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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, September 14, 2010

Attending

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

Mr. Teuber called the Briefing Meeting of September 14, 2010, to order at 2:35 P.M. He acknowledged Dr. Scricca's absence due to illness.

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

B. Board Members

1. Special Areas of Board Involvement / Reports

Mrs. Dozier: exhibited a publication entitled *Primer on the Florida State Budget and Tax System* that she obtained at the recent Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) Board of Directors' Retreat. She explained that the publication's goal is to help Florida residents better understand the nature of the state's budget and tax system (*the publication may be viewed at www.fcfe.org*). Mrs. Dozier also highlighted several topics that were discussed at the Retreat including: the use by governmental agencies of centrally-located health clinics to treat their employees; the purchasing consortium, which she suggested that the District consider participating in; the investment trust, which should be operational under SunTrust by mid-year; the proposed class size amendment (Amendment 8), which will appear on the November general election ballot and provide Florida voters with the opportunity to consider revisions to the current Constitutional class size requirements; and proposed redistricting amendments (Amendments 5 and 6), which will also appear on the November ballot and that would amend the Florida Constitution to specify mandatory standards that the Florida Legislature must apply to the establishment of legislative and congressional district boundaries. Mrs. Dozier also expounded on the possibility of FSBA entering into litigation to challenge the constitutionality of the new penalties that would be applied to school districts that have not fully complied with class size reduction strategies. She informed the Board that Attorney Ron Meyer has recommended that the Association not file a lawsuit at this time but that every school district be prepared and willing to join the lawsuit at any time since the new penalties could be imposed as early as the October student membership surveys. Mrs. Dozier referred to Dr. Browder's September 8th memorandum and asked him to provide the savings to be realized by reclassifying the Coordinator of Personnel Services position to that of Manager, Staffing and Compliance.

Dr. Kuckel: stated that she looked forward to the Board Advisory Committees starting up again and added that she would be attending the Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting on Monday; stated that she read the TransPar audit and requested that (1) a workshop be scheduled in October to discuss the findings, (2) the Superintendent have staff provide,

prior to the workshop, responses to each finding/recommendation within the report, and (3) that a representative from TransPar, Bob Cerra of Cerra Consulting, and the Board Members-elect be invited to attend the workshop; when the Board Members came to consensus on all of these recommendations, Dr. Browder stated that he would contact Kyle Martin of TransPar and obtain some possible dates for the workshop.

Mr. Teuber: stated that he would be attending tomorrow evening's DAC meeting and the September 22nd Finance Advisory Committee Meeting at the Six Mile Transportation Compound; acknowledged Dr. Browder's memorandum informing the Board of the District's plan to return the ALC West program to the High Tech Center North campus; announced the Adult & Career Education Advisory Committee Breakfast Meeting at 7:00 A.M. on September 24th and congratulated High Tech Central students, Brittianny Garrett, Jamie Hodges, and Jerry Davis, for winning awards at recent national competitions.

C. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones (*None*)

D. Support Services – Mr. William Moore

1. Change Orders – August 2010

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

E. Business Services – Mrs. Greta Campbell / Dr. Ami Desamours (*None*)

F. Human Resources – Dr. Greg Adkins (*None*)

G. Executive Services – Dr. James Browder

1. CareHere

Dr. Browder explained that CareHere specializes in providing on-site medical clinics for employers with self-funded health plans. He outlined some of the positive aspects of such a program and suggested that the Adams Building would be an excellent location, adding that the building could be retrofitted and operational by the first of the year. Dr. Browder informed the Board that representatives from CareHere were in the District last week to make presentations to Cabinet and the Insurance Task Force and that he planned to collect and bring more information to the Board in a workshop setting, with Bob Cerra in attendance to address any related legislative issues.

Dr. Kuckel stated that she fully supports this concept but would like to have the District consider other locations and coordination with other governmental agencies.

H. Public Comment

I. Board Attorney's / Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Martin presented a *School Law Minute* on HB 747, Students with Diabetes. Mr. Martin also announced the training for Board advisory committee members scheduled for tomorrow night at 5:30 P.M., prior to the DAC meeting.

Dr. Browder asked the Board to review the proposed Chapter 4 policies and submit any changes to Mr. Martin by September 27th since adoption of the policies will come to public hearing on October 19th; he added that a great deal of money is saved by handling policy reviews and revisions in-house rather than employing an external company. Dr. Browder referred to an e-mail from Bob Cerra stating that the shortfall for next fiscal year (2011-2012) is projected to be about \$2.5 million; he added that any funding received from the recent federal JOBS bill could assist in minimizing any shortfalls. In response to Mrs. Dozier's earlier request, Dr. Browder reported that the total savings anticipated by reclassifying the Coordinator of Personnel Services position to

that of Manager, Staffing and Compliance, would be approximately \$20,967. Dr. Browder informed the Board that the District would qualify for approximately \$27 million in Qualified School Construction (QSC) bonds and asked the Board for direction to begin the process of accessing the funds. He stated that the bonds would be used to address construction due to growth and to help fund technology needs created by the computer-based testing initiative. The Board came to consensus for Dr. Browder to move forward with accessing the QSC bonds. Dr. Browder praised Denise Phillips-Luster on being chosen to serve on a Task Force on Educational Excellence being created by Governor Crist. Dr. Browder requested and received Board consensus to have Mr. Martin prepare a Good Cause agenda item to reschedule the October 5th School Board Meeting to October 7th at 3:00 P.M.; he added that a briefing meeting would be scheduled at 2:30 P.M. Dr. Browder exhibited photos of a student in Bogota using a “zip line” to travel to school from her home on the other side of a canyon.

Mr. Teuber adjourned the September 14, 2010, Briefing Meeting at 3:35 P.M.

Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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