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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)
Thursday October 7, 2010

Attending

Mr. Steven K. Teuber, J.D., Chairman Superintendent	Dr. Lawrence D. Tihen, Secretary and Interim
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 October 7, 2010, to order at 2:00 P.M. He acknowledged Dr. Scricca's absence from the meeting due to a family commitment.

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

B. Board Members

1. Special Areas of Board Involvement / Reports

Mrs. Dozier: shared information related to the September 27th meeting of the Continuous Systemic Improvement Advisory Committee meeting that she attended; shared a packet of information that she received at a meeting this morning with individuals from School City for review by the other Board Members; stated that she attended a meeting at the Edison Ford Winter Estates and that information on this year's Holiday House would be forthcoming.

Dr. Kuckel: stated that she attended a meeting of the Curriculum Advisory Committee; stated that she spoke about school taxes at a meeting of the Fort Myers City Council.

Mr. Teuber: referred to a recent memo from Mr. Martin regarding the FSBA class size penalty law suit; stated that the Board has begun receiving information from firms offering assistance with a search for a new superintendent; discussed his appointment at last year's Board Organizational Planning Meeting to serve on the 2011-2012 Instructional Calendar Committee, after which it was agreed that Mrs. Dozier would attend the October 13th Committee meeting and would serve as the Board liaison until the annual organization of the Board at the November 16th Board Meeting.

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

D. Administrative/Support Services – Mr. William Moore

1. Change Orders – September 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

1. District Educational Facilities Plan (PH 10/19/10)

Dr. Desamours referred to information in the agenda packet as she shared information with the Board regarding the District Educational Facilities Plan. She stated that various governmental agencies use the data contained in this work program for various needs including funding, planning, and as the authoritative source for school facilities related information. She stated that the District is once again experiencing growth in its student population. Dr. Desamours informed the Board that this Plan is scheduled to come for Public Hearing at the October 19th Board Meeting.

At Dr. Kuckel's request, Dr. Tihen and Dr. Desamours stated that they would provide the Board with information related to student growth by zone.

F. Human Resources – Dr. Greg Adkins

1. TALC Tentative Agreement

Dr. Greg Adkins (Chief Human Resources Officer) and Donna Mutzenard (Executive Director, Island Coast FEA) used a PowerPoint presentation to brief the Board on the Tentative Agreement between the School District and the Teachers Association of Lee County (TALC). *(A copy of the presentation is on file with the official minutes.)* They informed the Board that this tentative two-year agreement was well received by TALC representatives yesterday.

During presentation of and discussion about several articles of interest within the Agreement, Mrs. Dozier requested Board discussion regarding instructional delivery at the secondary level (6 of 7 periods, 4x4, etc.) prior to changes being implemented next school year.

In conclusion, the Board Members were informed that teachers would vote on the Agreement on October 14th and 15th, and that it would come to the Board for approval at the October 19th Board Meeting.

3:10-3:15 P.M. A brief recess was called so that Judge John Carlin could administer the Oath of Office for Superintendent to Dr. Tihen.

2. Race To The Top

Dr. Adkins used a PowerPoint presentation to brief the Board on the status of Race To The Top. *(A copy of the presentation is on file with the official minutes.)* He explained that this is more than just a grant – it is an opportunity to bring about reform grounded in research. Dr. Adkins reviewed several goals of the initiative and shared the 90-day timeline. He informed the Board that the application would be provided to the Department of Education by October 13th for the Department's input.

G. Executive Services – Dr. Lawrence D. Tihen

1. Chapter 4 Policies (PH 10/19/10)

Dr. Tihen stated that the Chapter 4 policies will come for Public Hearing at the October 19th Board Meeting and asked the Board Members if they had any questions regarding the policies.

- Mr. Teuber: requested that a document summarizing the changes being recommended to Chapter 4 policies be shared with the Board.
- Mrs. Dozier: stated that she was not certain that she could support the recommended new language in Policy 4.16(3)(c)(2) and requested that the new language be compared with language contained in the policies of other districts.
- Consensus: to address the concerns regarding the addition of the word clerks in Policy 4.17(8).
- Consensus: to develop a training plan with regard to Policy 4.22(5)(e) & (f).

H. Public Comment

Speakers and the topics they addressed:

Sue Jacobse: Race To The Top – testing and funding.

Bob Rushlow, President of the Support Personnel Association of Lee County: Policies 4.17 and 4.22.

I. Board Attorney’s / Superintendent’s Comments

Mr. Martin: responded to comments made in connection with Chapter 4 policies; was directed to review the job description for clerks.

Dr. Tihen thanked and complimented everyone involved in Race To The Top.

Mr. Teuber adjourned the October 7, 2010, Briefing Meeting at 3:45 P.M.

Thomas Scott, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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