



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

## *Finance Advisory Committee*

August 19, 2020

Virtual Meeting Minutes

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

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

**Student Liaison:** none

**Board Member:** Debbie Jordan

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

**Recording Secretary:** Barb Gill

**Public:** none

### **WELCOME**

Kelly Letcher welcomed everyone to the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The July minutes were approved unanimously.

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

No public comment.

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

Debbie Jordan began by stating that the District is focusing on the opening of the schools. And with teachers beginning on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, she was able to see a Home Connect Session in action. She pointed out how well the teacher was able to keep the kindergarteners on target.

She will be meeting with the Grants Department this week and was excited to share that the District will be receiving double the amount of grant funding than in past years. The CARES Act for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund), will provide emergency relief funds to aid the District with the impact from COVID-19.

At this time, there are still approximately 7,000 students whose parents that have not yet chosen the type of instruction for their child(ren). She then added that the Lee Virtual choice has been the most popular.

Kelly Letcher added to Ms. Jordan’s information regarding the additional funding. She explained that the Cares Act has multiple pieces.

Below are a few of the pieces:

GEERS Act	Summer Program & Extended Learning Activities	\$ 2,000,000
Rapid Credentialing	Post-Secondary Schools	\$ 367,000
CTE	K-12	\$ 279,000
HERF Fund	Post-Secondary Schools	\$ 1,000,000
Head Start		\$ 800,000
ESSPR		
(from the CARES Act)		\$21,800,000

Additional District Changes:

- Addition of 30 minutes to some of the middle schools for extra instructional time
- Increasing part time Intervention Specialists to full time positions
- Reading Coaches are being added to the Elementary level
- Purchasing additional software for ELL students, (English Language Learners)
- Providing ACT, SAT prep
- Providing students with hotspots for the access to Lee Home Connect or Virtual Home Connect
- Additional Psychological assistance, (outside contracted time)
- Small group counseling

**DISTRICT UPDATES  
FY21 BUDGET  
OPENING OF SCHOOL**

The *District Updates* began by the Committee making a motion for the next Finance Advisory meeting to be held on September 16, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

At the last meeting, the committee requested to have a discussion with a representative from either the Transportation Department or Academic Services. Kelly Letcher requested this but due to the busy times and changes due to COVID, they asked for it to be schedules for another time. Transportation stated that they are available either September or October.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.