

CENTRAL FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS COALITION

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Purpose: To address public educational issues impacting Central Florida
Representing 900,000 Florida Students and their families.

MINUTES

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Educational Leadership Center
445 West Amelia Street
Orlando, Florida 32801

Welcome/Call to Order:

Chairman Calderone called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Dave Miner, Vice Chairman & School Board Member Manatee County.

Chairman Calderone asked that each person introduce themselves and the district they represent. It was announced that Pasco County asked to join the coalition. Ray Bonti, Assistant Superintendent was in attendance representing Kurt Browning, Superintendent.

Approval of Minutes:

The motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2015, was made by Jay Wheeler, Osceola County and seconded by Hunt Berryman, Polk County. The motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Update:

Scott Howat, Senior Executive Director/Legislative and Congressional Relations, OCPS, was unavailable. Allison Liby-Schoonover called in from Tallahassee and gave the legislative update that included an overview on the following:

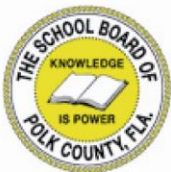
- **Overview of the budget**
- **HB 7069 – Passed - ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY BILL** - The bill addresses many of the concerns that have been raised by school board members, superintendents, educators and parents about the state's accountability and assessment system.
- **Open Enrollment:** A public school student, a student attending an unaffiliated private school, or a home education student is eligible to participate in an extracurricular activity that is not offered by the student's school or home education program. Participation may occur at any public school in the district in which the student resides or a public school in another district which the student could choose to attend pursuant to an interdistrict controlled open enrollment policy.

Dr. Walt Griffin, Seminole County Public Schools Superintendent, recommended that it would be worthwhile for the coalition to look at a metric to develop instructional capacity so all districts are on the same page. Christine Moore, Orange County, motioned to approve the recommendation. Jay Wheeler, Osceola County, seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Coalition will propose the following:

The Central Florida Public School Board Coalition is opposed to Section 2 of CS/SB 1552, the provision that permits open enrollment across district lines.

- *School capacity varies greatly, depending on the programs offered at an individual school.*
- *The Florida Department of Education currently uses Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) as the capacity metric, which is not reflective of the actual program seats available at each individual school.*
 - *Therefore, a school that may show 90% FISH capacity, may in reality be at 100% program capacity.*
- *In determining school capacity, the Central Florida Public School Boards Coalition proposes that program capacity be the metric that is utilized.*



- *This will protect students by preserving the integrity of choice programs. Rather than a one-size-fits-all approach, districts can appropriately calculate program capacity at each school.*
- **Charter School and Choice** - an overview of where the House and Senate are with charter schools and schools of choice.
- **Teacher Evaluation** - Requires instructional personnel & school administrator performance evaluations to include certain criteria; revises percentage of evaluation based on performance of students, & method & data used & approval process for measurement of student learning growth in evaluations; revises rulemaking authority; revises percentage of classroom teachers or school administrator's performance evaluation based on performance of students.
- **School Uniforms** - School districts with a student uniform policy of solid pants, skirts or shorts and collared shirts would be eligible for \$10-per-student from the state under a bill proposed by the House K-12 Subcommittee.
- **SB 1480 - Student Extracurricular Activities**; revising the principles that guide policies governing student eligibility for extracurricular activities.
- **Federal Student Supplement**;
- **Class Size Penalty recalculation**; Proposals moving through the state Legislature could change the way penalties are calculated. In March, the state House voted 107-3 to approve a measure (HB 665) to calculate penalties only if a school's average class size violates the limits.
- **300 Lowest Performing Schools** - 300 lowest performing schools must provide at least 80 hours of instruction in a summer program with a focus on reading for students who have Level 1 or Level 2 reading assessment scores in these schools.
- **School Safety**; Permits school superintendent, with approval of the school board, to authorize school safety designee to carry concealed weapon or firearm on school property.
- **Concealed Weapon**; advanced a bill that would allow gun owners to carry concealed weapons when they evacuate during hurricanes or other emergencies.

The Coalition members asked various questions and entered into discussion concerning the legislative update.

Summer Learning Opportunities:

Katherine LeRoy, Polk County Superintendent, shared the Summer Learning Programs available to Polk County Students. A PowerPoint was shared and it can be accessed on the CFPSBC website.

I-4 Ultimate Project:

David Parks, Public Information Officer for the I-4 Ultimate Project. Mr. Parks shared and discussed the I-4 Ultimate Project as an important project for Central Florida. The 21-mile makeover — from west of Kirkman Road in Orange County to east of State Road 434 in Seminole County — will transform the region while connecting our communities, improving our economy and enhancing livability for everyone. - See more at:

<http://i4ultimate.com/project-info/>

Mr. Parks shared the following video: https://youtu.be/L_POppVYN4U

Old Business

Dr. Calderone asked Mr. Miner to share news about Pasco County. Mr. Miner read a letter from Superintendent Kurt Browning asking to join the coalition. Mr. Miner also introduced Ray Bonti, Assistant Superintendent. New Member Possibility: Highlands County and Sumter County are interested in joining the coalition. Dave Miner will reach out and send Highlands & Sumter Counties an application.

New Business

Annual Ethical Mandatory Training – Chairman Calderone asked if the group wants to arrange taking the training in the November meeting for the board members that can't go to the conference. Chairman Calderone will check with attorneys to arrange a date in November.

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.