

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

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

Thursday, June 25, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Joe Mazurkiewicz, Jr. - Chairman
Steve Shimp – Vice Chairman
Frederick Atkins
Alissa Brandemuhl
Greta Campbell
James Dozier
Fred Elliott
Jim Nathan
Dennis Pearlman
Michelle Perez-Macias
Carmen Salomé
Chris Simoneau

Absent Committee Members:

Joe Catti - Excused
Sandra Dauti - Excused
Randy Krise
Christopher Lopez
Brian Rist

School Board Member Present:

Chris Patricca, Board Liaison to ISSOC

Lee County School Personnel Present:

Dr. Greg Adkins, Superintendent
Dr. Ami Desamours, Chief Financial Officer
Dwayne Alton, Executive Director – Infrastructure Services
Susan Malay, Executive Director – Financial Services
Kathie Ebaugh, Executive Director - Operations
Kelly Letcher, Director – Business Services
Rick Parfitt, Director – Safety & Security
Scott Reichenbacher, Senior Program Manager – Construction Services
Sarah Cox, Coordinator – Business Services

- I. Welcome/Introduction/Roll Call
Joe Mazurkiewicz welcomed the committee members and called meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Due to set up, Chairman Mazurkiewicz asked that members wishing to speak raise their hand and after being acknowledged by the chair come to the microphone to speak. The roll was taken by Toni Caro.
- II. Approval of December 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes
There were no corrections to the minutes. A motion was made by Chris Simoneau to approve the minutes and was seconded by James Dozier. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

III. Public Comment – NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. Financial/Project Reviews

- a. Dr. Ami Desamours – Chief Financial Officer –Honored the committee’s request to present the data with more pictures. Dr. Desamours presented an overview of the Capital Budget of \$390 million dollars. All funding sources were shown with the majority of the budget coming from Property Taxes and Sales Tax. The Fiscal Year 2019-20 Sales Tax Budget was \$117,655,698 with amounts allocated to Construction, Maintenance, Safety and Technology.
- b. Scott Reichenbacher presented the categories of projects:
 - 1) New Schools & Major Renovations –
 - * Gateway High School scheduled to open August 2021 at a cost of \$98,193,950;
 - * MM Middle scheduled to open August 2021 at a cost of \$54,244,892;
 - * Lehigh Senior Addition opened August 2019. The project added a total of 722 seats.
 - 2) Major Roofing Projects – Caloosa Middle, Cypress Lake High, G. Weaver Hipps, North Fort Myers High, Villas Elementary and SWFL Public Service Academy
 - 3) HVAC Projects – Cape Elementary, Cape Coral Technical College, Fort Myers High, Ida Baker High and North Fort Myers Academy
- c. Other Significant projects were presented by Dwayne Alton and Sarah Cox. Mr. Alton advised that 68 campuses were touched for Safety and Technology projects with some security upgrades. There was an increase of devices for Elementary Schools.
- d. Ms. Cox reviewed the Sales Tax Revenue received. There was an 8% decrease in sales tax revenue over last year. The new Five Year Sales Tax projection is \$320,607,973. The previous Five Year Projection was \$500,986,096.
- e. The Annual Report of Sales Tax Budget compared to Actual Revenue as of May 25, 2020 was presented. A motion was made by Chris Simoneau and seconded by Steve Shimp. The report was unanimously approved by the committee.

V. Member Comments

- a. Board Member Chris Patricca advised that she would be transitioning from the committee as the Board liaison and Board member Gwynetta Gittens would be the new liaison.
- b. Greta Campbell commented that some members of the committee were appointed for one year and would need to be replaced.
- c. Dr. Desamours indicated that all information is on the District’s website.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.