



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Finance Advisory Committee

September 28, 2005

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Lawrence Bush, Cheryl Diamond, David Hall, Thomas McNulty, Jack Murphy, Fred Whitehouse

Committee Members Absent: Tracey Battle, Thomas Hodson, Errol Howard, Susanne Quattro, Chuck Reynolds, Carl Snipes, Gary Snow, Doug Wells

Lee County School Personnel Present: Jim Browder, Jeanne Dozier, Kelly Letcher

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Becky Demo

Welcome/ Approval of Minutes

Dr. Browder introduced Kelly Letcher as the person that is responsible, right now, for the entire budget department while we are searching for a new Director of Budget.

Mr. Hall welcomed the group. He asked for amendments to the minutes of the previous meeting. A member asked that the number of portables to be ordered be changed from 100 to 200 and that on the last full page, second paragraph the word "and" be changed to "an". A motion was made to accept the minutes with the changes. The motion was seconded, and the minutes of August 31, 2005, Finance Advisory Committee meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hall asked that the dates of October 26, and November 30, 2005, for the Finance Advisory Committee Meetings, be set. This would be the last two meetings before appointing next year's committee. A motion was made to approve the dates, a member seconded, and the dates for the Finance Advisory Committee Meetings were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None

Board Member's Report

Mrs. Dozier informed the committee that the Board had approved the 2005-2006 budget. It was also, Mr. Olliff's last day, but he has assured us the department has very capable people to keep us in shape.

Mrs. Dozier stated that we have had students hit by vehicles while getting on the buses. The transportation department still does not have all the manpower needed.

Approved 11-30-05

Mr. Hall informed the committee that a report showed that the cost of housing has gone up so much that just a few segments of the population can afford them. Housing values could go down over time. Mr. Hall recommended that the budget department look at a decrease in impact fees. How would we respond to that situation? The district needs to think about an alternate plan.

Dr. Browder stated that we have a program that allows us to get those figures, and he would be updating the board on the figures from the tax collector. There was discussion of the variety of things that could happen to affect the district budget.

Mrs. Dozier stated that we would be hiring an Internal Auditor that would report to the Board.

Dr. Browder informed the committee that we hired an Executive Director of Transportation, Jack Shelton. The District will be advertising for a Chief Business Officer. This person will help us find the right Director of Budget.

Mr. Hall read the quarterly report that he will present to the board.

A member had some requests that he would like to see some comparisons with other districts and data, such as cost per student, and graduation rates that could be used for talking points.

Mrs. Dozier invited the committee to Legislative Day on October 26, 2005, at 9:30 A.M., at the Recreational Center in East Fort Myers.

Good of the Order

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2005, at 5:00 p.m., in the Human Resources Conference Room on the first floor of the Dr. James A. Adams Public Education Center.