



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Finance Advisory Committee

January 23, 2008

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Larry Bush, Thomas Busatta, Wayne Dean, David Hall, Richard Hart, Michael McNally, Thomas McNulty, Chuck Reynolds, Susanne Quattro, Carmelo Santos, Carl Snipes

Committee Members Absent: Marshall Bower, Richard Cauble, Jack Murphy, Steven Riggs

Lee County School Personnel Present: Ami Desamours, Bill Moore

Guests: None

Board Member Present: Steven Teuber

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Sheila Stancel

Welcome

Chairman David Hall called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

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

Public Comment

None

Board Member's Report

Mr. Teuber discussed the process the Board is following to review competitiveness and developing a process for replacement, when necessary, the positions of Board Auditor, Board Attorney and Superintendent.

Mr. Teuber asked the committee to voice their opinions on Amendment One. Ami Desamours reported that as it stands now Amendment One could cost the District 65 million, although the Governor says the school districts will be "held harmless", the question remains 'where will the money come from'. Committee comments included asking if the State would relax the Class Size Amendment requirements; option of going to year round schools; 1% sales tax increase; recommendation that the District not take a stand either way on Amendment One; how are we informing the public on our efforts to curtail spending – each year the budget grows. Mr. Teuber proposed providing a list of what is not State required and have the advisory committees review for cuts.

Construction Management

Mr. Bill Moore, Executive Director of School Support Services shared with the committee his department's role and responsibilities. School Support Services includes the Planning Department, Construction Department and Maintenance Department. Planning Department works with the enrollment projections, searching for available property and negotiates for purchase. The District has an established land bank for future school needs that puts the district in a much better position for the future. Construction Department plans the build site and works with schools and departments for remodeling and additions. The District has saved millions of dollars using building prototypes. School Districts around the state and country have modeled to our way of work. The Maintenance Department works closely with the Construction Department to standardize the equipment we spec in projects so that the purchase and storage of supplies will be stock items, saving the District's money. Annually, prior to Budget planning, schools and departments notify School Support of requests for additions/remodeling of their site. Construction and Maintenance review the requests and prioritize them accordingly and eliminate the ones that can be handled internally. A fair and equitable process has been developed and is in place for the bidding of jobs so that the same contractors are not always receiving the bids. We have kept our bid fees at a minimum so that we obtain the best possible contractor's bid. We have two new builds (Treeline Elementary & Island Coast High) opening Fall of 2008 and one rebuild (Heights Elementary). Next year we are scheduled for G. Weaver Hipps Elementary (Gunnery Road), Michigan Elementary and a partial tear down/rebuild at Lehigh Elementary.

FY0809 Budget Update

Ami Desamours shared a tentative timeline for the FY09 Budget. Our timeline is very tight regarding personnel actions with meetings beginning in March this year so that we will be better able to react to budget constraints. Departments will be instructed not to request any new positions or reclassifications. We submitted a district enrollment projection of 81,723 to the state and are awaiting their response. We adjusted the number down to a 2,000 increase from the 4,000 increase the State projected for Lee County.

Good of the Order

None

Meeting adjourned 6:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2008 at 5:00 p.m., in the Lee County Public Education Center Community Resource Training Room.

Follow-Up Action List

Topic/Description	Action By	Action	Due Date