



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Finance Advisory Committee

March 28, 2007

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Thomas Busatta, Larry Bush, David Hall, Richard Hart, Thomas Hodson, Michael McNally, Steven Riggs, Carmelo Santos

Committee Members Absent: Marshall Bower, Richard Cauble, Thomas McNulty, Jack Murphy, Susanne Quattro, Carl Snipes

Lee County School Personnel Present: Ami Desamours

Board Member Present: Steven Teuber

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Sheila Stancel

Welcome

Mr. David Hall called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Hall applauded Ami Desamours, the Budget Department and Mr. Legutko for the recent honor of receiving the Distinguished Budget Award for the 2006-07 Budget from the Government Finance Officers Association. The Budget Department has received this award seven times and is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hall asked for a recommendation to approve the minutes. Motion made and seconded, unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None

Board Member's Report

None

Letters to Florida Legislators

RE: Tax Reform Proposals

Discussion included the various tax initiative proposals, property tax reform proposals, what the impact could be on future budgets, the handouts provided comparing the property tax-cut plans and tax reforms comparisons county by county. Mr. Hall brought up for discussion the future of our local property tax roll and the negative impact on the capital and general funds due to the downward trend in the market conditions. The forecast can be anticipated in the planning of the FY2008-2009 budget as a result of this year's reduced property values. A motion was made requesting the District, budget director and Mr. Hall draft a position paper on the sales tax initiative versus the change to real estate taxes and

forward the results by e-mail/mail to the committee for discussion prior to the April meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

Current Tax Exemptions

The current tax exemptions (lawyer fees, medical fees, groceries, stylists, yard maintenance, etc.) was discussed.

Follow Up – Safety Report

Ms. Desamours share handouts with the committee reporting on the incidents reported in the district including types of incidents, time of incidents, locations, persons involved with demographics.

Good of the Order

None

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2007 at 5:00 p.m., in the Human Resources Conference Room on the first floor of the Dr. James A. Adams Public Education Center.

Follow-Up Action List

Topic/Description	Action By	Action	Due Date
Letters to Florida Legislators: Tax Reform Proposals	District Ami Desamours David Hall	Draft position paper on sales tax initiative versus proposed changes to real estate taxes	04/18/07