



## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

### *Finance Advisory Committee*

May 20, 2020

Virtual Meeting Minutes

**Committee Members Present:** Kenneth Boyd, Paul Cohen, Joel Gordon, Ramie Hall (by phone), Ryan Lurie, Tamika Seaton, John Shannon, Daryl Teblum, Bill Tubb, Mary Watford, Shawn Williams

**Committee Members Absent:** Alex Dworzanski, Elena Phillips, Craig Evan, Mike Stamatopoulos

**Student Liaison:** none

**Board Member:** Chris Patricca

**Lee County School Personnel Present:** Kelly Letcher

**Recording Secretary:** Barb Gill

**Public:** none

### **WELCOME**

Daryl Teblum welcomed everyone to the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The February minutes were approved unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)**

No public comment.

### **BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT**

Chris Patricca began by apologizing for the need to cancel the March and April meetings due to COVID 19. She then shared that due to the virus, the District changed from an in-class learning experience to a distance learning experience, for approximately 95,000 students, in a two-week time period!

She then talked about her thoughts concerning the current budget and the forthcoming 2021 budget, during this coronavirus epidemic.

Prior to the end of her report, she revealed that this would be her last FAC committee meeting. She disclosed that Board Member Debbie Jordan would be the new liaison for the committee.

## Pending Minutes

Members expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Patricca for her time and service on the committee.

During the meeting, a discussion began regarding the continuation of meetings throughout the summer months. While waiting on the School Board's decision regarding summer meetings, the committee voted on a June date only. The committee voted 6 to 5 to conduct a virtual meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

### **PRESENTATION BY: Kelly Letcher**

Kelly Letcher shared/discussed with the committee where the District was heading with the FY21 Budget prior to COVID, and then the possible changes due to the onset of COVID19. The numbers on District's state funding for next year is still in question.

The District has been reviewing not only the savings from the closure of schools due to the epidemic, but also the additional expenses.

#### **Savings**

Diesel Fuel for buses  
Substitutes for classroom  
Substitutes for Bus Operators  
Substitute Custodians  
Overtime  
Supplemental Contracts with Staff  
Short Course Instructors  
Consultants  
Travel  
Utilities  
Supplies

#### **Additional Cost**

Unemployment Benefit Payout  
High School Graduation – possibly  
Chromebooks  
Hot Spots  
Sanitizers & bases  
Spraying schools (2)  
Grab N Go servers

#### **Loss of Funding**

AP, IB, AICE, Industry Certification  
Sales Tax  
Technical Colleges & Adult Ed  
Interest Income  
Fee Based Program Profit  
Rental Buildings

Along with the above information, the *CORONAVIRUS ECONOMIC IMPACT SURVEY*, from the Regional Economic Research Institute \* Florida Gulf Coast University, was shared with the committee.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2020.