



FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**October 21, 2020, Virtual Meeting
4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.**

Committee Members Present:

Ken Boyd
John Bodner
Aida Klement
Paul Cohen

Alex Dworzanski
Joel Gordon
Elena Phillips
John Shannon
Mary Watford
Shawn Williams

Committee Members Absent: Daryl Teblum, Tamika Seaton, Ryan Lurie

Board Member Present: Debbie Jordan

Lee County School Personnel Present: Kelly Letcher, Dave LaRosa, Roger Lloyd, Ken Savage

Recording Secretary: Barb Gill

Public: Mike Stamatopoulos

WELCOME

Shawn Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

No public comment.

DISCUSSION – VIRTUAL VS FACE TO FACE MEETINGS

The committee began a discussion regarding whether to continue with face to face meetings or zoom meetings.

John Shannon offered the idea of a combination meeting, whereby both face to face and virtual would be conducted at the same time. He then made the following motion, “The Finance Advisory Committee has a desire to meet face to face, but recognizes that some members will only continue to meet via a virtual environment, but there is a preference to meet face to face.” This motion was seconded by Ken Boyd and a discussion ensued. The final vote was 4 for zoom meetings and 5 for face to face.



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Kelly Letcher stated that she would check to see if a hybrid, in person/zoom model would be possible due to the requirement to record meetings.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT

Debbie Jordan began by thanking the Finance Advisory Committee for the information that was given to her regarding RSM.

She shared that the School Board is still working on the formation of an Audit Committee and will share with the committee all information as it develops.

DISCUSSION – DAVE LAROSA, DIRECTOR, ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Mr. Dave LaRosa began by sharing some of the changes that needed to happen concerning the District's sports, due to COVID. He stated, "There is a protocol for each sport." "In the fall, the Florida High School Athletic Association made provisions for fall sports, but there were no provisions provided for winter sports." He added the biggest hurdle so far has been developing the protocol for wrestling.

Mr. LaRosa added, "Financially, we have taken a big hit due to the District limiting attendance...it will be a lean year".

DISCUSSION – ROGER LLOYD, DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Obstacles for the Transportation Department:

- * National Shortage of Drivers
- * 94% of drivers are over 65 years of age
- * Some are taking FMLA during this time

The following shows a portion of the savings between 2019-20 and 2020-21:

	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
Ridership	55,493	32,317
Daily Buses	753	699
Bus Routes	3,202	2,869
Daily Stops	36,003	29,990
Daily Miles Traveled	66,568	56,984

Shawn Williams suggested to survey the parents to see why the students are not ride the bus. (More riders/more efficiency)

Mr. Lloyd shared that the students are loaded from the back to the front of the bus. Also, so far, there has not been more than 24 students on a bus.



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Elena Phillips made a motion to recommend that the District conduct a survey to all parents to find out why they do not use District transportation for their child(ren), in the new year. Paul Cohen 2nd the motion. A discussion ensued. The motion then passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

“The purpose of the Finance Advisory Committee shall be to provide input, advice and support in the preparation of the operating and capital budget for the School District of Lee County.”