



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Finance Advisory Committee

September 18, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Kenneth Boyd, Paul Cohen, Alex Dworzanski, Craig Evan, Joel Gordon, Ramie Hall, Elizabeth Herman, Ryan Lurie, Elena Phillips, Tamika Seaton, John Shannon, Mike Stamatopoulos, Daryl Teblum, Bill Tubb, Mary Watford

Committee Members Absent: none

Student Liaison: none

Board Member: Chris Patricca

Lee County School Personnel Present: Kelly Letcher

Recording Secretary: Barb Gill

Public: Shawn Williams

WELCOME

Kelly Letcher welcomed everyone to the meeting at 4:04 p.m. The Committee then went around the room introducing themselves.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the 2019/20 school year was then conducted by Kelly Letcher. Daryl Teblum was unanimously voted as Chairperson and William (Bill) Tubb was unanimously voted as Vice Chairperson.

REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

Mr. Christopher Saunders, an Associate with the firm of Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Cole & Bierman, reviewed by phone the following; Membership, Organization of Committees, Reporting Requirements, Conduct of Meetings, Roberts Rules of Order, Public Comment and Sunshine Law.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 21, 2019, minutes were discussed at length. It was then voted to table the minutes until the committee could obtain legal interpretation of the pending minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

Mr. Shawn Williams, a past FAC member, introduced himself and commended the Finance Advisory Committee on its accomplishments. He also expressed that he would like to be considered if there was a future opening on the Committee.

Board Member Gwyn Gittens then introduced herself and welcomed the new member and stated, "You

are in for a treat and the Committee is in for a treat by having you here!” regarding their appointment to the FAC committee.

BOARD MEMBER’S REPORT

Chris Patricca began by welcoming everyone. She then explained that she is the committee’s liaison through October, and a new Board Member will be appointed starting in November.

She expressed her desire for the committee to remember the teacher pay issue. She reminded the committee that the District has made budget cuts in order to address this pay issue and the goal was to have the teachers attain a 75th percentile as compared to other districts across the state. “We need to stay competitive with other District’s within the state.”

She then added that the legislative platform has been approved by the School Board, which is a “pilot” education health program. The District is asking the State for anywhere from \$893,000, which would only address 8th grade students, to 1.79 million, which would address 7th and 8th grade students, to 2.5 million, which would address 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, depending on the level the State approves, towards a comprehensive health education to include mental and emotional health. Also, there is possibly more funding coming to the early childhood education from the state.

PLANNING SESSION FOR COMMITTEE, (APPROVAL OF FUTURE DATES)

The committee then discussed the future dates for the Finance Advisory Committee. The following dates were unanimously voted upon:

October 16
November 20
December 11
*January 15
February 19
March 25
April 15

The location of all of the meetings will be in the Intervention Training Room, #01-0202 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., except for the January 15th meeting. * This meeting will be conducted in the room beside the Intervention Training Room, in the Student Services Conference Room, #01-0002, with both being located in the front lobby of the District offices.

Future topics were discussed to include:

October - Budget
January – Suggestion – Operations & Planning
Teacher pay - cost of living statewide – benefit packages
Safety & Security
School Choice
Insurance – review RFP, Dr. Pruitt attend, Can school system buy into the state plan?
Teacher Representation - TALC

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2019, in the Intervention Training Room, which is located in Room 01-0202, located right beside our regular meeting room, at 2855 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida.