

## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Independent Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Meeting  
(Virtual) 2855 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33966

Thursday, December 17, 2020  
Meeting Minutes

### Committee Members Present:

Joe Mazurkiewicz, Jr. - Chairman  
Steve Shimp – Vice Chairman  
Alissa Brandemuhl  
Joe Catti  
James Dozier  
Fred Elliott  
Jim Nathan  
Dennis Pearlman  
Michelle Perez-Macias  
Chris Simoneau

### Absent Committee Members:

Sandra Dauti - Excused  
Randy Krise  
Christopher Lopez  
Brian Rist  
Greta S. Campbell  
Carmen Salome’-Excused  
Frederick Atkins

### School Board Member Present:

Gwynetta Gittens, Board Liaison to ISSOC

### Lee County School Personnel Present:

Dr. Greg Adkins, Superintendent  
Dr. Ami Desamours, Chief Financial Officer  
Trey Davis-Chief Technology Officer  
Dwayne Alton, Executive Director – Infrastructure Services  
Susan Malay, Executive Director – Financial Services  
Kathie Ebaugh, Executive Director – Operations  
Scott Reichenbacher-Director of Construction Services  
Kelly Letcher, Director – Business Services  
Sarah Cox, Coordinator – Business Services  
Jeanne Beatson, Executive Assistant-Business Services

- I. Welcome/Introduction/Roll Call  
Joe Mazurkiewicz welcomed the committee members for meeting online and called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The roll was taken by Jeanne Beatson.
- II. Approval of September 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes

There were no corrections to the minutes. A motion was made by Chris Simoneau to approve the minutes and was seconded by Joe Catti. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

III. Public Comment – NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. Financial/Project Reviews

- a. Dr. Ami Desamours – Chief Financial Officer – Dr. Desamours presented an overview of the Capital Budget of \$453.8 million dollars. All funding sources were shown with the majority of the budget coming from Property Taxes and Sales Tax. The Fiscal Year 2020-21 Sales Tax Budget was \$144.3 million with amounts allocated to Construction, Maintenance, Safety and Technology.
- b. Kathie Ebaugh presented the categories of projects:
  - 1) New Schools & Major Renovations –
    - \* Gateway High School and MM Middle scheduled to open August 2021. Completed phase one and well on the way into the construction phase.
    - \* K and NN Pre-K-8 will be blending two campuses into one large Pre-K-8
  - 2). Other significant projects discussed were Ft. Myers Technical remodel, James Stephens Pre-K remodel and Riverdale High remodel.
  - 3). Kathie Ebaugh presented before and after pictures of new cabinetry at Colonial and Edgewood Elementary. San Carlos Park should be completed by the next meeting and will provide the after pictures.
  - 4). Kathie Ebaugh shared that they are actively in process of getting signs up at all projects. A few pictures were shared at various locations.
- c. Other Significant projects were presented by Dwayne Alton. Mr. Alton advised that 21 technology projects were completed at schools. 16 campuses are on schedule to complete on time. The Atlas Project brought on 6 additional campuses.
- d. Ms. Cox reviewed the Sales Tax Revenue Collections and Projections. We are into fiscal year 3 and have collected over \$140 million to date. Sarah shared the year over year by month earned comparison. The month to month projections for FY21 was shared and each month received to date has come in higher than projected.
- e. The Annual Report of Sales Tax Budget compared to Actual Revenue and Expense as of December 7, 2020 was presented. The report was updated to include a cumulative column and elementary computer density under technology was renamed to school technology. A quarterly report for FY21 was also shared. A motion was made to accept the quarterly report as presented by Chris Simoneau and seconded by Steve Shimp. The report was unanimously approved by the committee.
- f. Chairman Mazurkiewicz asked for a motion to approve the project updates as presented. Motion moved by James Nathan and seconded by Joe Catti. The projects were unanimously approved by the committee.

V. Member Comments

- a. Chris Simoneau discussed showing the full story of the sales tax projects. Steve Shimp asked if it would be feasible to bring a marketing professional in to tell the full story. Dr. Desamours mentioned that sales tax dollars could not be used, however general funds could. Chris Simoneau discussed having a firm create a more professional report. Dr. Adkins will come back with a recommendation.
- b. Chairman Mazurkiewicz brought forward the new meeting dates for 2021. These dates are March 25<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 2, 2021. No issues from the committee and the dates were agreed upon by consensus.

- c. Dr. Desamours addressed members coming up for renewal and that the elections for the expiring members including the Chair and Vice Chair will take place in March. The board office is working on adding the application to the District website.
- d. Chairman Mazurkiewicz asked Dr. Desamours that the committee members that had terms expiring receive an email with the information to apply again if they choose.
- e. Jim Nathan asked if they could receive a copy of their prior application. Dr. Desamours said that they would include that in the email

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.