



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

*Finance Advisory Committee*

*July 18, 2018*

Meeting Minutes

**Committee Members Present:** Kenneth Boyd, Paul Cohen (by phone), Ramie Hall, Julie Martinez, Todd Maurer, David Moreland, John Steakley, William Tubb

**Committee Members Absent:** Laurie Gretten, Ramsey Quartey, Terry Rabicoff, Randy Scott, Terrance Siler, Daryl Teblum, Shawn Williams

**Board Member:** Cathleen O'Daniel Morgan

**Lee County School Personnel Present:** Kelly Letcher, Rick Parfitt

**Recording Secretary:** Barb Gill

**WELCOME**

Paul Cohen welcomed everyone to the meeting, which began at 4:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the June minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)**

No public comment.

**BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT**

Mrs. Morgan began by stating that the Board will be creating a Citizen's Sales Tax Advisory Committee. She then asked the committee their opinions on how they thought it should work and how to constitute the membership. She added that this advisory committee would have oversight independent of the Board; to look at how funds were spent and report back to the Board if funds were spent appropriately.

It was decided that the Committee members would think this over and revisit this at the next meeting in August. Mrs. Morgan would like the committee to discuss what would be recommended to the Board regarding how the Citizen Oversight Committee should be set up.

**UPDATE ON 2019 SCHOOL SAFETY**

Mr. Parfitt informed the Committee that every school would have a School Resource Officer. These officers will be providing training to the staff on the Active Shooter

training and all other training that the statute calls for. A *Threat Assessment Team* will be created at each school. At the end of June, 24 individuals will be trained as facilitators of the *Threat Assessment Team*. Information on this will go out to school and eventually to the parents. He then added, “I believe this is the best hope that we have in preventing further violence in our schools, as a prevention method.”

Mr. Parfitt explained that the District still needs to harden our schools. Currently risk assessments for each school are being completed and submitted to the Board concerning single point of entry, lighting, fencing, gates, secure vestibules, front door access and front door video/audio, etc.

He then stressed to the committee that one of the most important ways to thwart any threats is by identifying dangerous people. He informed the Committee that most of these individuals eventually leak information to others, which needs to be shared with adults at the school. Also, throughout the school year, teachers and staff will be trained on mental health awareness.

Currently, Mr. Parfitt is conducting interviews and will be hiring three Zone Security Managers who will be in the field and responsible for the schools in their zone. These managers will be a liaison with the School Resource Officer.

Ms. Julie Martinez asked Mr. Parfitt what resources we have outside of the school for our children in need of mental health support. Mr. Parfitt explained that the District has a contract with SalusCare to provide services to our students.

Ken Boyd asked Mr. Parfitt what his wish list would be to help with the safety of our schools. He responded by saying that card access for teachers at every entry door at their schools and the open door alert systems.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Kelly Letcher updated the Committee on the following:

*Naming Rights* – There are a couple of interested parties with some of the schools, which is in the beginning stages.

*Efficiency/Operational Audit* – The District is contacting the company to discuss some discrepancies.

*Sales Tax* – Board members are still going out and speaking to the public regarding the facts in favor of the sales tax increase.

*FTE Audit* – This audit has been finalized and went very well. More of the student population was tested this year with less findings.

*State Audit* – We are working on providing them with one more piece of information.

*OPPAGA Audit* – We are still providing information to this group.

At this time, John Steakley asked about the recent movement of Principals within the District. And then asked, “Are they still with the District?” “Were they just moved to another location?” Mrs. Morgan then explained the evaluation process for Principals and the authority that the Superintendent has in moving Principals.

A motion was made to request the following: A listing of Principal's who are on a Performance Plan and whether they are still employed with the District and if so, are they still employed as a Principal. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **August 15, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.**, in the Student Services Conference Room located in Room 01-0002 at 2855 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida.