

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: May 16, 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 11-05-(2)-20

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: Collaboration Meeting Update

INFO. CONTACT: Tony McKnight, Chair; Donna Coffey, Vice Chair PHONE: 919-732-8126

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Draft Meeting Plan for the County/Schools Collaboration Work Group.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity for the board chair and vice chair to lead a discussion of the May 3, 2011 collaboration meeting.

BACKGROUND: Board Chair McKnight, Vice Chair Coffey and Superintendent Rhodes attended the quarterly collaboration meeting. During the meeting, there was significant discussion of school funding issues including the one-quarter cent sales tax proposal and proposed changes to the county's funding policies for schools. At the time of the Board of Education packet preparation, the meeting notes had not been completed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the board hear a report from Mr. McKnight and Mrs. Coffey and discuss, as needed.

Draft Meeting Plan for the County/Schools Collaboration Work Group

Tuesday May 3, 2011

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

John M. Link, Jr. Government Services Center, Hillsborough

Expected Attendees (16): Work Group Members (9): Jamezetta Bedford, Mia Burroughs, Frank Clifton, Donna Coffey, Tony McKnight, Neil Pedersen, Bernadette Pelissier, Patrick Rhodes, Steve Yuhasz. Staff (7): Clarence Grier, Paul Laughton, Todd LoFrese, George McFarley, Jr., Michael Talbert, Greg Wilde, Andy Sachs (facilitator).

Proposed Desired Outcomes

- Update on State budget matters relevant to public education in Orange County.
- Update on the proposed sales tax referendum.
- Clarification of the Work Group’s interest in exploring allocation methods alternative to the 48.1% target for splitting General Funds between education and other purposes and the 60:40 split for distributing capital funding across school and county facilities.
- Debriefing of the April 26 Joint Boards meeting.

Proposed Agenda

3:00 Convene

Introductions, as needed. Review proposed Desired Outcomes and Agenda for today’s meeting.

3:10 Updates

Group members will share new information that they have about the following, and discuss next steps, as needed:

- State budget matters relevant to public education in Orange County.
- The proposed sales tax referendum.

3:40 Alternatives to Two Current Funding Targets

- Open discussion about the issues raised in Mr. Grier’s March 10, 2011 “School Funding Issues” memorandum.
- Decision on any next steps.

4:35 Debriefing of the April 26 Joint Boards meeting

- What stands out for Work Group members from the Joint Meeting?
- What are the implications (if any) for the Work Group of the Joint meeting’s discussions?

4:50 Wrap Up

Agenda items and date(s) for any next Work Group meeting.

5:00 Adjourn

Work Group Ground Rules (adopted 1/27/04, amended 4/9/07)

- One speaker at a time.
- Stick to task and topic.
- Listen attentively to the speaker.
- Share the floor.
- It is OK to disagree...please do so respectfully.
- Raise and discuss new ideas, doubts and differences with the group before going public.
- Decisions will be made within this group by unanimous consent among group members (although not necessarily with equal levels of enthusiasm).
- Items will appear on Work Group final meeting agenda only by group decision. Each Work Group meeting will begin with a review by the group of the meeting’s proposed agenda.