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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, November 2, 2010

Attending

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

Absent:

Dr. Elinor C. Scricca, Vice Chairman (illness)

Mr. Teuber called the Briefing Meeting of November 2, 2010, to order at 2:50 P.M. He acknowledged Dr. Scricca's absence from the meeting due to illness.

A. Item(s) with Guests

1. Hispanic American Business Alliance (HABA) of Southwest Florida / Lee County School District International Education Initiative

Dr. Jones welcomed Leonardo Garcia, Maribel Sanchez, Rosey Martinez White, and Evelyn Rivera of the Hispanic American Business Alliance. She stated that the International Education Initiative is a cultural exchange opportunity for School District principals to travel to the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico to learn about the educational systems of those countries.

Mr. Garcia, Ms. Sanchez and Ms. White shared information about the initiative and the School Principal of the Year program via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file with the official minutes. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Garcia announced the principals who have been chosen as the School Principals of the Year: Elementary - Holly Bell; Middle - Steve Hutnik; and High - Eric McFee. In addition, Mr. Garcia extended an invitation to Dr. Tihen to accompany the principals on their trip to the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

B. Board Members

1. Special Areas of Board Involvement / Reports

Mrs. Dozier: stated that the Instructional Calendar Committee has been meeting and it appears as though the 2011-2012 calendar may be finalized next week; stated that Dr. Tihen, Bob Cerra, and she visited Representatives Williams and Aubuchon and Senator Richter last week; stated that the annual Tree Trail will be held at the Edison & Ford Estates on Tuesday, December 7th, from 6:00-9:00 P.M.

Dr. Kuckel: stated that she recently addressed the Head Start Policy Council and attended a meeting of the Curriculum Advisory Committee.

Mr. Teuber: provided Mrs. Dozier an opportunity to comment on the Greater Florida Consortium of School Board's Proposed 2011 Legislative Platform.

C. Academic Services – Dr. Constance Jones**1. Update: JROTC Program**

Dr. Jones thanked Lt. Colonel Tom Madigan (*Director of Army Instruction*) for his leadership of the JROTC program. She added that each of the District's high schools has such a program.

Lt. Colonel Madigan provided an overview of the District's JROTC program via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file with the official minutes. He explained that upon entering the JROTC program each student is required to complete a five-year plan, which is subsequently updated each year. Lt. Colonel Madigan stated that a plan to contact each JROTC student two years after s/he graduates to follow up on her/his five-year plan progress is being instituted this year.

Lt. Colonel Teresa Galgano shared information about the Curriculum Master, an interactive device developed by the Army for use in all JROTC programs. A copy of her PowerPoint presentation is on file with the official minutes.

2. Presentation: Home School Program

Ms. Mattie Young (*Coordinator, Student Welfare & Attendance*) shared information regarding the District's Home Education Program (HEP) via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file with the official minutes.

Mrs. Dozier expressed concern that a certified teacher may evaluate programs for Home Education students but that students in the regular public school setting do not have that option. She opined that this is an equity issue and suggested that the Board consider this in the future as a legislative priority.

Mrs. Dozier inquired whether a Home Education student at the elementary level may take a strings class at a public school and, if so, how s/he would be assigned. She was assured that the information would be obtained and provided to her.

D. Administrative/Support Services – Mr. William Moore**1. Change Orders – October 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****1. Update: Race To The Top (RTTT)**

Dr. Greg Adkins (*Chief Human Resources Officer*) provided a brief update on the Race To The Top grant initiative via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file with the official minutes. He explained that revisions are being made and the final scope of work will be submitted to FLDOE by November 9th. He added that November 22nd is the date by which the District should receive notification of its approval status.

G. Executive Services – Dr. Lawrence D. Tihen**1. Charter School Application Denials (*Respond to any questions*)**

Dr. Tihen referred to his October 26th memorandum in which he informed the Board that he would be bringing recommendations to this evening's Board Meeting to deny four charter school applications. He added that Mr. Martin and Dr. Jeff McCullers (*Director, Grants and Program Development*) prepared Executive Summaries outlining the numerous deficiencies in each of the applications, which are included with the agenda items.

H. Public Comment

Speakers and the topics they addressed:

Lisa Schifley: part-time attendance by Home Education students in regular classrooms and eligibility for part-time FTE dollars; stated that the District would need to establish a part-time enrollment policy for Home Education students in order to qualify.

I. Board Attorney's / Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Martin: stated that Policy 4.18(8)(a)(1) addresses participation of Home School students in individual courses at a District school.

Dr. Kuckel suggested that a task force or a committee be established to look into allowing part-time enrollment of Home Education students in programs at regular public schools. She also requested that a parent of a Home Education student be included in the task force/committee membership.

Mrs. Dozier suggested that a workshop be scheduled to discuss the possibility of allowing Home School students to attend regular public schools on a part-time basis. She requested that Board policies dealing with this issue be obtained from other school districts for review at that time.

Dr. Tihen: expressed appreciation for all of the support he is receiving from the Board and the community; thanked Mrs. Dozier for taking the time to arrange and attend the legislative visits with him.

Mr. Teuber adjourned the November 2, 2010, Briefing Meeting at 4:21 P.M.

Thomas Scott, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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