



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Finance Advisory Committee

February 19, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Kenneth Boyd, Paul Cohen, Alex Dworzanski, Ramie Hall, Elena Phillips, Tamika Seaton, John Shannon, Daryl Teblum, Bill Tubb, Mary Watford

Committee Members Absent: Craig Evan, Joel Gordon, Ryan Lurie, Mike Stamatopoulos, Shawn Williams

Student Liaison: none

Board Member: Chris Patricca

Lee County School Personnel Present: Kelly Letcher, Dr. Greg Adkins, Dr. Angela Pruitt, Bonnie McFarland

Recording Secretary: Barb Gill

Public: Jonathan Anderson, Amanda Brooke Kross

WELCOME

Daryl Teblum welcomed everyone to the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

No public comment.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

Chris Patricca began by stating that she would like to take questions from the Committee...

Paul Cohen began by questioning the validity of the *Risk Assessment* by RSM. It was then decided to looking into the assessment further during the summer months.

Regarding a legislative update regarding pay incentives, Chris Patricca stated, "the House is more money but more restrictive, and the Senate is less money and less restrictive". She then added that 53% of our teachers are already at \$43,500 or above. And the District is looking at a huge increase in our FRS funding, with no increase in funding from the state. Also, if there are increases to teachers' salaries for the 37% that are under \$43,500, there will be no additional increase in the FRS funding for those salary increases either.

Dr. Adkins added that Best and Brightest funding is now going to the teacher pay increases and other categoricals are ending with the funding going into salaries as well. Dr. Adkins then stated, “We are asking for flexibility with the dollars that are going into teacher compensation.”

When asked for the base student allocation for this year, Kelly Letcher stated, “For the 2019-2020 school year, the allocation was \$4,279.49. For the 2020-2021 school year, the Senate is proposing \$4,319.66 and the House is proposing \$4,329.49.” She then added that the *Senate vs House Comparisons* are on the Districts website, at the February 11, 2020, Briefing.

PRESENTATION BY: Insurance & Benefits

Dr. Adkins, Dr. Pruitt, and Bonnie McFarland, the Director of Insurance and Benefits, were present for this meeting, along with two Representative from AON, Jonathan Anderson and Amanda Brooke Kross. A lengthy explanation and discussion of our past insurance plans and the current changes in District’s insurance coverage ensued.

After the review of the policies, the Finance Advisory Committee made a motion to recommend that the District work with the Bargaining units to survey all District employees regarding their feelings on their health care. Some items the Committee would like considered is whether the District should provide additional coverage for children at the expense of increased salaries, etc. The motion passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2020, in the Intervention Training Room, Room 01-0202 at 2855 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida.