, school library programs promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading; and

WHEREAS, learning to become effective users of information and ideas is essential as Florida's youth prepare for a future characterized by change; and

WHEREAS, school library centers provide access to information within the school, in addition to physical and virtual resources outside the school; and

WHEREAS, promoting competencies in using new and emerging technologies is an integral part of school library programs; and

WHEREAS, school library media specialists are instructional partners and consultants in the teaching and learning process; and

WHEREAS, school library media programs are an important asset in the education of the youth of the state;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, in collaboration with the American Association of School Librarians, hereby proclaims the month of April 2011 as

SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH

“Create Your Own Story”

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

This Twenty-ninth day of March 2011

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming the month of April 2011, as School Library Month.

- 3. Children’s Week: April 3-8, 2011.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School District of Lee County Early Childhood Learning Services, in conjunction with Comcast and the Florida State Legislature, is celebrating Children’s Week from April 3-8, 2011;

WHEREAS, the research on brain development indicates that stimulating and nurturing environments during a child’s first five years of life are critical to long-term development and school readiness; and

WHEREAS, calling attention to the need for high quality early education and care programs for all young children within our community will help to improve the quality of such services; and

WHEREAS, local organizations including The School District of Lee County are working to improve early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs, that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Lee County; and

WHEREAS, public policies and adequate funding that support early learning for all young children are crucial to the futures of young children;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims the week of April 3-8, 2011, as

CHILDREN’S WEEK

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

This Twenty-ninth day of March 2011

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 5-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming April 3-8, 2011, as Children’s Week.

- C. Special Presentations to the Board (None)

- D. Staff Presentation to the Board (None)

III. Public Comment

Speakers and the topics they addressed:

Bill Radford offered to donate training days to the School District with regard to continuous improvement practices.

Joel Wolfson provided copies of a letter he received from the Florida Department of Education regarding a personnel investigation for distribution to the Board Members.

Bob Rushlow, President of the Support Personnel Association of Lee County addressed employee suspensions with pay.

Kathleen Cherasia addressed employee suspensions with pay.

Mr. Scott responded to speakers. He requested that Mr. Radford contact Dr. Adkins to discuss his offer; requested that Dr. Akins respond to some of the comments regarding employee suspensions without pay.

Dr. Adkins explained that suspension of employees is governed by the Administrative Code and Board policy. He added that the process is being reviewed and that staff is looking for ways to tighten up the process. Dr. Adkins concluded that he was looking forward to bringing staff's recommendations to the Board.

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.F.1. – Ranking of Construction Management Firms for CS300/Cape Coral High School HVAC Renovation. (*Mr. Armstrong*)

Motion by *Dr. Kuckel*, *seconded* by *Mr. Armstrong*, and *carried 5-0* to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the pulled item referenced above.

A. Executive Services – Dr. Lawrence D. Tihen

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
 - February 22, 2011, School Board Briefing Meeting
 - March 8, 2011, School Board Student Hearings
 - March 8, 2011, School Board Special Meeting
 - March 8, 2011, School Board Action Meeting
2. Approval of the following change to the Construction Advisory Committee: appointment of Ben Williams by Board Member Don Armstrong, effective March 29, 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 three grant proposals at no additional cost to the District. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute related documents when required by funder 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 renewal Academic Affiliation Agreement with Lee Memorial Health System to provide adequate facilities for the clinical preparation of Health Science Education students effective on the date when it is fully executed by both parties and shall continue for five (5) years. There is no cost to the District for this Agreement.
3. Approval of the VPK Provider Agreement for 2011-2012 and related documents between the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida and the School District of Lee County to provide 3 hours a day of high quality early childhood services. Approval authorizes the Superintendent to execute all related documents. Expected

revenue to the District from the Coalition may be as much as \$2,409,688 or more depending on enrollment.

4. Approval of the renewal of the contract with Apple Annie's Day Care, to provide a Head Start Program for 18 eligible 3 and or 4 year old children, dependent upon Federal Head Start appropriations. 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 during the period of August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012 and will not exceed \$85,925.
5. Approval to renew the Dental Contracts with Barkley Circle Dental Health and Family Health Center of Southwest Florida to provide dental exams and treatment for children enrolled in Head Start, Early Head Start, Early Head Start and Migrant Early Childhood programs for the period August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2012 at a cost of \$45,100.
6. Approval of the evaluation agreement between Grant Evaluation, Inc. and the School District of Lee County for FY11 in the amount of \$30,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all related documents.

C. Administrative Services

1. Approval to reimburse Linda Taylor to transport (TT) to/from their residence, to/from Royal Palm Exceptional Center, for the period January 10, 2011 through June 30, 2011, at the cost not to exceed \$706.00 for FY11.
2. Approval of the first Amendment to the 60-month license agreement with American Towers Inc. dated September 24, 2007 at a total first year cost not to exceed \$16,000, effective November 1, 2010 and shall be extended for an additional one (1) year and renew for annual one (1) year terms for five (5) additional years unless one of the parties provides 60 days notice of its desire not to renew the agreement.
3. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Fund Accounts at Mirror Lakes Elementary School and River Hall Elementary School with two signatures required on these accounts, one of which must be administrative; and authorization for the Superintendent to execute related documents.

D. Business Services

1. Approval to award Bid No. B116924GM for intercom replacement at five schools awarded to Simplex Grinnell LP as primary vendor, Rauland-Borg Corp. of FL as secondary vendor and Telecommunication Conexxions of Florida, Inc. as tertiary vendor having submitted the lowest, responsive bid meeting specifications in the amount of \$110,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
2. Approval to award Bid No. B116939GM to Gulf Lawn Services, Inc., Scarnato Lawn Service and Southwest Florida Landscape, Inc. as primary vendors and Gulf Lawn Services, Inc., RM Enterprises of SW FL d/b/a Greener Grass, Scarnato Lawn Service and Southwest Florida Landscape, Inc. as secondary vendors as indicated on the tabulation sheet for the period beginning March 30, 2011 through March 29, 2012, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$43,584 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

3. Approval to award Bid No. B116927JM for custodial equipment to Pyramid II Viper North America as indicated on the bid tabulation sheet for the period beginning March 29, 2011 through March 28, 2012, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$190,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
4. Approval to award Bid No. B116877RL for remanufactured toner to LD Products, FBA Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Martek, Rasix Computer Center, Inc. d/b/a Academic Supplier, A Toner Tree, The Office Pal, JetScape and Toshiba Business Solutions as indicated on the bid tabulation sheet for the period beginning March 29, 2011 through March 28, 2012, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$475,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
5. Approval to award Bid No. B116937SW for petroleum products for the Transportation Department to BV Oil Company, Inc., Edison Oil Company, Palmdale Oil Company, Inc., Preventative Maintenance of Florida, Inc. and Wallace International Trucks, Inc. as indicated on the bid tabulation sheet for the period beginning March 29, 2011 through March 28, 2012, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$225,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
6. Approval to award Bid No. B116946SW for wheel chair restraints for the Transportation Department to Easy Way Safety Systems, Inc. and Florida Transportation Systems, Inc. as indicated on the bid tabulation sheet for the period beginning March 29, 2011 through March 28, 2012, at a total expenditure of \$61,698 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
7. Approval to award ITN No. N116917GM to Bateman Contracting, LL P and Gulf Paving Company, Inc. as primary vendors as indicated on the review/evaluation tabulation sheet for the period beginning March 30, 2011 through March 29, 2012, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$400,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.
8. Approval to piggy-back Brevard County Schools Bid No. 11-011/BP for bulk commodity processing awarded to multiple vendors for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at an estimated expenditure of \$35,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
9. Approval to piggy-back Charlotte County School Bid No. 07/08-516 for the purchase of incidental supplies educational and operative awarded to various vendors through February 25, 2012 at an estimated expenditure of \$450,000 with an option to cancel if deemed to be in the best interest of the District and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
10. Approval to piggy-back Western States Contract Alliance (WSCA) Bid NO. 250-WSCA-10-ACS for miscellaneous IT equipment awarded to multiple vendors for the period of March 29, 2011 through March 28, 2012 at an estimated expenditure of \$100,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
11. Approval of the purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$160,971.92 and authorization for the issuance of the nine (9) purchase orders as described.
12. Approval of the renewal agreement with the Florida Department of Education, to sponsor the 2011 Summer Food Service Program, for needy children, for the period June 13, 2011 through July 28, 2011. It is estimated that \$8,000.00 in indirect cost revenue will be returned to the District.

13. Approval requesting a waiver to Florida Statute 1006.0606 to shorten the Summer Food Service Program from 35 days to 32 days due to the earlier start time for the School District of Lee County for FY 12.
14. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the period ending January 31, 2011.
15. Approval of the Budget Amendment dated January 31, 2011 to amend the 2010-11 annual school budget.
16. Approval to remove from the Official Property Records, 681 items listed on the report titled Property Records Asset Retirement by Bar Code/Tag Number.

E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins

1. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including administrative, certificated, support and substitute staff, out-of-field appointments, annual reappointments, and a correction to item previously approved by the Board.
2. Approval of the job description for the position of Coordinator, School Counseling, Pay Grade 12 of the Administrative Salary Schedule.
3. Approval to increase Project 6246, Fingerprinting, to cover costs associated with re-fingerprinting identified employee, during the 2010/11 fiscal year, at an estimated cost of \$39,985.75.

F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore

1. Approval of the following ranking of Construction Management firms to provide services for CS300 Cape Coral High School HVAC Renovation: (1) Manhattan/Kraft Construction, Inc.; (2) Wright Construction Group, Inc. (3) Lodge Construction, Inc.; (4) Gates Butz Institutional Construction, LLC. (5) Chris-Tel 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 negotiations and execution of a contract according to the final ranking.
Pulled for discussion during the Unfinished Business/Tabled Items portion of the agenda.
2. Approval of the Certification of Facilities Data certifying that the educational facilities inventory data for the District contained in the Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) is current and accurate pursuant to applicable statutes and rules.
3. Approval of the renewal of the Lease Agreement with Community Health Association, Inc. for the East Parent Information Center and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items

Item IV.F.1. – Ranking of Construction Management Firms for CS300/Cape Coral High School HVAC Renovation.

Motion by Dr. Kuckel and seconded by Mrs. Dozier to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the following ranking of Construction Management firms to provide services for CS300 Cape Coral High School HVAC Renovation: (1) Manhattan/Kraft Construction, Inc.; (2) Wright Construction Group, Inc. (3) Lodge Construction, Inc.; (4) Gates Butz Institutional Construction, LLC. (5) Chris-Tel Construction, Inc., and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents. In addition, in the

event negotiations with the top-ranked firm are not successful, that the Board authorize proceeding with negotiations and execution of a contract according to the final ranking.

Mr. Armstrong announced that he was abstaining from voting on this item since he is employed by B & I Contractors, Inc., which will likely submit a bid on this job as a subcontractor for Kraft Construction, Inc. Mr. Armstrong left the Board Room prior to the vote.

Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Armstrong returned to the Board Room.

VI. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Good Cause (None)

B. Increase Total Project Cost for the Public Service Academy (Michigan Elementary Conversion).

Motion by Mrs. Dozier and seconded by Ms. Fischer to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve increasing the cost for the Public Service Academy at Michigan Elementary Conversion project by \$650,000 for a total project cost of \$1,950,000; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

Mr. Armstrong announced that he was abstaining from voting on this item since he is employed by B & I Contractors, Inc., which has been awarded a subcontract on this job by W.G. Mills Construction, Inc. Mr. Armstrong left the Board Room prior to the vote.

Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Armstrong returned to the Board Room.

C. Extend RFP No. R086646VR – Low Voltage Infrastructure and Telephone Systems Maintenance.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier and seconded by Dr. Kuckel to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve extending RFP No. R086646VR for low voltage infrastructure and telephone system maintenance to Telecommunication Conexxions of Florida, Inc for a one hundred eighty (180) day period of March 25, 2011 through September 22, 2011 or until a new RFP is in place pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated expenditure of \$900,000; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

Mr. Armstrong raised questions with regard to the scope of this contract, especially as it relates to SMART Boards.

Motion by Mr. Armstrong to postpone action on the Motion until the next Board Meeting. The Motion was seconded for discussion by Mrs. Dozier.

In response to Mrs. Dozier's question, Ms. Susan Malay [Assistant Director for Procurement] stated that postponing action this evening could put the District in jeopardy, as the contract would expire and would then be nonrenewable.

Ms. Fischer noted that the Superintendent's Recommendation lists March 25, 2011, as the date of renewal and questioned whether or not the contract had already expired since today is March 29, 2011.

In order to allow Ms. Malay an opportunity to review the contract, the Board proceeded with the next agenda item.

D. Renew Bid No. B086662VR – Computer Hardware, Software, Peripherals, Audio Visual Equipment and Accessories.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier and **seconded** by Mr. Armstrong to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve renewing Bid No. B086662VR for computer hardware, software, peripherals, audio visual equipment and accessories to the remaining twenty-three vendors for the period of April 22, 2011 through April 21, 2012 pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$10,500,000; and authorize the Superintendent to execute all necessary documents.

Both Mr. Armstrong and Ms. Fischer expressed concern that there was no documentation outlining the expenditures.

Motion carried 3-2, with Mr. Armstrong and Ms. Fischer casting the votes in opposition to the Motion.

Mr. Armstrong requested to see a plan detailing the products proposed for purchase.

At 7:22 P.M., since Ms. Malay had not yet returned to the Board Room with information pertaining to Item VI.C., Mr. Scott called for a recess of the meeting.

At 7:30 P.M., Mr. Scott reconvened the meeting.

C. Extend RFP No. R086646VR – Low Voltage Infrastructure and Telephone Systems Maintenance. (continued)

Dr. Adkins informed the Board that the vendor had issued a written agreement on March 25, 2011, to extend the contract until the Board could take official action.

Mr. Armstrong withdrew his Motion to postpone.

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

Mr. Armstrong requested that he be provided with a copy of the contract.

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

VIII. Public Hearing (None)

IX. Other Business

A. Board Members' Comments/Reports

Mr. Armstrong: stated that he feels there is a need to review the employee suspension process and expressed a desire to engage in further discussion regarding this.

Dr. Kuckel: no comments

Mrs. Dozier: stated that the Legislative Session is underway and encouraged the public to communicate with legislators to urge them to minimize any damage to public schools and to provide flexibility with regard to funds received; expressed a desire to schedule for a future workshop discussion about the District's bidding process; agreed with Mr. Armstrong that a discussion regarding employee suspensions and discipline needs to occur as soon as possible.

Ms. Fischer: thanked Mrs. Dozier for all of her work in the area of legislation; thanked speakers for their input; announced that she met with Chief Murphy of the Cape Coral Police Department regarding School Resource Officers; stated that she attended the STEMtastic fair on Saturday, a recognition ceremony for author Lee Bennett Hopkins who donated books to the library at Ida S. Baker High School, the Young Artists Award Ceremony at Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, and *Fiddler on the Roof* at North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts.

Mr. Scott: announced that the end of the period for application submission for the superintendent position is Friday and that the District has received 30 applications to date; stated that he attended the production of *Fiddler on the Roof* at North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts.

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

C. Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Dr. Adkins: thanked the speakers for their comments; stated that he and staff would review the employee suspension process to find ways to be more efficient in this area; announced that Dr. Tihen's wife is seriously ill and that thoughts and prayers are with her; announced that on March 17, 2011, the District lost Mr. Richard Hagy, a beloved District employee for over 30 years.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- April 5, 2011, 2:00 P.M., School Board Budget Workshop
- April 15, 2011, 9:00 A.M., School Board Superintendent Search Workshop
- April 19, 2011, 2:30 P.M.*, School Board Briefing Meeting (**Immediately following Student Hearings and/or a School Board Special Meeting, if scheduled*)
- April 19, 2011, 6:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

X. Adjournment

Motion by Ms Fischer, *seconded* by Mrs. Dozier, and *carried 5-0* to adjourn the March 29, 2011, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Thomas Scott, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Gregory K. Adkins, Ed.D., Secretary and District Acting Superintendent

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