



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Finance Advisory Committee

October 24, 2007

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Marshall Bower, Thomas Busatta, Larry Bush, David Hall, Richard Hart, Michael McNally, Thomas McNulty, Jack Murphy, Susanne Quattro, Chuck Reynolds, Steven Riggs, Carmelo Santos,

Committee Members Absent: Richard Cauble, Wayne Dean, Carl Snipes

Lee County School Personnel Present: Ami Desamours

Board Member Present: Steven Teuber

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Sheila Stancel

Welcome

Chairman David Hall called the meeting to order at 5:05 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 recognized the career education programs their value to the students and his support of the programs. At the last board briefing a recommendation was proposed revision to the wording of the advisory committee policy to remove reference to "development of schedules of compensation for District staff and Board Members". Staff will rewrite the policy and return the proposal to the next Board Briefing Meeting. The ERP project was approved at the October 23rd meeting. Intense efforts on behalf of the IS/ITS and key district staff kept the cost 30-40% below costs other districts our size have incurred. A question was asked regarding the capital funding for the ERP and response made by Ami Desamours outlining the three year break down.

Career Education Programs Opportunities for Volunteering & Mentoring

Mr. James Whittamore, Director of Technical & Career Education shared an overview of the volunteer opportunities and needs through their programs. Some opportunities available are 1) on-the-job training/internships; 2) service on advisory committees for the academies at the comprehensive high schools in each zone; 3) student scholarships(including national certification costs); 4) speaking to students during career days and training site volunteers. The Florida DOE requires industry certification for students in vocational education program which can become costly.

Ami Desamours commented that the district receives more FTE for each student completing program vocational programs and obtaining industry certification.

Mr. Richard "Hoppy" Hoptar, Work Skills Career Specialist from Technical & Career Education spoke about the district-wide career days for 8th grade students held in the spring annually for approximately 6,000 students at each of the three comprehensive high schools. Speakers are needed for career presentations to the students.

FY 2008 Budget Information

Ami Desamours shared a previous version tri-fold brochure on the budget and budget process which is geared to the general public. She asked for input from the committee on the make-up and content of the brochure to create an easy to understand document. Suggestions included the money bag graphic with the bags larger in proportion to the amount of dollars represented, obtain input from other advisory committee members who do not have finance backgrounds (such as the District Advisory Committee), what the lottery dollars pay for, and to include budget as it relates to student success or our return on investment with costs per student. Ms. Desamours reported the questions received most in her office relate to the tax trim notices and lottery dollar breakdown.

Good of the Order

None

Meeting adjourned 6:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2007 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 |
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| Budget brochure | Desamours | Schedule visit with DAC for input on development of brochure | 11/27/07 |