



CENTRAL FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS COALITION

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



MINUTES November 10, 2014

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



- Welcome / Call to Order: Rosanne Brandeburg, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance: Tina Calderone, Vice Chairman
- Approval of Minutes: The motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2014 was made by Dave Miner, Manatee County and seconded by Karen Almond, Seminole County. The motion carried unanimously.
- Guest Speaker: Chairman Brandeburg introduced Dr. Susan Moxley, Superintendent, Lake County Schools. Dr. Moxley presented a PowerPoint on Smarter Schools Spending for Student Success (see minutes supplement file). Dr. Moxley stated that four school districts were selected nationally to pilot this program: Fayette County Public Schools in Kentucky, Knox County Schools in Tennessee, Lake County Schools in Florida and Rochester City School District in New York. Each district's model is located on a website (smarterschoolspending.org) and is available for viewing. The website includes information on how to implement the process, a resource library, technical assistance partners and an on-line community of learners. Coalition members asked their individual questions.
- Legislative Update: Chairman Brandeburg asked each district their total student enrollment so the number of students served could be updated on the top of the 2015 Legislative Priorities. District responses were as follows: Brevard – 73,685; Hillsborough – 208,651; Lake – 42,197; Manatee – 47,153; Marion – 42,376; Orange – 191,942; Osceola – 61,666; Polk – 101,653; Seminole – 66,917; and Volusia – 61,857. The total amount of students served by the Coalition is 898,097. It was suggested and agreed upon to add the following to the Coalition letterhead: Representing 900,000 Florida Students and their families.



Coalition members made comments and suggested changes to the 2015 Legislative Priorities. The Legislative Liaisons will make the changes and the Legislative Priorities will be brought back to the December meeting.

Hunt Berryman, Polk County, requested a bullet point be included in support of early learning. Mr. Berryman read Polk's statement: Provide additional funding for the operation of early learning programs including funding for summer programs and other quality learning initiatives. The Coalition was in agreement to add the statement regarding early learning.



Andy Zeigler, Brevard County, noted that their district has a Legislative Outreach Plan on their website that includes an on-line (and paper) petition on assessment and accountability for all stakeholders to sign.



Judy Preston, Brevard County, stated that she attended the FSBA Legislative Platform and it was noted that historically Florida ranks in the bottom quartile. It was noted that it would take over \$4,000 per FTE to move Florida into the upper quartile. Discussion ensued in reference to funding and the mid-year recalibration.

6. Old Business: Dr. Margaret Smith, Volusia County and Dr. Walt Griffin, Seminole County, provided and reviewed talking points on Florida's Testing and Accountability System. The handout included the Coalition's position on the testing and accountability system as well as issues, concerns and recommended solutions. (see minutes supplement file) Dr. Griffin noted the talking points align with the Coalition's Legislative priorities.
7. New Business: Andy Ziegler, Brevard County, discussed an issue with Choice Schools and athletic eligibility for students. Charter School students have the opportunity to play sports at their zoned school if the Charter School does not offer the sport. Private school students have the same opportunity but only if there are no more than 125 students enrolled in the school. Choice School students are not permitted to play sports at their zoned school. Mr. Ziegler felt this was an inequity for students attending a Choice School that did not offer athletics. Discussion ensued on how to handle the athletic issue at the local level. This item will return for further discussion and follow-up after the first of the year.

Tina Calderone, Vice Chairman, stated that at the December meeting nominations will be brought forth for the incoming Vice Chairman. Chairman Rosanne Brandeburg reviewed historical data on the districts that have served as Chair. Discussion ensued.

Tina Calderone, Vice Chairman, noted the State Board of Education will meet on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 in Seminole County. She asked for consensus to make a statement on testing and accountability representing the Coalition and the 900,000 students and families represented by the Coalition. There was agreement.

8. Adjourn: Chairman Rosanne Brandeburg adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting Scheduled: Thursday, December 4, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – Breakfast Meeting, FSBA/FADSS Joint Conference, Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, 2900 Bayport Drive, Tampa, Florida

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