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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY
School Board Briefing Meeting – MINUTES
(School Board Meeting Room, 2855 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL)
Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Attending

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

Dr. Scricca called the Briefing Meeting of August 10, 2010, to order at 2:45 P.M.

A. Item(s) with Guests (*None*)

B. Board Members

1. Special Areas of Board Involvement / Reports

Mrs. Dozier: announced that she and the Superintendent met with representatives from D2SC earlier today regarding the company's Instructional Management System, which is designed to fully integrate with and leverage a school district's existing technology; she explained that the Superintendent will meet with a couple of the company's groups and then bring a presentation to the Board at a future briefing meeting (*the pamphlet distributed by Mrs. Dozier is on file with the official minutes*). Mrs. Dozier wished all of the District's teachers and administrators a successful school year.

Dr. Kuckel: stated that she has already visited some schools and observed that the school year is off to a rousing start. Dr. Kuckel stated that next year the District, due to its high performing designation, would have the opportunity to begin the school year earlier; she said that she looks forward to the formation of a task force (as previously discussed and requested by the Board) to examine and evaluate all of the days that District schools are closed with an eye towards bringing some recommendations to this year's Instructional Calendar Committee in order to ensure an educationally sound schedule that best benefits students; she requested that Dr. Browder bring forward a recommendation for the formation and membership of said task force.

Mr. Teuber: stated that he would like to see some flexibility with regard to breaks in the school year in order to avoid such a large gap in the summer. Mr. Teuber stated that he and the Superintendent would work on scheduling a workshop for the purpose of devising a system to communicate with parents about the District's Student Assignment Plan so that they would better understand and be able to utilize all of the procedures and processes related to the Plan.

Dr. Scricca: stated that she has received positive comments from community members regarding the work of the District. Dr. Scricca announced that this year's Pride and Patriotism event would not take place at Barbara B. Mann; she added that she is working with Mayor Henderson about the possibility of using Harborside instead.

2. 2011 Legislative Priorities (Draft #2)

The Board and Superintendent reviewed the second draft of the 2011 Legislative Priorities. As a result of the discussion, the only change that was made was to the first bullet under **Teacher Performance Pay and Teacher Evaluation Systems**. That bullet was revised as follows: *Fund 100% of the costs associated with establishing new valid and reliable testing programs in every subject not covered by ~~a~~ state accountability tests and new teacher evaluation systems.*

The School Board's 2011 Legislative Priorities will be brought to the Board for adoption at the September 14, 2010, School Board Meeting.

C. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Senate Bill 4 – Graduation and Testing Requirements

Dr. Connie Jones (*Chief Academic Officer*) and Mr. Richard Itzen (*Director of Accountability, Research, and Continuous Improvement*) utilized a PowerPoint presentation (*a copy of which is on file with the official minutes*) to update the Board on Senate Bill 4 and the impact it will have on the District. During the presentation, they highlighted:

- New graduation requirements – Dr. Jones noted that the District is already in compliance with the new requirements and that with the implementation of SB4, the requirement for a high school major has been eliminated.
- Transition to next generation and computer-based testing – Dr. Itzen outlined the testing requirement changes for school years 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014 and their impact on courses taken in the middle schools.
- End-of-course (EOC) testing – Dr. Jones touched on the requirements as they relate to students with disabilities and transfer students.

The presentation brought to light some of the challenges inherent in implementing SB4, which include:

- Online testing with regard to infrastructure and scheduling
- Implementation of the 30% requirement for course grade for EOC tests
- Implementation of the Credit Acceleration Program (CAP)
- Concordant scores for EOC tests

Dr. Browder stated his belief that SB4 was hastily devised and expressed concern with regard to the District's and State's ability to implement the plan as devised.

D. Administrative/Support Services

1. Change Orders – July 2010

A packet containing the information was included in the meeting packets for the Board Members' information and review.

2. HVAC Update

Mr. Bill Moore (*Executive Director of School Support Services*) used a PowerPoint presentation (*a copy of which is on file with the official minutes*) to provide the Board with information regarding the "Emergency Portable Chiller" initiative developed by members of the District's Maintenance Department. The implementation of this initiative has resulted in the District maintaining a replacement chiller on site to be used in emergencies. It is anticipated that this initiative will save the District thousands of dollars in temporary chiller rentals.

Dr. Browder presented the Board with documentation regarding the rotation cycle of items that need to be periodically replaced to upgrade and maintain the District's facilities. He stated that this documentation covers a course of 30 years and will be updated annually.

- E. Business Services** – Mrs. Greta Campbell / Dr. Ami Desamours (*None*)
- F. Human Resources** – Dr. Greg Adkins (*None*)
- G. Executive Services** – Dr. James Browder (*None*)
- H. Public Comment** (*None*)
- I. Board Attorney's / Superintendent's Comments**

Mr. Martin presented a *School Law Minute* on Senate Bill 2060, Sovereign Immunity.

Dr. Browder referred to the meeting with D2SC and stated that he looks forward to reviewing the information and bringing additional material to the Board so that they can examine the next generation of data management systems. Dr. Browder stated that he is very proud of the District's schools but still has some concerns regarding the testing initiative and test scores; he stated that there needs to be a reliable system in place in order to judge fairly. Dr. Browder opined that a majority of students need more learning time and that it is not just about extending the school year but it is about putting more days in the instructional calendar; he stated that he looks forward to examining ways to accomplish this and to minimize the loss of reading skills during extended breaks; he added that he appreciates the Board's interest in and willingness to be involved in this process.

Dr. Scricca adjourned the August 10, 2010, Briefing Meeting at 4:15 P.M.

Elinor C. Scricca, Ph.D., Meeting Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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