

## **FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**February 22, 2006**

**Human Resources Conference Room**

**5:00 P.M.**

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**Committee Members Present:** David Carleton Hall, Thomas Hodson, Fred Whitehouse, Susanne Quattro, Lawrence Bush, Doug Wells, Gary Snow, Carl Snipes

**Committee Members Absent:** Tracey Battle, Errol Howard, Chuck Reynolds, Jack Murphy, Cheryl Diamond

**Lee County School Personnel Present:** Jim Buckley, Chief Business Officer; Kelly Letcher, Assistant Budget Director; Ami Desamours, Director of Budget; Steven Teuber, Board Liaison

**Recording Secretary:** Sonia M. Roberts

### **Welcome / Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2006 meeting.

### **Public Comment**

No Public Comment.

### **Board Member's Report**

Mr. Steve Teuber presented the Committee with a report on the 65 Percent Solution. Another item up for discussion is the audit within the District that is being requested by a Board Member, i.e. a management audit. He asked for input from the Committee if the District should spend the money to do this audit in light of the fact that Oppaga had performed a similar audit.

There was discussion by this Committee on Mr. Teuber's report including the Best Practices Seal that the District received. Also discussed was the future of OPPAGA as well as this Committee's opinion that the District does not need another audit. Mr. Teuber then discussed the excellent candidates for the position of Internal Auditor and discussed the job description of that auditor. There was a question raised whether there is a conflict of interest with that position reporting to the Board.

### **65 Percent Solution**

Ms. Ami Desamours presented the Committee with a report entitled Function Classifications (mandated, Redbook) and discussed the overall purpose of that report. On the question of functions in that report, Mr. Teuber discussed the amount the District would have to take from other functions in order to make up the 65 Percent Solution. Mr. Buckley also distributed a copy of the House Joint Resolution #447. There was discussion that there is still no clarity on the definition of the classroom in the 65 Percent Solution. The Committee asked what the position of the State Superintendents is on this issue and what can this Committee do.

A motion was made and seconded that the legislators recognize that the 6000 series are directly correlated with classroom instruction that is integral to the education of our students. Mr. Teuber mentioned he will be meeting with Senator Bennett next week and would like this motion carried. Committee members discussed ideas to bring to the public explaining the 65 Percent Solution including taking out a full page ad on what the District spends for education. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Governor's Budget for FY07**

Mr. Buckley began this presentation and Ms. Desamours distributed the Lee County School District Funding Summary.

### **Good of the Order**

There was discussion about a statement in the January 25, 2006 Minutes that members want to raise the .05 sales tax – Mr. Teuber was reminded that this was not unanimous. Also, Mr. Bush would like to see this school district run without raising the sales tax. Mr. Snow spoke of the cost of labor in transportation, maintenance, etc. and if there is a District labor rate. Mr. Buckley can provide this information. Mr. Snow also clarified he was asking this to show the public and our employees that the District is working efficiently as far as labor costs are concerned. Mr. Buckley assured Mr. Snow that the District costs were less than outside vendor costs would be.

The meeting of the Finance Committee adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in the Human Resources Conference Room on the first floor of the Dr. James A. Adams Public Education Center.**