



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

*Finance Advisory Committee*

*November 19, 2008*

Meeting Minutes

**Committee Members Present:** Marshall Bower, Thomas Busatta, Larry Bush, Wayne Dean, David Hall, Thomas McNulty, Susanne Quattro, Chuck Reynolds, Steven Riggs, Carl Snipes

**Committee Members Absent:** Nicholas Alexander, Richard Hart, Carmelo Santos, Robyn Thomas

**Lee County School Personnel Present:** Lee Legutko, Ami Desamours, Dr. Larry Tihen

**Guests:** None

**Board Members Present:** Robert Chilmonik

**Recording Secretary:** Ms. Earthine L. Caldwell

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**Welcome**

Chairman David Hall called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. He welcomed Ms. Ami Desamours back from maternity leave.

**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 expressed his apologies for having to leave the meeting a little early due to prior commitments. Prior to leaving, he updated the committee on the financial items that were discussed at the Board Meeting on 11/18/08; in particular, the Board approval to refinance auction rate bonds from 2004, funding shortfalls, and consolidation of Michigan International Academy and Lee Middle.

In response to the discussion regarding the auction rate bonds, Ms. Desamours explained the capital funding status.

### **District Reading Initiatives Update**

Dr. Larry Tihen, Executive Director of Curriculum, Quality and Staff Development Center, shared information via computer presentation explaining why the District needs the FEFP monies, what is happening to these monies and the challenges that are being faced and why.

### **FTE Update**

Ms. Desamours commented on the following: October FTE count was 150 students less than last year; 80% of the state is down as well; October FTE shortfall will probably be around \$13 million; in February, another shortfall between \$3-4 million is expected, and the new FTE projection estimate for FY10 is due 12/19/08.

In response to the discussion regarding dropout rates, Ms. Desamours stated she will present information to the committee at the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Budget Update**

Ms. Desamours reported that the state made a 1.93% across-the-board budget cut for all school districts. This equated to \$11.6 million dollars for the District. Ms. Desamours stated she hopes the committee will send a letter to the Commissioner to complain about this cut to see what they will do about it. This is a different cut than what the state did last year. It is expected that another cut will take place sometime in January or February 2009. In response to Mr. Riggs and Mr. Hall regarding Capital Budget Data, Ms. Desamours stated she will bring this information to the January 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **FY10 Budget Planning Discussion**

Ms. Desamours stated that we are looking at over \$30 million in losses. Mr. Legutko stated that the Operating Budget will have been cut by almost \$80 million in a little over two years.

### **Navigator Project Update**

Mr. Legutko reported that the project consists of three phases: 1) Phase-1A: Financial Management Systems (FMS) and Supply Chain Management (SCM), 2) Phase-1B: Human Capital Management (HCM), and 3) Phase-2: Enterprise Portal

### **Good of the Order**

None. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

**The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2009 at 4:30 p.m., in the  
Lee County Public Education Center  
Community Training Room – South Wing**

**Follow-Up Action List**

<b>Topic/Description</b>	<b>Action By</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Dropout Rates	Ms. Ami Desamours	Handout	1/28/09
Capital Budget Data	Ms. Ami Desamours	Handout	1/28/09