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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, September 14, 2010

Attending

Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Chairman
Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Vice Chairman
(participating via telephone)

Mrs. Jeanne S. Dozier, Member
Dr. Jane E. Kuckel, Member

Dr. James W. Browder, Secretary and District Superintendent
Mr. Keith B. 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, September 14, 2010, 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.

Dr. Browder provided justification for the addition of his Good Cause item. Mr. Teuber stated that as presiding officer he determined there is good cause to add the item to the agenda.

Mr. Martin provided justification for the addition of his Good Cause item. Mr. Teuber stated that as presiding officer he determined there is good cause to add the item to the agenda.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Scricca, 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 (Mrs. Dozier)

- Cadet Major Steven Howard Junior, Riverdale High School JROTC
- Major (Ret) Steve Falck, JRTOC Army Instructor, Riverdale High School JROTC

II. Special Presentations

A. Recognitions

1. Working on Gifted Issues Curriculum Contest *(Mrs. Dozier)*
 - Sue Valentine, Tanglewood Elementary School
2. Florida Odyssey of the Mind State Competition *(Dr. Kuckel)*
 - Thirty-two students from four Lee County Schools

B. Resolutions

1. Constitutional Day & Citizenship Day: September 17, 2010 (*Dr. Kuckel*)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1787, delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia signed one of the most enduring documents in history: the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, for more than 200 years the Constitution has provided our Nation with the resilience to survive trying times and the flexibility to correct past injustices; and

WHEREAS, at every turning point in our history, the letter and spirit of the Constitution have enabled us to reaffirm our union and expand the meaning of liberty; and

WHEREAS, our Constitution is the foundation of our liberty and as such guarantees our citizens the right and responsibility to choose leaders through free elections, thereby giving Americans the means to enact political change without resorting to violence, insurrection, or revolution; and

WHEREAS, the success of our Constitution is evidenced by the millions of people who have left their homelands over the past two centuries to become American citizens, and its influence can be measured by the number and vigor of new democracies being created across the globe; and

WHEREAS, along with the many gifts bestowed upon us by the Constitution comes the responsibility to be informed and engaged citizens who must take an active role in the civic life of our communities and our country; and

WHEREAS, on Constitution Day & Citizenship Day we reaffirm our commitment to freedom, to ensuring that our history endures, and to instilling in America's next generation the values that make our country great;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Lee County, Florida, hereby proclaims September 17, 2010, as

Constitution Day & Citizenship Day

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

This Fourteenth day of September 2010

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 4-0 to adopt the Resolution proclaiming September 17, 2010, as Constitutional Day & Citizenship Day.

C. Acknowledgement (*Dr. Kuckel*)

Character Word for September: Tolerance

D. Special Presentations to the Board

1. United Way: Circle of Excellence Award

Cliff Smith, President of United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties, and Julie Barkley, United Way Campaign

E. Staff Presentation to the Board (None)

Mr. Teuber called a brief recess to allow those who wished to leave the meeting an opportunity to do so.

III. Public Comment

Speakers and the topics they addressed:

John Traube: transportation audit; Odyssey of the Mind recognition

Courtney Greene: expressed appreciation to the Superintendent and Board Members; opined that students are being motivated to learn

Don Armstrong: transportation issues

Katherine Cherisia: stated that the new Board Members should be given a chance

Sue Jacobse: Odyssey of the Mind program; transportation audit; school start times

Bob Rushlow, President of the Support Personnel Association of Lee County: transportation audit workshop; history of school bell times

Mr. Teuber thanked speakers for their comments regarding the TransPar audit. He agreed that many of the recommendations for saving money revolve around school start times and acknowledged that the report contains several informational errors. He stated that a workshop to review/discuss the audit will be scheduled and that representatives from the Cerra Consulting Group will also be invited to attend.

IV. Consent Action Items

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 4-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. Executive Services – Dr. James W. Browder

1. Approval of minutes of School Board Meetings:
 - July 29, 2010, School Board Student Hearings
 - August 10, 2010, School Board Student Hearings
 - August 31, 2010, School Board Special Meeting
 - August 31, 2010, School Board Action Meeting
2. Approval to extend the Agreement with Cerra Consulting Group, Inc., as permitted by language in the agreement approved by the Board on October 20, 2009, to provide federal legislative services, for the period October 15, 2010 and ending October 15, 2011, at the cost of \$24,000.00, and if necessary, up to 12 days of service over a maximum of three round trips to Washington, D.C. in order to meet the needs of the School Board and District.
3. Approval of the appointments as listed to the Construction Advisory Committee, Continuous Systemic Improvement Committee, Curriculum Advisory Committee and Finance Advisory Committee, effective September 14, 2010, through the date of the regular School Board meeting in September 2011, at which the Board takes action to appoint members to Board Advisory Committees.

B. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones

1. Approval of the waiver request submitted by Gulf Elementary School (Primary and Intermediate Learning Center) to have two grade level chairpersons per grade level to receive supplemental contracts at the cost of \$3,780.00.
2. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) at no cost to the District. Approval authorizes the Superintendent 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.
3. Approval of the Interlocal Agreement with The Lee County Sheriff's Office for the continuation of the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program for August 11, 2010 to August 10, 2011, at a cost of \$677,450.
4. Approval of the consultant expenditures for Mr. Bob Hoglund for professional development training services at a cost not to exceed \$43,000 plus estimated travel expenses of \$18,000 for fiscal year 2011.

C. Administrative Services

1. Approval to change the authorized signers on the Internal Fund Accounts at Cypress Lake Middle School, Fort Myers Middle School, Varsity Lakes Middle School, and North Fort Myers Academy for the Arts, 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 of Final Budget Amendment to amend the 2009-10 annual District budget.
2. Approval to award Bid No. B106891SW for vehicle parts to Parts Depot, Inc., for the period of September 14, 2010 through September 13, 2011, at an estimated annual expenditure of \$90,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
3. Approval of the purchase requisitions in the total amount of \$194,498.26 and authorization for the issuance of the four (4) purchase orders as described.
4. Approval to renew Bid No. B096814JM for rebuilt and remanufactured alternators and starters to Auto Electric Rebuilders Corp., Southeast Power Systems, and Total Truck Parts, Inc., for the period of September 21, 2010 through September 20, 2011. This is pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$98,900 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.
5. Approval to renew Bid No. B096818JM for wheel seals for Transportation Services to Florida Spring and Axle Service, Inc. and Wallace International, for the period of September 21, 2010 through September 20, 2011. This is pursuant to the same terms and conditions as previously approved by the Board at an estimated annual expenditure of \$55,000 and authorization for the Superintendent to execute all documents.

E. Human Resources – Dr. Gregory Adkins

1. Approval of the renewal contracts with the Visiting Nurses Association of Southwest Florida, Inc., effective September 20, 2010, through March 31, 2011, to provide on-site influenza and pneumonia vaccinations to District employees. There is no cost to the Board for this program.
2. Approval of the general personnel recommendations including certificated, support and substitute staff, out-of-field appointments, and annual reappointments.

F. School Support Services – Mr. William Moore (None)

V. Unfinished Business/Tabled Items (None)

VI. Superintendent's Recommendations**A. Good Cause**

1. Personnel Recommendation – Administrative.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the transfer and change of assignment of Kandrick Barnes from teacher at Dunbar High School to Assistant Principal at Fort Myers Middle Academy, effective September 15, 2010.

B. 2011 Legislative Priorities for The School Board of Lee County.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the 2011 Legislative Priorities for The School Board of Lee County.

C. Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the Annual Financial Report for The School District of Lee County, Florida, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010.

D. Extension of the Review Timeline on Charter Applications.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve the extension of the review timeline through December 23, 2010, for pending charter applications at no additional cost to the District; and authorize the Superintendent to execute related documents.

Dr. Scricca requested information pertaining to the number of students the proposed new charter schools are estimated to serve.

E. Increase Purchase of "Webcaster" Systems from Synergy Broadcast Systems (Sole Source).

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, seconded by Mrs. Dozier, and carried 4-0 to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board approve increasing the estimated annual expenditure for the purchase of "Webcaster" systems from Synergy Broadcast Systems (Sole Source) by \$750,000 thereby increasing the total estimated annual expenditure to \$1,175,000 through July 29, 2011; and authorize the Superintendent to execute related documents.

VII. Attorney's Recommendations – Mr. Keith Martin**A. Good Cause**

1. Rescheduling October 5, 2010, Board Meeting to October 7, 2010.

Motion by Mrs. Dozier, seconded by Dr. Kuckel, and carried 4-0 to accept the Attorney's recommendation that the Board approve rescheduling the October 5, 2010, Regular Board Meeting to October 7, 2010, at 3:00 P.M.

VIII. Public Hearing (None)

IX. Other Business**A. Board Members' Comments/Reports**

Mrs. Dozier: congratulated her fellow Board Members on their passage of the 2011 Budget; stated that while the District would be opting in to the Race To The Top initiative, it would also have the opportunity to opt out without penalty or without being required to repay any funding previously received.

Dr. Kuckel: observed that more students are taking the SAT and are enrolled in high-level courses and that scores are up overall.

Dr. Scricca: offered her congratulations to the Odyssey of the Mind students recognized this evening.

Mr. Teuber: acknowledged the adoption of the Resolution proclaiming September 17th as Constitution Day & Citizenship Day and praised the District for embracing this and for teaching ethics.

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

Dr. Browder: acknowledged Food & Nutrition Services and Mary Ann Bucceroni, Food Service Manager at Heights Elementary School, for the Healthy Living Lab initiative; opined that the increased student participation in AP courses and the IB program have played a large role in increasing SAT scores; thanked Dr. Greg Adkins, Ms. Donna Mutzenard, Mr. Mark Castellano, and Dr. Connie Jones for focusing on the Race To The Top (RTTT) and stated that the RTTT funds will be used to provide more academic opportunities for students.

D. Next Scheduled Meetings of the Board:

- October 7, 2010, 2:30 P.M., School Board Special Meeting
- October 7, 2010, 2:30 P.M.*, School Board Briefing Meeting (*Immediately following the School Board Special Meeting)
- October 7, 2010, 3:00 P.M., School Board Action Meeting

X. Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Kuckel, *seconded* by Mrs. Dozier, and *carried 4-0* to adjourn the September 14, 2010, School Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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