



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

## *Finance Advisory Committee*

June 17, 2020

Virtual Meeting Minutes

**Committee Members Present:** Ken Boyd (audio only), Joel Gordon, Elena Phillips, Tamika Seaton, John Shannon, Mike Stamatopoulos, Daryl Teblum, Bill Tubb, Mary Watford, Shawn Williams

**Committee Members Absent:** Paul Cohen, Alex Dworzanski, Craig Evan, Ramie Hall, Ryan Lurie

**Student Liaison:** none

**Board Member:** Chris Patricca, Debbie Jordan

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

**Recording Secretary:** Barb Gill

**Public:** none

### **WELCOME**

Kelly Letcher welcomed everyone to the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The May minutes were approved unanimously, after a modification of attendance for Ken Boyd.

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

No public comment.

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

Chris Patricca began by introducing Board Member Debbie Jordan, who was in attendance and listening to the meeting only, due to the Sunshine Law. Mrs. Patricca stated that currently it is, "All hands-on deck!" in dealing with the coronavirus epidemic and the possible effects on the district. A Task Force has been created to develop possible modes in which the District could open schools in the fall. The Task Force will present to the Superintendent a plan for the School Board to discuss.

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

Kelly Letcher began the meeting by notifying the members that the budget was sent to the Governor. She then shared that on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> she attended a webinar for the CARES Act, (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act).

This Act encompasses the following, (taken from the FLDOE Reopening CARES Act pdf):

- Part 1 This plan provides diverse insights on the connection between schools and the economy and their subsequent impacts on achievement gaps.
- Part 2 This plan provides health and instructional recommendations for reopening Florida's schools, aligned to the executive direction of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, the Re-Open Florida Task Force's Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan, the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Child care (early learning) programs, K-12 schools and postsecondary institutions should use this document as points to consider and implement with local context, and note that health related mitigations may need to adjust as Florida learns more about the impacts of COVID-19.
- Part 3 This plan provides the Florida Department of Education's (FDOE) implementation plan for the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act's education and child care related components. The plan includes potential opportunities to align FDOE-directed portions of the CARES Act with local education agencies' (LEA) and postsecondary's (institutions of higher education or IHE) controlled CARES Act funding.
- Part 4 This plan holds adequate reserve funds back for needs that may emerge closer to and during the 2020-2021 academic year. Appendix The appendices to this document contain page numbers and links to reopening strategies and resources referenced throughout Parts 2-3 of the documents.

There were focus areas given with this process, with a few being: lowest performing students, ELL students, (English Language Learners), and safety and mental health.

Mrs. Letcher also informed the Committee that the Lee County School District's part of the CARES Act amounts to approximately \$21 million dollars. Of that \$21 million, the District shares with local charter schools and must provide equitable services to private, non-profit schools.

"Throughout this process, the District will be looking at the best way to support our students," stated Kelly Letcher.

The plan is to be submitted back to the state by June 30, 2020.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

A motion was made on whether to continue meeting through the summer months. The vote was 7 yes, 2 no. The motion passed to continue meeting during the summer months.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.