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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 – 5:03 PM
TRAINING ROOM “D”

Attendees

Scott Allen	Ryan Richards
Jacqueline Brown	Rochelle Thimlar
Art Castellanos	Ronald Tyre
Anthony Cherubin	Darren Watkins
Ric Niekamp	

Absent

Antonio Correia
Cecil Dunlap
David Grogan
Nicholas Palomba
Molly Scott
Robert Vertrees

Steven Teuber, Board Member

LCPEC Staff

Marc Mora, Staff Liaison & Executive Director of Operations
Scott Reichenbacher, Sr. Project Mgr.
Cathleen Morgan, Board Member
Robert, Dodig, Board Attorney
Dr. Douglas Santini, Executive Director, School Development

Visitors

Betritz Reyes

Recording Secretary

Pat Johnson

AGENDA TOPICS

Welcome

Mr. Ryan Richards called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year and called for introductions around the room.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Richards called for a vote to approve the August 1, 2018 minutes. **Motion** made by Mr. Watkins and **Seconded** by Mr. Tyre. **Carried 8-0.** (One member was late in arriving)

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Marc Mora went over the rules of nomination and opened the floor for committee chair. **Motion** made to elect Ryan Richards for Chair. Mr. Richards accepted. With no further nominations, Mr. Mora closed the nomination and ask for second. **Seconded** by Mr. Watkins. **Carried 8-0.** (One member was late in arriving)

Mr. Mora opened the floor to nominations a Vice Chair. Mr. Allen made a motion to elect Mr. Ron Tyre for Vice Chair, Mr. Tyre declined. Mr. Richards made a **motion** to elect Darren Watkins for Vice Chair. Mr. Watkins accepted. With no further nominations, Mr. Mora closed the nomination for Vice Chair and ask for second. **Seconded** by Mr. Tyre. **Carried 8-0.** (One member was late in arriving)

Approval of Meeting Dates/Time and Public Comment Format

After discussion, the Construction Advisory Committee will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. **Motion** made by Mr. Watkins and **Seconded** by Ms. Brown. **Carried 9-0.** There was also discussion for providing a time for public comment. Three(3) minutes have been set aside for each speaker if less than 20, two (2) minutes for 20 or more, and one (1) minute over 30. **Motion** to have

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the comments at the beginning of the agenda was made by Mr. Watkins and **Seconded** by Ms. Brown. **Carried 9-0.**

Summary of Board Advisory Committee Training

Mr. Robert Dodig, Attorney to the Board of Education, thanked the committee for allowing him the time to discuss Board Policy 1.20 and the correct way to hold a "Board" advisory meeting using the Robert's Rules of Order. He went over some general rules and highlighted some particular points of interest. Mr. Dodig suggested that all CAC members read the handout that was given to them for additional information.

- Sunshine Law applies to all Board Advisory Committee meetings, which prohibits members to talk, text or email any information regarding anything that might be voted on except at a publically advertised meeting. If an email goes to notify the members on an issue, make sure you write "do not respond to this email" so it doesn't cause a conversation. Emails & texts are public record.
- All meetings must be advertised. If an unscheduled meeting is called, it has to be posted at least 48 hours on the District Website.
- The Chair must report Quarterly on the work that the committee is doing to the Board.
- CAC members are automatically removed from the committee by not acting professionally or missing three (3) meetings. Missing a month in the Summer does not count as being absent.
- All materials submitted for the meeting are public record. If sent by private email, the address also becomes public record.
- Concerns regarding "Conflict of Interest" is in the Board Policy 1.20, paragraph 1.B handout.

Presentation – Proposed Sales Tax Initiative – Cathleen Morgan

Mrs. Cathleen Morgan, Board of Education member, briefly explained the half-cent tax incentive and why a referendum was put on the ballot. She spoke of how the State and Local governments have cut monies from only the Capital budget (not operating) which affects the District infrastructure. Prior to 2008, monies came from a 2.0 mill levy on property taxes and in 2008, ¼ mill was taken by the legislature. In 2009, another ¼ mill was taken with the understanding that they would give it back. The Board as gone back to the legislature every year, for eight (8) years to get the mileage back, with no luck. The county commission reduced impact fees and it was never restored back to where it was. Many District cutbacks were implemented, but not enough to cover the Capital needs based on the 1,500 students that are enrolled every year since 2014. She went over the State and Local Funding chart to show the decline in funding since 2008. She stated that the ability of making our schools safe, renovation projects, technology upgrades and the need to build six (6) additional schools to accommodate the rising enrollment is in jeopardy. Mrs. Morgan also pointed out that a project list that is in the packet, spells out the total sales tax funded projects. She reminded everyone to look for the last item on voting ballot for the referendum.

After much discussion regarding many issues that face the passing of the half-cent referendum, a **motion** made by Mr. Art Castellanos for the CAC membership for the purpose of affirmation to support the half-cent sales tax proposal to make schools greater. **Seconded** by Mr. Tyre. **Carried 9-0**

Board Member Update – Mrs. Cathleen Morgan

No Update

School Razing/Rebuild Recommendation – Mr. Mora

Mr. Mora explained at the August CAC meeting, the process that DOE in Tallahassee requires in order to raze buildings. He mentioned that it was now time for CAC to give their recommendation to move forward with a submission of the rational to raze and replace these schools. With the shortage of time for discussion and with new members attending for the first time, it was agreed to bring this topic back for

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a vote at the October 3rd meeting. The Performance Audit will be sent electronically for everyone's review.

Public Comment

No guests in attendance

Good of the Order

- 1) Scott Reichenbacher mentioned that if portables were to be used instead of building schools, and based on 1200 students who are enrolled each year, 48 portables would be needed per year. It equates to \$3,200,000 per year, every year.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Tyre

Seconded by Mr. Niekamp

Carried 9-0

Time: 6:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 3, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. – Training Room "D"