



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Finance Advisory Committee

March 25, 2009

Meeting Minutes

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

Committee Members Absent: Nicholas Alexander, Marshall Bower, Wayne Dean, Susanne Quattro

Lee County School Personnel Present: Ami Desamours

Guests: Patrick McKee, Reporter, Fort Myers News-Press

Board Members Present: Robert Chilmonik

Recording Secretary: Ms. Earthine L. Caldwell

Welcome

Since Chairman David Hall's arrival was temporarily delayed, Mr. Robert Chilmonik, in agreement with the group, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. He began his Board Member's Report as noted below.

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 an update of the March 24, 2009 Board Meeting. The featured topic centered on the budget and the challenges that are facing the School District. Some talking points mentioned regarding Scenario 1 Budget Cuts were:

- Arts positions at the elementary schools – will be eliminated (80 positions), but not in the magnet schools;
- An approximate \$51 million reduction (total plan);
- Approximately 578 positions will be affected. This includes approximately 163 positions at the Lee County Public Education Center (LCPEC) which could possibly get cut;
- 3% salary reduction for all personnel – about \$11 million in savings (must be approved by the bargaining units);
- Services at the Lee County Public Education Center (LCPEC) will be decreased if total plan is put into effect

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Mr. Hall entered the room.

Discussions ensued as inquiries were made regarding the Flexibility Spending Option and Alternating Block Scheduling. Other topics of discussion were: School Choice, Class Size and Transportation.

FY10 Budget Update

Ms. Desamours shared information and engaged in discussion pertaining to the following handouts: **FY10 Budget Calendar, Updates on 2010 Budget Challenges, Lee County School District Funding Summary, and Summary of Budget Reductions.**

The handout from Mr. Hall entitled **Single Family Home Affordability by Metro Area** was distributed and discussed.

FY10 Capital Update

The **Capital Referendum Issues** handout was distributed and discussed.

Good of the Order

Mr. Larry Bush and his family will be relocating to the Tampa, FL area. He submitted his letter of resignation; however, he will continue to participate on the committee for the remainder of this year. Congratulations and best wishes were expressed to Mr. Bush. Mr. Hall thanked Mr. Bush for his years of service to the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., in the Lee Academic Services Conference Room – West Wing