



CENTRAL FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS COALITION

Purpose: To address public educational issues impacting Central Florida.



MINUTES April 14, 2014

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



1. Welcome / Call to Order: Chairman Rosanne Brandeburg called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Tina Calderone, Vice Chairman
3. Approval of Minutes: The motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2014 was made by Joie Cadle, Orange County and seconded by Susan Valdés, Hillsborough County. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Guest Speaker: Mary Chance, President of the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations (CFEF) provided a PowerPoint presentation Florida's Local Education Foundations: Central Florida Impact & Update (see minutes supplement file).
5. Legislative Update/Discussion: Prior to the Legislative Discussion, Chairman Brandeburg announced that Superintendent, Barbara Jenkins, Orange County Public Schools, was named a finalist for the Broad Prize, the premier national award for urban districts. Orange County Schools is now guaranteed \$250,000 for scholarships for its class of 2015 and could receive \$750,000 if it tops the Gwinnett County Public Schools in Georgia.



Scott Howat, Senior Executive Director, Legislative and Congressional Relations, Orange County Public Schools, provided an update and information on current legislation. The following Bills were discussed and the key points, issues and concerns are listed:



Senate Bill 864 / House Bill 921 (Adoption of Instructional Materials)

- Passed by one vote.
- House Bill 921 has language that preserves the State adoption process.
- House Bill 921 strengthens the Bill that was passed last year.



House Bill 7167 / Senate Bill 1512 (relating to Tax Credit and ESE Scholarship Programs)

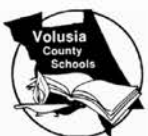
- Bill passed.
- Combination of the personal learning accounts Bill for exceptional students and the expansion of tax scholarships for families that qualify.
- The number of scholarships are expanded as well as the amounts.
- No comparable Bill in the Senate – could be problematic.



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Senate Bill 212 / House Bill 367 (High School Graduation Requirements)

- Required course on personal finance.
- Amended to be an option as an elective and not a requirement for graduation.



House Bill 533 (Student Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities)

- Allows for students enrolled in home education to participate in sports, arts, etc., in schools other than their zoned school.
- This Bill not moving forward in the Senate.

House Bill 753 (School Safety)

- Amended to make it optional for School Boards to adopt policy.
- Bill has made it through the process in the House.
- Under a developed School Board policy, a Principal could recommend a person and the Superintendent appoints the school safety officer.
- Police review school campuses every three years and report to the Governing Board. This is problematic as the information becomes public record at the time it is released to the Governing Board. The Sheriff's Association agrees information should remain private.

PECO Funding

- Reduces taxes on the general revenue side moving it to fund PECO.
- Concern there is no predictor on the amount of money received back in PECO by agreeing to give up general revenue funds.
- Concern by Governor in taking on more debt/bonding issue.
- Will be rolled into the Appropriations Bill.
- Concern dollars could shift to Charter Schools.

Lowest 100 Schools increasing to 300

- Redirects a set amount of dollars within the budget based on a formula to these specific schools.
- Will affect programs funded through SAI and reading categorical.
- If new dollars are added, then look at a plan.
- Estimate of \$300,000 per school / per year.

Teacher Allocation

- Folded into the Base Student Allocation (BSA).
- No increase in funding, but guaranteed each year.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business:

Joie Cadle, Orange County, noted that FSBA is filing an amicus debrief in regards to a law suit in Lee County in reference to use of defibrillators in schools. This will have statewide impact. She also noted that two Coalition Members are being considered in June for the FSBA Executive Committee: President Elect, Diane Smith, Volusia County and Vice President, Tim Harris, Polk County.

8. Adjourn: Chairman Brandeburg adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Next Meeting Scheduled: FSBA Summer Conference, CFPSCB Breakfast, Thursday, June 12, 2014, 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay