

CENTRAL FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS COALITION

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MINUTES

May 11, 2015

Educational Leadership Center
Conference Room A
445 West Amelia Street
Orlando, Florida 32801



Welcome/Call to Order

Chairman Calderone called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dave Miner, Vice Chairman & School Board Member Manatee County

Approval of Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2015, was made by Jay Wheeler, Osceola County and seconded by Karen Almond, Seminole County. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Update

Scott Howat, Senior Executive Director/Legislative and Congressional Relations, Orange County; Connie Milito, Chief Government Relations Officer, Hillsborough County; Jessica Janasiewicz, Lobbyist-Mixon and Associates; and Wendy Dodge, Director of Government Affairs, Polk County provided the legislative update that included:

- Legislative special session will begin on June 1 and will be budget focused
- House and Senate are far apart on their budget proposals. The House is focused on tax cuts and the Senate is focused on Medicaid expansion and the Low Income Pool.
- Waiting for direction and instructions on HB7069
- The bill on FHSAA is still pending and may come back at the special session or the next regular session.
- The Legislature passed the fewest number of bills this session compared to the last 18 years.
- The Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House will each select a representative to sit on the Florida Standards Assessment Review Selection Panel. The Panel will select an independent entity for the DOE to contract with in order to complete an independent verification of the 14/15 FSA.
- The early learning bill may come back at special session.
- Lowest 300 school issue will need to be dealt with as the statutory language is set to expire.
- Unclear if the Charter School Capital outlay issue will come back during special session
- Algebra II test date moved up 6 weeks by AIR and added statistics and trigonometry to the test
- An update on the Hazardous Walking Condition bill that passed including transportation funding and redefining what hazardous conditions

Coalition members asked questions concerning and entered into discussion on the House and Senate budget proposals, proposed FTE funding, the FHSAA bill, Hazardous Walking bill, lowest 300 schools, and HB7069.

Chairman Calderone asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Old Business

Mr. Miner gave an update on the new members to the Coalition; Pasco County, Sumter County and Highlands County. The vote to approve the new potential members will happen at the June

meeting. Coalition members discussed possible counties to join the Coalition the following year. Mr. Miner gave an overview of the membership requirements according to the Coalition bylaws.

Chairman Calderone explained that the OCPS legal staff has recently been certified to teach the mandatory Ethics training. Dr. Calderone suggested the Ethics training could be provided at the November Coalition meeting. Dr. Calderone asked members to ask their Boards if there is any interest in attending Ethics training in November.

New Business

Chairman Calderone reported that the USF grant has concluded and USF will be discontinuing their membership with the Coalition.

Chairman Calderone asked members to confirm their reservations for the Coalition breakfast at the June meeting.

Chairman Calderone discussed the proposed 15/16 Coalition meeting calendar. Jay Wheeler, Osceola County, moved to add July 13th and August 10th to the 15/16 proposed meeting calendar, seconded by Amy Lockhart, Seminole County. The motion passed unanimously. The 15/16 meeting schedule will be approved at the June meeting.

Chairman Calderone asked the Coalition member to send her their Superintendent's evaluation instrument.

Mr. Miner, Manatee County, asked the Coalition members to send him their Superintendent's job description.

Linda Kobert, Orange County, asked the Coalition members to send her any FSA communications that have been shared with staff or parents.

Chairman Calderone asked members to suggest possible topics for future meetings. The topics suggested were: Employee Salaries, Sal Khan-Khan Academy, National DOE-Arnie Duncan, STEM Initiatives, Personalized Learning, Frameworks presentation, Alliance for Public Schools presentation, After School programs, and Got College Initiative presentation.

Mr. Miner led a discussion on high school lacrosse, club lacrosse and the Odyssey of the mind program.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.