



CITIZENS' FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

For the School District of Manatee County

Committee Notes / Minutes

Meeting Date	June 2, 2021
Meeting Time	2:00 p.m.
Meeting Location	School Support Center – Conference Room 203
Committee Chairman	Brady Chapman
Committee Note Taker	Amanda Means
Attendance	<p>Committee Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pat Barber Brady Chapman Garin Hoover John Horne Cindy Spray Sandra Holley Susan Harrigan Bobby Stanell Charles Tokarz Bruce Stamm David Ballard Deanna Howell <p>Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Foreman Charlie Kennedy <p>Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superintendent Cynthia Saunders Kevin Chapman, Director of Strategic Planning and District Initiatives Cathy Miley, Senior Financial Analyst Ryan Juengling, Fiscal Assistant Amanda Means, Agency Clerk Tammy Taylor, Finance Director
Opening	<p>Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Chapman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. <p>Audio Recording</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Chapman announced the meeting was being audio recorded.
Public Comment	<p>Notes: Public Comment as follows:</p> <p><u>Glen Gibellina</u> – spoke regarding Committee Reports to the Board and the ERP system.</p> <p>Following Public Comment, Chair Chapman introduced Mr. Bruce Stamm who was appointed to the Committee on May 25, 2021. Mr. Stamm provided an overview of his experiences. The Committee welcomed Mr. Stamm.</p> <p>The Committee held discussion regarding Committee terms. Chair Chapman stated that Mr. Tokarz, Mr. Horne, Mr. Chapman, and Mr. Hoover would be rolling off the Committee at the end of June. He also stated that Mr. Stanell would be leaving the Committee.</p>
Old Business	<p>Board Presentation Review and Approval</p> <p>Notes: Chair Chapman spoke regarding the draft of the Committee presentation and report to the Board.</p>

Mr. Hoover asked why the presentation covered a year and a half rather than one fiscal year. Chair Chapman responded. Ms. Barber explained that it was a decision made by the Committee.

Chair Chapman requested Mr. Horne present the edits to the presentation. Mr. Horne reviewed the edits and provided an explanation for the revisions. The Committee held discussion throughout the review.

Mr. Stanell spoke regarding specific revisions. He requested to change language regarding specific years that the District had a B rating, noting there was no grade rating for the most recent completed year.

Superintendent Saunders clarified that there was an asterisk to indicate that specific grade data was a projection.

Mr. Kennedy inquired about data on page 6 and suggested adding language to show that the District had progressed closer to an A rating.

The Committee held further discussion regarding language for the report and cover letter. The Committee made minor changes to the draft of the report.

Following a discussion of teacher data and filled positions, the Committee determined to include data from the first Monday of the school year in August through the last day of the school year in May in order to capture full academic years of data for the previous years the millage was in effect. The Committee also discussed teacher retention numbers.

Mr. Hoover expressed concerns with stating that COVID-19 effected the results. Mr. Stanell stated that he is comfortable with the disclaimers the Committee included in the report.

Motion: Motion to accept the report as edited by the Committee was made by Ms. Barber and seconded by Ms. Harrigan. The motion was approved 10-1. Mr. Hoover voted against the approval and Mr. Stamm abstained from the vote.

Following the vote, Chair Chapman moved forward on the agenda to the Update from the Superintendent.

Charter Update and Approval

Notes:

Chair Chapman stated that the only changes submitted were provided by Mr. Horne in March.

Motion: Motion to approve the Charter submitted by Mr. Horne was made by Ms. Harrigan and seconded by Mr. Horne. The motion was approved 12-0.

Ms. Foreman stated that on June 8, 2021, there would four candidates going to the Board for approval of appointment to the Committee. She also stated that there would be discussion of the Charter and Committee terms.

Chair Chapman stated that the terms for the most recently appointed members including Ms. Holley, Mr. Polk, Ms. Spray, and Mr. Stamm would expire in 2024. The Committee discussed membership terms.

<p>New Business</p>	<p>Update from Superintendent Notes: Responded to a public comment regarding the ERP system and shared information regarding the selection and expansion of the ERP project, noting the reasons that the District decided to use PeopleSoft over Skyward. She stated that the expansion of the project had complete oversight from the Audit Committee.</p> <p>Superintendent Saunders stated that Governor Ron DeSantis signed the state budget into law earlier in the day and that part of the budget included \$950,000 for the School District of Manatee County to expand the Woz-Ed STEM career pathways program across the District.</p> <p>Superintendent Saunders discussed the timeline and process for the millage resolution and stated that the Resolution was going to the County Commission on June 8, 2021. She explained that by State Statute, the District must set the school millage rates in July.</p> <p>Throughout the update, the Committee held discussion and asked questions.</p> <p>Superintendent Saunders spoke regarding Charter School allocations and answered questions from the Committee. She stated it would be helpful for Mr. Stephen Dye, School Board Attorney, to come in and speak regarding the statutory language.</p> <p>Mr. Stanell inquired about including contract schools. Superintendent Saunders responded and stated that it has been discussed but would need to come out of the general fund since the Board did not include them in the referendum.</p> <p>The Committee held discussion regarding Charter schools and compliance.</p> <p>Superintendent Saunders spoke regarding the benefits from the millage money including Woz-Ed and competitive teacher salaries.</p> <p>Ms. Holley asked about contract schools. Superintendent Saunders provided the requirements. Mrs. Foreman provided an explanation of the reasons that the Board did not include contract schools in the millage resolution and spoke regarding the funding for various types of contract schools.</p> <p>Chair Chapman thanked Superintendent Saunders and Mr. Kevin Chapman for attending the meeting.</p> <p>Following the update from Superintendent Saunders, Chair Chapman moved to Old Business item, Charter Update and Approval.</p>
<p>Administrative Matters</p>	<p>Date of Next Committee Meeting – August 4, 2021 Notes: Chair Chapman stated that he would like to schedule another meeting in July with the date to be determined for the election of a new Chairman and Vice Chairman.</p> <p>Chair Chapman inquired if Mr. Hoover had given an indication as to whether he would request reappointment. Mr. Hoover stated that he would most likely roll off the Committee as his term was expiring.</p>

	<p>Chair Chapman offered to serve at will for the July meeting to facilitate the rollover. Mr. Ballard agreed.</p> <p>Agenda Items for Next Committee Meeting</p> <p>Notes: There were no requests.</p>
<p>Comments from Committee Members, Board Members, and Staff</p>	<p>Notes:</p> <p>Mr. Horne spoke regarding the Dive into Reading program and shared that they would be serving 600 children. He stated that they were looking for volunteers to mentor the students. Mr. Horne thanked the District and Superintendent for their help.</p> <p>Ms. Barber thanked everyone for the years working together and spoke regarding the accomplishments of the Committee.</p> <p>Chair Chapman thanked the Committee Members for their service and spoke regarding his experience on the Committee.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Chair Chapman adjourned the meeting at 4:16 PM.</p>

Chairman, Committee

Note Taker, Committee