



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Finance Advisory Committee
January 17, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Kenneth Boyd, Paul Cohen, Ramie Hall, Todd Maurer, David Moreland, Ramsey Quartey, Randy Scott, Terrance Siler, John Steakley, Daryl Teblum, William Tubb, Shawn Williams

Committee Members Absent: John DiBiaso, Bret Randle, Jason Schwartz

Board Member: Chris Patricca

Lee County School Personnel Present: Attorney Keith Martin, Dr. Ami Desamours, Kelly Letcher

Recording Secretary: Barb Gill

WELCOME

Mr. Paul Cohen welcomed everyone to the meeting, which began at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Paul Cohen to approve the December 20, 2017 minutes and was seconded by William Tubb. A discussion then ensued regarding the option of adding verbiage that was not in last month's minutes.

A motion was made to amend the December minutes by Ramie Hall and seconded by Daryl Teblum. After some discussion, Mrs. Hall recalled her motion.

A motion was then made to amend the December 20th minutes with the following verbiage, which was offered by Mrs. Patricca:

“A question came up about an outside group working on the sale tax issue, I immediately stated that it was inappropriate for the committee to discuss that in the Finance Advisory Committee meeting.”

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the committee to amend the minutes.

During the discussions, Dr. Ami Desamours explained in detail the reason for not discussing any information regarding outside groups:

“An advisory committee member may serve on a political action committee as private citizens but should not do so in their capacity as a member of an advisory committee member. As members of an advisory committee, they should not discuss details of a political action committee and vice versa.”

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

N/A

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

Mrs. Patricca expressed her delight in being selected for the Finance Advisory Committee and stated that she is impressed with the committee's recommendations to the Board.

She informed the committee that the Board members attended a sales tax workshop and shared that 6 out of 7 members would show support for the sales tax increase. She is encouraged by the Board's support.

Mrs. Patricca stated that she is willing to go out and speak to any group or organization regarding the facts and the needs of the District.

FUTURE MEETINGS – MAY & JUNE

Mr. Paul Cohen inquired about the committee's interest in meeting during the months of May and June, 2018. After a discussion, a motion was made to add the months of May and June to the 2017-2018 Finance Advisory Committee's schedule. A second was made and the motion was passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY KELLY LETCHER, DIRECTOR OF BUDGET

Mrs. Kelly Letcher created a handout for the committee members, which included the following:

- 2018-2019 DRAFT Budget Timeline
- Vision 2020
- DRA School Allocation Formulas 2017-2018
- FY 17/18 Minimum and Maximum Staffing Requirements

FAC UPDATES

Mrs. Kelly Letcher updated the committee on past FAC recommendations with a handout stating the following:

- Naming Rights
Dunbar High School stadium will now be known as the North Law Firm Stadium for the next 5 years for a total of \$114,480 with 60% of the proceeds going to the school to help with their equipment and building needs and 40% coming to the District to help fill the capital gap.

Included is the Board Policy on naming rights and the line to the Facility Naming Rights Guidebook which includes pricing for each venue.

<http://www.leeschools.net/advertising>

- Efficiency Study/Operational Audit

The District has been providing information to the Gibson Consulting group for their analyses.

During the week of January 29th, Gibson Consulting will be here to complete their analyses.

- Sales Tax

On Tuesday, January 16th, the Board held a workshop to discuss the sales tax referendum. The discussions included the Superintendent bringing forward a resolution for a ½ cent sales tax, for a duration of 10 years, at a special election on May 15, 2018. It was discussed that the cost of the special election could be up to \$888,000.

The District currently pays debt of \$124,000 a day and if the sales tax is approved the cost of the special election would pay for itself in less than a week by the District not having to pay for debt on the schools in the plan.

The Superintendent will bring the resolution to the Board at the January 23rd Board Meeting.

- Hurricane Irma update

District staff met with the FEMA representative on January 10th to get some clarifications on items. District staff and our adjustors have uploaded the damage inventory and are working on making sure that all information provided is accurate and complete before the deadline to adjust. The deadline to add items to the damage inventory is 60 days from the initial meeting, which occurred on December 4th.

The District is also working with adjustors for insurance purposes to ensure that we are receiving the maximize reimbursement from both the insurance companies and FEMA.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **February 21, 2018**, at 4:00 p.m., in the Student Services Conference Room located in Room 01-0002 at 2855 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida.