



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

## *Finance Advisory Committee*

July 15, 2020

### Virtual Meeting Minutes

**Committee Members Present:** Paul Cohen, Joel Gordon, Elena Phillips, John Shannon, Mike Stamatopoulos, Daryl Teblum, Bill Tubb, Mary Watford, Shawn Williams

**Committee Members Absent:** Ken Boyd, Alex Dworzanski, Craig Evan, Ramie Hall, Ryan Lurie, Tamika Seaton

**Student Liaison:** none

**Board Member:** Debbie Jordan

**Lee County School Personnel Present:** Kelly Letcher, Angela Pruitt

**Recording Secretary:** Barb Gill

**Public:** none

### **WELCOME**

Kelly Letcher welcomed everyone to the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The May minutes were approved unanimously.

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

No public comment.

### **UPDATE ON THE OPENING OF SCHOOLS BY ANGELA PRUITT**

Angela Pruitt, Chief Human Resource Officer for the School District, shared with the Committee the options that parents will have to select from, for their child for the 2020/21 school year.

Currently the choices for parent(s) to select from for their child(ren) are:

- \* A brick and mortar school
- \* Lee Virtual School
- \* Lee Home Connect
- \* Home School

Information shared:

- \* The District is sensitive to the students' family changes.
- \* The District will not be able to match the instructional staff number with the number of students until choices have been made by the parents.

- \* The District will be purchasing all of the necessary Covid supplies for students which will then be submitted for reimbursement to the District by FEMA.
- \* Schools will have Isolation Rooms—a room only for Covid cases, if a child becomes ill.
- \* The number one goal is to create a safe environment for students and employees.
- \* The District is creating a specific Covid HR manual for employees.
- \* There will be a dedicated Covid Hotline, which will be manned by one person from each Division.
- \* The Lee County Health Department will notify a school/district if a student tests positive for the Covid virus.
- \* If a student in a class comes down with the virus, the rest of the class will be quarantined for 14 days, while continuing to being taught by the teacher.

## **BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT**

Debbie Jordan began by thanking Angela Pruitt for covering the School Districts current situation with Covid 19, and then stated, "Reopening is changing on a daily basis."

She then expressed the fact that there is uncertainty in the length of time in getting the results of Covid testing. A wish she expressed was for the District to be able to do its own testing, in order to receive the results in only a couple of days.

Committee's questions were answered, she then stated, "I appreciate everyone's hard work!"

## **DISTRICT UPDATES FY21 BUDGET SALES TAX OPENING OF SCHOOL**

Kelly Letcher started by informing the Committee that the Governor did sign the budget. Then added that the base pay for teacher's, in the amount of \$47,500, passed and that there were no changes to student projections. She did share that she felt there will be changes, (loses) to the budget after the elections.

The committee was then informed that the Governor vetoed 1 billion dollars worth of items within the bill. The one item that affected Lee County the most was the loss of School Recognition money, lottery money and the money for the Guardian Program.

The District will be providing all students and staff necessary personal protective items, i.e. masks, hand sanitizer, etc. The costs of these items will be reimbursed to the General Fund from FEMA.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.