

**ORANGE COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT**

**Meeting Date:** March 7, 2011

**AGENDA ITEM No.** 11-03-18

**ACTION ITEM: (Y/N)** N

**SUBJECT:** Collaboration Meeting Agenda Topics for March 10, 2011 Meeting

**INFO. CONTACT:** Patrick Rhodes **PHONE:** 919-732-8126

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this agenda item is to allow the Board of Education the opportunity to discuss items on the March 10, 2011 Collaboration Work Group meeting agenda.

**BACKGROUND:** The next collaboration meeting with the Board of County Commissioners and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2011. The attached draft meeting plan has been provided. County Manager Frank Clifton, Jr. has requested the addition of one additional item: County Commission's willingness to move forward with another attempt at the 1/4 cent sales tax for economic development and education capital funding.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Unknown at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education discuss the collaboration meeting plan and provide comments and suggestions to the chair and vice chair.

**Draft Meeting Plan for the County/Schools Collaboration Work Group**

Thursday, March 10, 2011 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Lincoln Center, CHCCS, Chapel Hill

**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 any new information from the State or federal government relevant to public education in Orange County.
- Clarification of each school district's general strategy for responding to the State budget situation.
- Update on joint staff discussions tasked at the January Work Group meeting regarding alternatives 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.

**Proposed Agenda**

3:00 Convene

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

3:10 Updates on any new information from the State or federal government

Group members will share new information that they have, and identify any shared questions for further investigation or other implications of the new information.

3:25 Schools' Strategies for Responding to State Budget Situation

Mr. Clifton had asked the school districts to provide explanations at this meeting of their respective general strategies for responding to the State budget situation.

- Presentations, ~ 10 minutes by each District
- Work Group Discussion ~20 minutes

4:05 Alternatives to Two Current Funding Targets

- Mr. Grier will give a progress report on the efforts of the three jurisdictions' finance staffs to explore alternatives to the 48.1% funding formula and the 60:40 split, including a clarification of how the formula and ratio have been implemented over the past 5 years.
- Discussion: What additional information is needed to inform the Work Group's consideration of alternatives? What are the Work Group's or staffs' next steps on this matter?

4:45 Wrap Up

- Check-in on plans for the April Joint Boards meeting.
- Agenda items and date 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.