



CENTRAL FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS COALITION

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Purpose: To address public educational issues impacting Central Florida
Representing 1,000,000 Florida students and their families.



MINUTES

August 10, 2015

Edgewater High School
3100 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, FL 32804
ARC Room



Welcome/Call to Order

Chairman Calderone called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.



Pledge of Allegiance

Dave Miner, Vice Chairman & School Board Member Manatee County



Approval of Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2015, was made by Karen Almond, Seminole County and seconded by Andy Ziegler, Brevard County. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Calderone asked everyone to introduce themselves.
Brevard Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Desmond Blackburn was introduced.



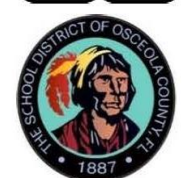
Legislative Update

Scott Howat, Senior Executive Director/Legislative and Congressional Relations, Orange County; Spencer Pylant, Legislative Liaison Pasco County; Jessica Janasiewicz, Lobbyist-Mixon and Associates; and Wendy Dodge, Director of Government Affairs, Polk County provided the legislative update that included:

- September 16 – 18 the committees will meet and then again in October and in December.
- Charter School Update.
- FHSAA update and discussion. The FHSAA bill died when house left and was filed again for the next regular session. The bill is only 3 pages long. There are choices and capacity issues. Jessica Janasiewicz will e-mail the coalition members the bill.
- Legislative sessions will begin on January 12 – March 9.
- Health Care will impact budget
- Capital outlay and millage will be discussed at the next session.



Coalition members asked questions concerning and entered into discussion on the FHSAA bill, capital outlay and millage.



Testing Update

Dr. Anna-Marie Cote, Deputy Superintendent and Kelly Thompson, Assessment and Accountability of Seminole County Public Schools shared a power point and discussed the "Seminole Solution."

Power Point Highlights: FSA Solution

- Problems: Computer Based Testing**
 - Problems: Impact on Instruction and Technology Resources**
 - Problems: Impact on ESE Students Utilizing Paper Accommodations**
 - Problems: Upcoming Shift from Paper Based Testing to Computer Based Testing**
- Timeline**

- 2012-2014: Numerous discussions with DOE regarding FSA implementation
- September 23, 2014: SCSB Resolution Concerning the FSA Program
- January 11, 2015: Central Florida School Board Coalition/Senator Simmons
- February 5, 2015: Letter to the Commissioner regarding Computer Ready Certification process.
- February 10, 2015: FADSS Letter to the Commissioner on behalf of Superintendents



- February 18, 2015: Dr. Griffin invited to Tallahassee to discuss the Seminole solution.
- February 24, 2015: Governor's Executive Order to Eliminate the Grade 11 ELA
- February 25, 2015: SCPS posts FSA Q&A
Numerous conversations with parents, students, administrators, community members, legislators
- April 21, 2015: SCSB directs Dr. Griffin to write a letter to the Commissioner detailing the request from Legislators to propose a solution to reduce the number of hours students are engaged in mandated testing and to find a valid and reliable way to nationally assess Florida's students
- May-June, 2015: Dr. Griffin talks with the Commissioner
- July 13, 2015: Letter sent to the Commissioner detailing the proposed solution
- July 17, 2015: Response from the Commissioner
- July 19, 2015: Orlando Sentinel Editorial supporting the Superintendent's solution
- July 21, 2015: Scott Maxwell column supporting the Superintendent's solution

Florida State Board of Education adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) on July 27, 2010, with K-12 implementation required for the 2013-14 school year.

Comparative Sample Test Timing

Seminole Solution

Letter to the Florida Commissioner of Education – July 13, 2015

"The simple solution we are proposing is to work with the Governor, Legislature and you to support the use of nationally norm-referenced tests statewide beginning in 2015-16 in place of using the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA)." Superintendent Walt Griffin

Next Steps

Coalition members asked questions and discussed issues concerning FSA.

- Orange County Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Jesus Jara shared what OCPS is doing with testing. Dr. Jara Suggested to look at the Northwest Evaluation Association™ (NWEA™), MAP assessments.
- NWEA is an adaptive, diagnostic assessment.

Old Business

Chairman Calderone reminded the members of the free Ethics training at the November Coalition meeting. The training will be from 9:30 AM– 1:30 PM.

New Business

No new business

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.