

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: January 18, 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 11-01-(2)-17

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: Collaboration Meeting Report

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Agenda for January 18, 2011 collaboration meeting.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity for the board chair and vice chair to review discussion points and any outcomes of the January 18, 2011 collaboration meeting.

BACKGROUND: The board chair, vice chair, and superintendent attended the quarterly collaboration meeting with representatives from the Board of County Commissioners and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School district. A copy of the meeting agenda is attached.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education hear the report and discuss, as needed.

Proposed Meeting Plan for the County/Schools Collaboration Work Group
Tuesday, January 18, 2011 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Orange County Schools Central Office

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 (Director, OC Financial Services), Paul Laughton (OC Financial Services), Todd LoFrese (CHCCS Assistant Superintendent for Support Services), George McFarley, Jr. (OCS Chief Operating Officer), Michael Talbert (Deputy Director, OC Financial Services), Greg Wilde (Director, OC Management Support), Andy Sachs (facilitator).

Proposed Desired Outcomes

- Updates on new information from the State relevant to public education in Orange County.
- Progress report on Manager and Superintendents' effort at developing "a more functional" budget process and format for the coming year.
- Consideration of a proposal to find an alternative to the 48.1% target for splitting General Funds between education and other purposes.
- Consideration of a proposal to find an alternative to 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

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 "A more functional" budget process and budget format for the coming year.

Progress report by the Manager and Superintendents on a task agreed to at the last meeting.

3:45 Alternatives to the 48.1% target?

Continuing a discussion begun at the last meeting, when several Work Group members expressed support for exploring the possibility of basing education funding on the property tax rate instead of 48.1% of the County's General Fund.

4:15 Alternatives to the 60:40 split?

A discussion to be initiated by Ms. Bedford.

4:45 Wrap Up

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.