



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Finance Advisory Committee

March 22, 2006

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Cheryl Diamond, David Carleton Hall, Thomas Hodson, Errol Howard, Thomas McNulty, Jack Murphy, Carl Snipes, Gary Snow, Doug Wells, Fred Whitehouse

Committee Members Absent: Keith Banasiak, Tracey Battle, Lawrence Bush, Susanne Quattro, Chuck Reynolds

Lee County School Personnel Present: James W. Buckley, Ami Desamours, Kelly Letcher

Board Member Present: Robert Chilmonik

Visitors: Virginia Ann Wallace, Curriculum Advisory Committee, Christopher Mills, Construction Advisory Committee, Cynthia Lott, District Advisory Council.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Becky Demo

Welcome/ Approval of Minutes

Carl Snipes made the motion to approve the minutes for February 22, 2006, seconded by Fred Whitehouse. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None

Board Member's Report

Mr. Chilmonik opened asking for any questions the committee may have. A member asked what was happening with the 65% Solution. Mr. Chilmonik stated that the intent of the 65% Solution is to spend 65% of funds in the classroom. He informed the committee that it is not clear what is included as classroom funds and at this time the Board Members are working on it. Mr. Chilmonik stated that we needed to build the budget from the ground up, tell them what we need and then fight for it. There was some discussion regarding illegal students and that maybe we should get some federal help. There was discussion on the things we will need to deal with in the future, teacher shortages, teachers not being certified, administration retiring and creating a lack of leadership.

Quarterly Report

All committees report to the Board and Mr. Hall handed out the report he will be submitting to the Board on behalf of the Finance Advisory Committee. A member asked how the committee could get involved with the budget preparation. He felt

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that the committee had not been included in the process. Mrs. Desamours stated that the Budget Department is just beginning the process. Starting with the Governor's budget and she will bring information to the committee in stages. Right now they are getting the numbers together that will be allocated to the schools and will bring that forward.

Special Guest

Mr. Buckley introduced Mr. Lee Legutko, a candidate for the Chief Business Officer for the District. Mr. Buckley gave everyone a copy of Mr. Legutko's resume, vita and qualifications. Mr. Buckley stated some of the vital facts regarding Mr. Legutko and that he felt he was an extremely well-qualified candidate. Mr. Buckley asked the committee to introduce themselves and give some background so that Mr. Legutko would have some idea of the membership. The members in attendance introduced themselves then Mr. Buckley opened the floor for questions for Mr. Legutko. A member congratulated Mr. Buckley for fulfilling his commitment to find a good candidate for the Chief Business Officer. One member stated that Mr. Legutko had a very impressive resume. Mr. Legutko gave the committee information about himself. The committee questioned Mr. Legutko on a wide variety of concerns. A member asked if Mr. Legutko would accept the position if offered. Mr. Legutko answered, "Yes." Mr. Buckley told the members if they had any further concerns or questions to call him as soon as possible.

The committee had some discussion regarding capital plan, growth assumptions, impact fees and growth. More information will be brought back to the committee.

Good of the Order

A member asked a phone number be put on the agenda in case a member cannot make it to a meeting, or needs information. Mr. McNulty requested that the committee receive an accurate report of per student cost and cost per square foot. A tri-fold brochure with that sort of information was suggested. It was requested that we have a quarterly report on how much the District receives in impact fees. A member asked if the new Chief Business Officer would be given a list of priorities to attack. Mr. Buckley stated that the Superintendent has been discussing some items with him that would be a priority for the Chief Business Officer.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 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.