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Representing 1,000,000 Florida students and their families.

Meeting Summary
January 11, 2016

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

Welcome/Call to Order
Chair Dave "Watchdog" Miner called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
Vice-Chairman Andy Ziegler, and Brevard County School Board Member led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Miner asked for roundtable introductions.

Chair Miner thanked all for the opportunity to be Chair of the Coalition and asked all to participate and contribute to future agendas.

Approval of Minutes
MOTION: The motion to approve the minutes of December 3, 2015 was made by Mr. Jay Wheeler, Osceola County and seconded by Ms. Karen Almond, Seminole County. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the vote, Chair Miner highlighted that the revised Bylaws were included in the approved minutes to reflect the addition of three new districts to the Coalition: Highlands, Pasco, and Sumter School Districts.

Mr. Jay Wheeler, Osceola County; inquired of the Coalition members regarding the possibility of holding legislature accountable by issuing them a grade. Ms. Melissa Snively, Hillsborough County; stated her agreement to holding legislature accountable. Chair Miner asked that the discussion be held during new business.

Program
Dr. Susan Moxley, Superintendent of Lake County; introduced Mr. Jeff Pridmore, Director Research and Industrial Programs of University of Central Florida and Board President of STEM Alliance of Central Florida.

Mr. Pridmore thanked the Coalition Members for supporting STEM Alliance. He used the presentation attached separately to provide an update. He shared the focus, goals, a summary of progress and programs for 2014-15 and the plans for 2015-16 of STEM Alliance.

Following the presentation, Coalition Members commended STEM Alliance for their partnership, asked questions of Mr. Pridmore and discussed issuing a letter of support from the Coalition. Dr. Moxley will work with Mr. Pridmore to prepare a draft letter for the Coalition to be reviewed and approved at the next Coalition meeting on February 8, 2016.

Vice-Chairman Ziegler requested a list of programs that are provided to the Coalition as part of their partnership with STEM Alliance.

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Legislative Update

Chair Miner asked Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent of Manatee County; to provide an overview of proposed legislation. Dr. Greene gave a brief overview of the proposed House Bill (0791) and Senate Bill (1100) that could impact the renewal of the Sales Tax Referendum. She stated that the proposed language states that the item must be placed on a General Election Ballot and be approved by 60% of the voters (in lieu of the current majority requirement of 51%).

Following the update, the Coalition Members discussed the proposed legislation and held discussion regarding how to respond to legislation regarding the consistent punitive actions against school districts. The overall consensus was the need for each District to continue to build relationships and alliances with their local legislation to demonstrate the work being done on behalf of the children and what is best for them in order to gain support.

Ms. Kathy Leroy, Polk County Superintendent; stated their District has gathered numbers regarding the tax base for Districts in comparison with Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) to show the need for equalization and that she will share the data with the Coalition.

Mr. Scott Howat, Senior Executive Director/Legislative and Congressional Relations, Orange County; Mr. Spencer Pylant, Legislative Liaison, Pasco County; and Ms. Jessica Janasiewicz, Lobbyist-Mixon and Associates; and Ms. Wendy Dodge, Director of Governments, Polk County; provided a legislative update via teleconference that included:

- Overview on House Bill (0791) and Senate Bill (1100)
- Overview of the legislation affecting school districts on the docket for open session starting Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Following the brief update, the Coalition Members held discussion and asked questions of the Legislative Liaisons. Ms. Joie Cadle, Orange County, stated she will speak to Ms. Andrea Messina of the Florida School Board Association (FSBA) regarding House Bill (0791) and Senate Bill (1100) and discuss what efforts they are preparing regarding the proposed legislation.

Chair Miner thanked the Legislative Liaisons for making themselves available today and for representing the School Districts in Tallahassee.

Old Business **Dave "Watchdog" Miner, Chair**

No old business.

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New Business **Dave "Watchdog" Miner, Chair**

1. Grading and Accountability for Legislation Discussion – Jay Wheeler

MOTION: Mr. Jay Wheeler, Osceola County; entered a motion to propose accountability and grades for legislature, motion was seconded by Ms. Melissa Snively, Hillsborough County.

Following the motion, the Coalition held discussion regarding the motion and discussed the possibility of creating a committee to discuss and come back to the Coalition with a report for implementation for the next election cycle.

MOTION: Mr. Jay Wheeler, Osceola County; moved to postpone the motion on the table, motion to table was seconded by Ms. Melissa Snively, Hillsborough County.

Chair Miner shared the four priorities of the FSBA 2016 Legislative Platform. The Coalition discussed the importance of speaking with one voice.

MOTION: Mr. Jay Wheeler, Osceola County; entered a motion that the Coalition endorse and embrace the FSBA 2016 Legislative Platform and support the FADSS press releases, motion was seconded by Mr. Dick Mullenax, Polk County. Motion tied 5/5. Each county agreed to support locally.

2. Electing Florida Education Commissioner – Andy Ziegler

Vice-Chairman Ziegler of Brevard County, led a discussion regarding electing a Florida Education Commissioner using a Form Resolution Supporting Enactment of House Joint Resolution 767/Senate Joint Resolution 942 (referred to as "HJR 767/SJR 942") which are pending before the 2016 Session of the Florida Legislature. The Coalition Members agreed by consensus to discuss in their individual Districts and then return to the next Coalition meeting for discussion and vote.

3. Student Mobility – Jay Wheeler

Inquiry regarding student mobility within the county. The Coalition discussed various options offered within their respective counties and relayed that much depends on capacity.

Adjournment **Dave "Watchdog" Miner, Chair**

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.