

CENTRAL FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS COALITION

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Purpose: To address public educational issues impacting Central Florida
Representing 1,000,000 Florida students and their families.

Meeting Summary April 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 9:34 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Joie Cadle, Orange County School Board Member; led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Program

Dr. Walt Griffin, Superintendent of Seminole County; introduced State Representative Jason T. Brodeur (District 28), who is also President of the Seminole County Region Chamber of Commerce. Representative Brodeur provided an overview of his background, regional progress, current Issues, and future House leadership.

Throughout the overview, the Coalition Members asked questions of Representative Brodeur and requested a new review of the methodology used to calculate the District Cost Differential Multiplier within the Florida Education Finance program formula.

Dr. Griffin also provided a brief overview of House Bill (HB) 7029 Educational Choice. He stated that the Superintendent from each district is being asked to provide a name of a representative for a roundtable discussion. The meeting is scheduled for May 9th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. following the Coalition meeting. The discussion will allow each representative to share their thoughts in regards to HB 7029 Educational Choice in Central Florida. Each Superintendent was asked to send the name of their representative to Ms. Kelly Collins following the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: The motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2016 was made by Mr. Andy Ziegler, Brevard County; and seconded by Mr. Bobby James, Marion County. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Update

Ms. Jessica Janasiewicz, Lobbyist-Mixon and Associates; and Ms. Wendy Dodge, Director of Government Affairs Polk County; provided a brief legislative update regarding the outcomes of the 2016 Regular Sessions and the potential changes in leadership.

Old Business

Dave "Watchdog" Miner, Chair

1. **Discuss Purpose/Goal of the Best Practices Topics – All**

Chair Miner highlighted the purpose of the best practices discussions and noted the current and future topics.



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New Business

Dave "Watchdog" Miner, Chair

1. **Best Practices Discussion – All**

Chair Miner invited the Coalition Members to have an open discussion on the following two topics of Career Technical Education (CTE) and Exceptional Student Education (ESE)/Gifted Education.

A representative from each county present shared highlights from their district on each of the above topics and shared a handout.

Ms. Joie Cadle, Orange County School Board Member; asked if the Coalition Members would consider completing a demographic sheet of their respective District to include basic statistics such as student population, number of employees, and budget. By consensus, all present agreed to complete a spreadsheet of their demographics. Ms. Cadle noted she would send the form to Ms. Collins to be distributed to all members.

Mr. Miner inquired about the differences in the collection of impact fees and sales tax for each county. Ms. Cadle stated the spreadsheet would include information regarding sales tax and the sunset date.

Following the discussion, Chair Miner thanked all for their input and attendance. He also reminded all to prepare a one page document on each of the following best practice topics for May:

- Legal Services – In House or Contracted/Current Legal Topics
- Professional Development

Adjournment

Dave "Watchdog" Miner, Chair

Chair Dave "Watchdog" Miner adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

