



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Finance Advisory Committee

October 22, 2008

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Nicholas Alexander, Marshall Bower, Thomas Busatta, Larry Bush, Wayne Dean, Thomas McNulty, Steven Riggs, Carl Snipes

Committee Members Absent: David Hall, Richard Hart, Michael McNally, Chuck Reynolds, Susanne Quattro, Carmelo Santos, Robyn Thomas

Lee County School Personnel Present: Dr. James Browder, Lee Legutko

Guests: None

Board Members Present: Robert Chilmonik

Recording Secretary: Ms. Earthine L. Caldwell

Welcome

Vice Chairman Nicholas Alexander called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Alexander 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 presentation on accessing the Florida Department of Education website. A handout will be distributed at the November 19, 2008 meeting. Mr. Chilmonik distributed the Student Achievement Comparison 2003-2008 handout from Dr. Browder. FCAT, ACT and SAT testing was discussed.

General Updates

Mr. Legutko shared information pertaining to FTE week (October 13-17, 2008). He informed the group that the actual submission of the formal FTE occurs by the end of the month. He further stated that from the tentative numbers, we are down approximately \$12 million dollars, which is less than what the number was expected to be regarding the potential impact.

Dr. Browder commented on an article from the St. Pete Times in which the Governor stated the reduction might be as much as 10%. Based on the Governor's unofficial quote, the general revenue number will be significantly down again.

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There was discussion centered on the contingency fund and the impact of the 3% percent salary increase on the budget.

Chair's Open Discussion

Mr. Alexander inquired about the status of the letter to be submitted to the state regarding the FTE status. Dr. Browder responded that at the November 19th meeting, a copy of the previously submitted letter will be provided.

There was discussion regarding providing options, community support, and making sure resources are available for programs to help all students succeed academically.

Reading is the key.

Dr. Browder suggested that Dr. Larry Tihen be invited to talk about reading with the group on November 19th.

Good of the Order

None. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

**The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2008 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
FDOE Website Training	Mr. Robert Chilmonik	Handout	11/19/08
FTE Response Letter	Superintendent's office	Bring copy of letter	11/19/08