

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 May 9, 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 9:32 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Jay Wheeler, Osceola School Board Member; introduced State Representative Mike La Rosa. Representative La Rosa provided a brief overview of his background and expressed his desire to learn from the Coalition Members in regards to the current needs in education. Coalition Members shared concerns centered on unfunded mandates, assessments, lack of transparency with testing, and teacher pay performance.

Following the discussion with Representative La Rosa, Chair Miner asked for roundtable introductions.

Program

Ms. Joie Cadle, Orange County School Board Member, introduced Orange County Public Schools General Counsel, Mr. Diego "Woody" Rodriguez and Staff Attorney Ms. Sarah Koren. Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Koren provided an overview of current hot topics facing all school districts. Throughout the overview, the Coalition Members asked questions.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: The motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2016 was made by Mr. Jay Wheeler, Osceola County; and seconded by Dr. Tina Caldron, Seminole County. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Update

Ms. Jessica Janasiewicz, Lobbyist-Mixon and Associates; Ms. Wendy Dodge, Director of Government Affairs Polk County; and Mr. Spencer Pylant, Communications and Government Relations Liaison Pasco County; provided a brief legislative update.

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

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

Adjournment

Dave "Watchdog" Miner, Chair

Chair Dave "Watchdog" Miner adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

