



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Finance Advisory Committee

November 20, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Kenneth Boyd, Paul Cohen, Alex Dworzanski, Craig Evan, Joel Gordon, Ramie Hall, Elena Phillips, Daryl Teblum, Bill Tubb, Mary Watford

Committee Members Absent: Elizabeth Herman, Ryan Lurie, Tamika Seaton, John Shannon, Mike Stamatopoulos,

Student Liaison: none

Board Member: Chris Patricca

Lee County School Personnel Present: Ami Desamours, Kelly Letcher

Recording Secretary: Barb Gill

Public: none

WELCOME

Daryl Teblum welcomed everyone to the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

No public comment.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

Chris Patricca began by letting the Committee know that she would continue to be the Committee's Board Liaison through April 30th.

She then informed the Committee that the District is currently working on proximity plans to save money for the District in terms of transportation costs. A consultant will be hired to review our processes. There will also be a large public education piece for the families in the District, making sure that they know that the District's K-5 schools are equal. The District will also review the grandfather piece for families.

Senator Kathleen Passidomo and Representative Heather Fitzenhagen have sponsored a million-dollar legislative platform for health education.

DISCUSSION - CAPITAL DR. AMI DESAMOURS & KELLY LETCHER

Dr. Desamours and Kelly Letcher reviewed the District's capital funding. A portion of the information is below:

Capital Sources of Funding

- Property Tax Revenues
- Based on tax roll
- Tax rate was once 2 mills, but has been 1.5 mills since 2012
- Tax roll has increased 53% since 2014
- Tax roll is the main source of capital funding

State Capital Funding

- Major sources of capital funding from state had been PECO (Public Education Capital Outlay) and Classroom for Kids
- PECO was earmarked for maintenance at schools and the cost of new construction
- CFK was earmarked for new student stations needed as a result of class size requirements
- As of this year, zero state funds for PECO were allocated for traditional public schools
- CFK funds not allocated since 2008

WHERE DOES THIS REVENUE GO?

NEW SCHOOLS

- Five schools in the next five years
- Elem, Middle and High in the East Zone
- One high school addition
- Elem and Middle in the South
- Two school remodels

SALES TAX PROJECTS

- Maintenance at schools
- Educational technology
- Increase in safety projects

WHERE DOES THIS REVENUE GO?

Debt Service

Small Capital Projects

Equipment & Buses

Maintenance & Technology Projects

Paul Cohen made a motion to recommend to the School Board that they evaluate all Impact Fees that the School District is entitled. This motion did not pass.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2019, in the Intervention Training Room, Room 01-0202 at 2855 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida.