



FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 9, 2020, Virtual Meeting
4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Ken Boyd
John Bodner
Aida Klement
Alex Dworzanski

Elena Phillips
John Shannon
Daryl Teblum
Tamika Seaton
Mary Watford
Shawn Williams

Committee Members Absent: Paul Cohen, Joel Gordon

Board Member Present: Debbie Jordan

Lee County School Personnel Present: Kelly Letcher

Recording Secretary: Barb Gill

Public: n/a

WELCOME

Daryl Teblum welcomed everyone to the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

No public comment.

BOARD MEMBER’S REPORT

Ms. Jordan began by stating that during the last two days, the Board has spent their time in briefings and workshops. She also attended the Auditor General’s exit conference for the District, whereby it was reported that the School District of Lee County has no findings.

She then shared that she will be meeting with RSM this week, and continue to meet with them on a monthly basis. She also notified the committee that the Board members will be choosing people to sit on the Audit Committee.

After a question from Daryl Teblum regarding changes in student learning, Ms. Jordan explained that students learn better, both socially and emotionally, when they are **in** school. She stated that the District continues to reach out to students and their families, and if they are not in attendance on line, find out how we can help them.



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Alex Dworzanski, the Principal at Harns Marsh Middle School, shared, “We are reaching out to the parents of students that are not being successful and inviting them back in”. He continued by saying that if the parent is not comfortable due to COVID, he invites the parent to meet with him so that he can share and show the parent the safety protocols and precautions that are being used in the school setting.

He also shared that Harns Marsh Middle has a 1500 capacity. At the beginning of COVID, there were only 500 students attending face to face, now there is well over 1000 students on campus. “We are trying to fill the learning gap with some students that have not attended school since March. If they are face to face, we can control their learning.”

PRESENTATION by –FORD & ASSOCIATES, INC., FINANCIAL ADVISORS

Mr. Jerry Ford and Mr. Will Reid from Ford & Associates began with an overview of the last year, beginning with the market prior to COVID and then in March when the market began to fail.

They discussed with the committee the topics of Operating Funds, Capital Funds, State Revenues, Debt Service, etc.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. - 3rd Wednesday of the month.

“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.”