



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY

Compliance Advisory Committee

Dr. James A. Adams Public Education Center

Monday, December 11, 2006

6:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Mike Arno, James Hebner, Lynn James, Lynne Lampila, Tim Loughren, Orin Opperman, Raymond Rhodes, Richard Young (Vice Chairman)

Committee Members Absent: Tim Butts, Arlene Franklin, Charles Gutekunst, Vicki Santini, Charlene Serino, Virginia Wallace, Patricia Ward

Board Liaison Present: Dr. Jane Kuckel

School District Personnel Present: Mrs. Greta S. Campbell

Guests: Mrs. Linda Boyle, Dr. Carl Brunick

Recording Secretary: Sarah M. Cox

Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting opened at 6:00p.m. and Mr. Young, Vice Chair, went directly to our guests in consideration of their time.

Board Member Comments

Greta Campbell advised Dr. Kuckel regarding the Lee Memorial Health System's presentation, on their Call Center, from the meeting in November. After some discussion, Dr. Kuckel confirmed she was interested in hearing any recommendations from the Committee for the Call Center. The Committee feels we are not advertising our Call Center as well as we could. In their opinion, we should solicit concerns from employees, rather than the general public, and perhaps come up with a more effective marketing strategy. It was agreed that our next meeting Dr. Kuckel would take suggestions from the Committee and discuss where they think we should go with the Call Center. Some members felt the calls and subsequent responses involved a lengthy process.

Public Comment (Agenda Items only)

N/ A

Board Auditor Comments

N/ A

New Business

Linda Boyle:

Mrs. Linda Boyle, Coordinator for Accountability, Research, and Continuous Improvement, met with the Committee to update them on the Strategic Planning Process, a long term goal the District has set between Schools and Departments. Each year each Department sets its own goals and meets with their Division Heads to discuss department goals and ensure that they are aligned with the Board's goals.

Since the last time she met with the Committee in June, 2006, she has presented the plan to the Board for changes and/or revisions. It was decided that the goals needed to be more measurable. She is currently working with the Board and Superintendent to develop a training program, to start in January, which will help each Division develop more measurable goals.

Dr. Carl Brunick:

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Dr. Carl Brunick, Director for ESE, also met with the Committee to give an update regarding ESE funds and how they are spent. Disabled persons between the ages of 3 and 22 are eligible for services through the ESE Department. The services vary depending upon the disability. Not only are we serving and funding services for Public School students, we are responsible to serve qualifying students in Private or Charter Schools, Juvenile Justice Center, Correctional facilities, and students who are home schooled. We are currently providing services to 18,000 students (180-200 of them being home schooled and needy of services) in Lee County.

FLDRS (Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System), a multi-county program, also provides ESE services. They seek out Pre-K students to identify any disabilities at a young age (Child Find). We received approximately \$800,000 this year for the FDLRS Program and the funds are all spent for Staff Development, Parent Training/ Outreach, and the Child Find Program.

The funding we receive from the State varies for each child. The student's disability determines how much money the state allocates for them. In addition to State funds, we also we receive funds from Federal IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) which was \$14.2 million this fiscal year. These funds are used for District Personnel, Contracted Services, School Support, supplies, curriculum materials, equipment, and transportation. Dr. Kuckel and Dr. Brunick agreed that Lee County is similar to the state and national average with ESE students as 14% of the total student, not gifted, population.

**Approval of Minutes
(November 13, 2006)**

The Vice Chairman asked if there were any changes/ corrections to be made to the Minutes of the November 13, 2006, meeting. Hearing none he called for a motion. Motion was made, seconded, and carried 8-0.

Public Comment (Open)

N/ A

Good of the Order

The Committee requested reports for Mr. Joe Donzelli's office that details the types of calls that are received at the Call Center. The report will be overlooked at our next meeting on January 8, 2007.

Meeting dates for the fiscal year (07) were not subject to change. They will continue to be on the second Monday every month from 6-8p.m. Motion was made by Mr. Young, second, and carried 8-0.

Lynne Lampila stated she would like to see the Committee follow the Strategic Plan and have more information provided by Linda Boyle as changes occur since Departments are still developing goals.

Next Meeting Date

The Compliance Advisory Committee will hold their next meeting on January 8, 2007, in the Superintendent's Conference Room in the Dr. James A. Adams building located on 2055 Central Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida.

Adjournment

The Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:25p.m.