

	<p style="text-align: center;">THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY Compliance Advisory Committee Lee County Public Education Center Monday, September 15, 2008 6:00 p.m.</p>
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Committee Members Present: James Hebner, Stephen Kolody, Lynne Lampila, Dinah Lewis, Jeff Maas, James Rijiah, Vicki Santini, Nannette Smith

Committee Members Absent (Excused): Lynn James

Committee Members Absent (Unexcused): Patricia Ward

Board Liaison Present: Dr. Jane Kuckel

School District Personnel Present: Robert Brown

Guests: Nick Kellen

Recording Secretary: Ms. Shantel Vick

Welcome and Opening Remarks

James Hebner opened the meeting at 6:05 PM and welcomed everyone.

Board Member Comments

Dr. Kuckel welcomed everyone and explained that this meetings objective is to wrap up the previous year; the next meeting will be the organizational meeting with a new Board Liaison, Jeanne Dozier.

Dr. Kuckel briefly discussed the budget crisis. She stated that enrollment is down 3,000 students, resulting in more layoffs. She explained that ultimately any reduction in District staff does affect the classroom but unfortunately the next phase would come directly from the classrooms. She stated the Board is trying to look at every source possible to honor negotiations with staff. She also stated that in light of the budget crisis, the District has made great progress. Most schools are A or B schools and there have been phenomenal gains in FCAT scores.

Public Comment (Agenda Items only)

Nick Kellen stated that he looks forward to working with the Committee and would like to know what Dr. Kuckel feels the Committee should accomplish next year.

New Business

Mr. Brown discussed five handouts (2006-2007 Audits of Internal Funds, Claims processed and paid by the District’s third party administrator, Memo from Internal Audit Department, DOE ESE Self-Assessment 2007-2008, and 2006-007 Audit Plan), which detailed the duties of the Internal Audit Department, audits they previously conducted, and audits they are currently conducting. Mr. Brown explained the difference between budget monies and internal funds.

The Committee discussed what they would like their focus to be for the next year. Dr. Kuckel feels that compliance is too complex for the committee to discuss on a month to month basis in order to accomplish something. She feels they should focus on the District’s strategic plan. The Committee reached a consensus that Dr. Kuckel would discuss with Dr. Browder what he would like to see from the Committee and send a memo to the Committee before the next meeting.

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Public Comment (Open)

Nick Kellen stated that he appreciated Mr. Brown’s presentation, stating that it was very thorough.

**Approval of Minutes
(May 12, 2008)**

The minutes were approved as presented, with latitude.

Good of the Order

N/A.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Compliance Advisory Committee will be Monday, October 13, 2008 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Lee County Public Education Center located at 2855 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, in the Board Annex Room (Training Room D).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.