



## THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY

### *Compliance Advisory Committee*

Dr. James A. Adams Public Education Center

Monday, August 14, 2006

6:00 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Mr. Jack Eikenberg (Chairman), Mr. James Hebner, Ms. Lynne Lampila, Mr. Orin Opperman, Mr. Raymond Rhodes, Ms. Vicki Santini, Mr. Richard Young

**Committee Members Absent:** Dr. Timothy Butts, Ms. Arlene Franklin, Mr. Gary Griffin, Mr. Charles Gutekunst, Ms. Patricia Ward

**Board Liaison:** Dr. Jane Kuckel

**District Staff Liaison:** Mrs. Greta S. Campbell

**Guests:** Mrs. Linda Boyle, Mrs. Ami Desamours, Mr. Lee Legutko, Mrs. Julie Nieminski

**Recording Secretary:** Mrs. Lisa Meo

#### Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He had nothing to report and moved to the Board Member Comments.

#### Public Comment (Agenda Items only)

None

#### Board Member Comments

Dr. Kuckel made the following reports:

- Announced that on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, the Board is holding a workshop on advisory committees to review whether or not the committees are accomplishing what the Board intended when they were established. She asked for feedback/ suggestions that she could take with her to the workshop.
- Handed out copies of the Board Auditor's report on invoices less than \$25,000 and drew the Committee's attention to a sentence in the Executive Summary on page three, which stated, in part "...the audit results did not indicate any signs of fraud, intentional mismanagement, or blatant disregard for policies and procedures..." She stated she was pleased with this result, but was quick to point out that she would have been pleased with the opposite because the District always strives to do the right thing. She spent some time in a general question and answer session with the Committee Members and Mrs. Julie Nieminski, the Board Auditor, who was also present.
- She shared that the District's Legislative Platform for 2007 will be discussed at the August 15, 2006 Board Briefing Meeting and invited everyone to attend.

#### New Business

#### SIP/ SAC Committees

Mrs. Linda Boyle, Coordinator for Accountability, Research & Continuous Improvement reported on Student Advisory Councils (SAC). She handed out copies of the current guidelines and explained that the SACs were started to assist with the design and implementation of School Improvement Plans (SIP), which are mandated by the State of Florida to be reviewed and developed each school year. She discussed membership composition (School Administrators, Teachers, Students,

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and Parents), which is subject to strict guidelines governing percentage of school employees (47%) and race, and that many schools have a difficult time finding the proper ratios of representatives, especially parents. She spent time with the Committee discussing the State's requirements, the submission process, how the District works with the schools to meet their goals, funding sources, Board involvement in reviewing previous SIPs and approving new SIPs, and a formalized approach for continuous improvement, among other things.

### **Call Center/ Hotline**

Mrs. Boyle spent additional time with the Committee reviewing the Call Center call logs for the months of July and August, discussing privacy/ anonymity concerns, and the need for third-party monitoring (probably no need as most calls just questions and, so far, nothing really sensitive).

### **District Budget**

Mr. Lee V. Legutko, Chief Business Officer, and Mrs. Ami Desamours, Director of Budget, reported on the Tentative Budget for the next fiscal year (2006-2007). They walked the Committee through the actual budget and explained how things will change before it goes before the Board for final approval at the September 12, 2006 Board Meeting. They spent time in a general discussion on the challenges and issues faced in preparing the budget. Some of the challenges are how to allocate resources to the schools in a different way and the fact that most of the money the schools receive is restricted, so they need to learn to run on a formula driven process rather than a dollars driven process. Some of the many issues faced in structuring the budget include student growth (major for us), class-size reduction, qualified teachers, changing mandates from the State (AIP gutted for new "progress monitoring"), construction costs, fuel prices/ shortages, low unemployment overall creating a highly competitive labor market (especially in trades and technologies), an aging workforce is creating more retirees, increasing pay for beginning teachers in order to keep up with the rest of the State, and rising health and property & casually insurance costs, among other things.

### **Approval of Minutes**

(June 12, 2006)

The Chairman asked if there were any changes/ corrections to the Minutes of the June 12, 2006 meeting. Hearing none he called for a Motion to approve the Minutes. Motion was made, seconded, and carried 7-0.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Good of the Order**

The Chairman announced that the next two meeting dates would be September 11, 2006 and October 9, 2006.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Compliance Advisory Committee is scheduled for **Monday, September 11, 2006**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room on the third floor of the Dr. James A. Adams Public Education Center, 2055 Central Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida.

### **Adjournment**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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