



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Finance Advisory Committee

January 28, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Thomas Busatta, Larry Bush, David Hall, Richard Hart, Chuck Reynolds, Steven Riggs

Committee Members Absent: Nicholas Alexander, Marshall Bower, Wayne Dean, Thomas McNulty, Susanne Quattro, Carmelo Santos, Robyn Thomas

Lee County School Personnel Present: Ami Desamours, Dr. James Browder

Guests: None

Board Members Present: Robert Chilmonik

Recording Secretary: Ms. Earthine L. Caldwell

Welcome

Chairman David Hall called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m. The committee discussed the feasibility of naming a room after Mr. Carl Snipes, long-time committee member, who recently passed away. Mr. Hall suggested naming the Community Training Room – South Wing, *The Carl Snipes Conference Room*. Motion made, seconded and passed. Mr. Chilmonik will move this suggestion along through the proper channels.

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. Robert Chilmonik gave a brief overview of the January 23rd Board Workshop. There was discussion regarding transferring from Capital to Operating. The concept of neighborhood schools at the elementary and middle school level was discussed.

Dr. Browder shared information regarding a meeting he attended today, with the legislative delegation at FGCU.

Suggestions to Reduce Operating Costs

An e-mail from Ms. Susanne Quattro that listed ***Suggestions to Reduce Operating Costs*** was distributed and discussed.

A handout entitled ***Budget 2010 Cost Reduction Strategies***, that was shared at the January 23rd Board Workshop, was distributed and discussed.

Capital Budget Data

Ms. Desamours outlined the pieces that make up the Capital fund dollars: 1) 2 Mil Funds (property tax revenues), 2) Impact Fees, and 3) State Revenue Sources - PECO, New Construction, and Classrooms for Kids. At the request of the committee, Ms. Desamours will provide a breakdown of the funds.

Drop Out Rates

A handout on ***Graduation and Drop Out Rates***, which are released annually in November, was distributed and discussed.

FY10 Budget Update

A handout on the ***FY10 Budget Calendar*** (December – September) was distributed and discussed.

Good of the Order

None

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

**The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., in the Lee
County Public Education Center
Community Training Room – South Wing**

Follow-Up Action List

Topic/Description	Action By	Action	Due Date
Document - RE: Naming of room in honor of Mr. Snipes	Mr. Chilmonik	Written document	
Breakdown of Capital Budget Funds	Ms. Ami Desamours	Handout	3/25/09