



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

*Finance Advisory Committee*

*August 15, 2018*

Meeting Minutes

**Committee Members Present:** Kenneth Boyd, Paul Cohen, Dean Fjelstul (by phone), Ramie Hall, Julie Martinez, Todd Maurer (by phone), David Moreland, Ramsey Quartey, Shawn Williams

**Committee Members Absent:** Terry Rabicoff, Terrance Siler, John Steakley, Daryl Teblum, William Tubb

**Board Member:** Chris Patricca

**Lee County School Personnel Present:** Greg Blurton, Kelly Letcher

**Recording Secretary:** Barb Gill

**WELCOME**

Paul Cohen welcomed everyone to the meeting, which began at 4:06 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)**

Randy Scott spoke to the committee, sharing that he is opposed to the sales tax referendum.

**BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT**

Chris Patricca began by stating that she would like to focus on the Gibson Report. A few points of interest were:

- Four years ago, the District had 23 DA Schools, (Differentiated Accountability Schools), which are a D or F status. Today, the District has 1 school which is 1% away from a C rating
- The District has an increase in High School graduation rate
- A savings last year of 1.7 million in the Transportation Department along with a 1.63 million in savings this year
- A decreased number of bus routes even with the increase of students AND a decrease the length of ride time

## REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY STUDY

Greg Blurton presented highlights of the Efficiency Study to the committee:

- This independent study was a global scan of the District as a whole, with over 400 plus measures
- A study not an audit
- 3 peers based on size and school choice percentage (Duval, Polk and Osceola)
- 3 peers selected based on best practices (Dade, Broward and Hillsborough)
- Overall, the District is more efficient than 5 years ago
- School District is more efficient than state average
- Areas reviewed: General District Mgmt., School Mgmt., Human Resources, Business Serv., Facilities Mgmt., Technology, Food Services & Transportation
- Student-Staff Ratios – District ranks in the middle among its peers
- Expenditure per student increased to \$634 from \$603, or 5%
- Adm. and Instructional expenditures are in line with state average
- Pupil/Teacher ratio has increased from 15.6% to 16.3% over the past six yrs.
- Pupil/Aide ration has decreased from 78.1% to 62.5%
- Online course part time enrollment up by 23%, full time up by 18%
- Teacher turnover rate is up from 21.4% to 26.9%
- Building utilization is above average/Maintenance is below average
- Best practices noted – just-in-time inventory processing is being utilized
- GPS tracking is used for all facility vehicles

## REVIEW OF FY19 BUDGET

Due to the time, this agenda item was moved to the next FAC meeting date, September 19, 2018.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Todd Maurer brought forward that Mrs. Morgan had requested input from the Finance Advisory Committee regarding the composition of the group/committee that would be formed to “checks and balances” of the efficiencies if the increase in sales tax passes. It was agreed that this will be discussed at the next meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **September 19, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.**, in the Student Services Conference Room located in Room 01-0002 at 2855 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida.