

## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

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

Thursday, June 24, 2021  
Meeting Minutes

### Committee Members Present:

Steve Shimp – Chairman  
Frederick Atkins-Vice Chairman  
Joe Mazurkiewicz, Jr.  
Greta Campbell  
Dennis Pearlman  
Chris Simoneau-Phone  
Cia Sherman-Phone  
Fred Elliott

### Absent Committee Members:

Dan Severson  
Michelle Perez-Macias  
James Dozier  
Brian Rist  
Joe Catti

### School Board Member Present:

None

### Lee County School Personnel Present:

Dr. Ken Savage, Superintendent  
Dr. Ami Desamours, Chief Financial Officer  
Dwayne Alton, Executive Director – Infrastructure Services  
Susan Malay, Executive Director – Business Services  
Scott Reichenbacher, Director – Construction  
Barbara Cedeno-Assistant Director-Maintenance  
James Thompson-Maintenance Administrator  
James Spurlock-Maintenance Administrator

- I. Welcome/Introduction/Roll Call  
Steve Shimp welcomed the committee members and called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. The roll was called by Jeanne Beatson, Executive Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer.
- II. The committee meeting minutes were forwarded to the members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Joe Mazurkiewicz to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Fred Atkins. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

- IV. Dr. Desamours reviewed the budgeted revenue from sales tax in the fiscal year. As of June 15, 2021, the budgeted FY21 Sales Tax revenue was \$144,345,409.00, in the fiscal year making up 32% of the capital budget. Scott Reichenbacher reviewed the Gateway High School project update which is scheduled to open August 2021. This school will add 2,139 student stations with a total project cost estimated at \$98,193.950. Phase 1 design was completed on time and within budget. Sports fields are fully grown and turned over to District for maintenance. Ribbon cutting ceremony was May 19, 2021. MM Middle School (Lehigh Acres Middle School) project update is scheduled to open August 2021 and adds 1,345 student stations with a total project cost of \$54,244,892.00. Substantial completion date expected to be July 15, 2021. Mr. Reichenbacher indicated the AAAA Pre-K-8 School is currently in the design phase. Traffic light discussions are in progress. The project is located on Three Oaks Parkway in Estero, Florida and is anticipated to open in August 2023. "J" Elementary School located in the East Zone is currently in Architect and Construction Management Services contract negotiations. Major Projects greater than \$1 million were reported on, including roofing projects and HVAC projects, Fort Myers Technical College and Riverdale High School remodel. Mr. Reichenbacher noted the roof renovation at Cypress Lake High school was completed under budget and the final inspection will begin soon.
- Barbara Cedeno, James Spurlock and James Thompson reviewed Maintenance Projects providing an update on other significant projects to include cabinet replacement projects, electrical lighting upgrades and elevator repair and replacement. The budget for these upgrades and improvements total \$36,926.650. There are upcoming lighting upgrade projects for Edgewood Elementary, Gulf Elementary and J. Colin English Elementary, targeted completion date is July 31, 2021.
- Dwayne Alton reviewed Safety Improvements budgeted for \$26,036,453.00 and Technology Projects budgeted for \$33,131,533.00. Mr. Alton discussed the three major categories which include surveillance systems, access control systems and security alarms. Technology is working on the ability for law enforcement radios to access the radio systems inside the buildings. Mr. Alton noted that sales tax dollars have allowed the district to accelerate much more quickly needed improvements.
- V. Revenue Collections and Projections – Dr. Ami Desamours reviewed projected revenue collections vs. actual collections to date. To date, revenues collected since the inception of sales tax is \$189.1M.
- VI. Financial Report Review- Dr. Ami Desamours reviewed the financial reports with the committee. The report includes the updated revenue projections, year over year by month collection comparison, sales tax revenue by fiscal year and month earned as of June 15, 2021. .
- VII. Motions and Votes- Steve Shimp addressed the committee
- Motion to approve the sales tax financial review in compliance with the Board’s governing language. Fred Atkins so moved and seconded by Joe Mazurkiewicz. The motion was unanimously approved by the committee.
  - Motion to approve the projected expenditures of the quarters of FY 2020-2021 as per the projects in the presentation. Motion moved by Joe Mazurkiewicz and seconded by Dennis Pearlman. The motion was unanimously approved by the committee. No further discussions.
- VIII. Member Comments
- Chairman Shimp announced the Lehigh Acres Middle School ribbon cutting is scheduled for July 28, 2021 for anyone that may be interested in attending.
  - Mr. Shimp discussed Mr. Fred Atkins’s suggestion that the communication that is delivered to the community for the Educational Campaign be a press conference instead of a press release.
  - Mr. Shimp announced to the committee that district staff will provide another annual report. The District is working on this.

IX. Chairman Steve Shimp asked for a motion to adjourn. Joe Mazurkiewicz so moved seconded by Dennis Pearlman. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.