

**MINUTES**  
**Workshop/Monthly Work Session**

**MEETING:** March 22, 2018

**PRESENT:** Board Members: Bridget Ziegler, Chair; Jane Goodwin, Vice Chair; Shirley Brown; Caroline Zucker; Eric Robinson; Superintendent Todd Bowden

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 8:30 a.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
<b>Financial Advisory Committee Report</b>	<p>John Cranor, Chair of the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC), presented the Committee's report. Sarasota County Schools rank as one of the best districts in Florida; one of 2 school districts to receive an "A" rating every year since 2004-first year for District grades. The voted millage has enabled education quality enhancements. The average annual investment since 2002-\$46,000,000.00. The decisions to maintain strong reserves have provided a critical funding cushion. The flexible financing has funded needed capital projects. Over 86% of the total operating budget devoted to "people" costs, when excluding charter school costs which represent 13%.</p> <p>Lengthy discussions on student performance, services for students, the dropout rate, charter school locations, were among items discussed. Thanks were given to the Committee for expanding on their initial responsibilities of overseeing the Referendum to now overseeing the District's budget giving the community a sense on how the Referendum dollars are used.</p>
<b>2018-2019 Budget</b>	<p>Mitsi Corcoran and Christa Curtner presented the 2018-2019 budget. The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) Final Conference Report for fiscal year 2018-2019 was released on March 8, 2018. The Conference Report contains a statewide enrollment increase of .95% and a Base Student Allocation (BSA) increase of .01% or \$0.47.</p> <p>For this work session, the financial information provided is an update on the projected results of operations for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The results of Operations revenues have been updated for the latest state data. Expenditures have been updated for payment</p>

	<p>of the negotiated salary settlement. Reorganization within the Safety &amp; Security Department to handle the security needs in the district is proceeding. The District is absorbing 7 reading recovery teachers due to the Barancik Grant ending. Garden Elementary is slated to become a Title 1 School which requires increased staffing by one Home School Liaison and upgrade of aides. All principals of the 19 Schools of Excellence have opted out of maintaining their own budget and requested to continue the budget process as in the past. Discussion ensued including the summer learning programs, direct/indirect services to students, indirect services (Landings departments) not included for this exercise, discretionary funding, reading recovery progress, an item on the School Board Agenda to approve the budget to provide the schools and departments with their budgets to prepare for next school year, employee benefits (update during Superintendent's Report at School Board Meeting), plus other items.</p> <p>The discussion turned to safety and security in the schools. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the current SRO staffing model, the partners who provide these services, and the alternative options provided by the Sheriff to expand services and to be compliant with the law. The cost of all programs was discussed for the current year and in preparation for next school year's budget. A timely decision on the Sheriff's offer has been requested. The Superintendent asked to correspond with the Sheriff to move forward now with the SRD2 program at all elementary schools (except VES) and continue with SROs in middle schools and high schools, and to continue discussion with him for future plans.</p>
<p><b>Capital Improvement Plan Discussion</b></p>	<p>Scott Lempe and Kathie Ebaugh presented alternative funding drafts for 2018/19 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan budget. At the March 6, 2018 Board Meeting, staff presented a draft 2018/19 Five-Year CIP budget. The primary goal of that budget was to fund the 2018/19 year in such a way that all schools would meet the basic criteria to be physically safe and secure in that year. The initial estimate for that effort is at roughly \$25 million, which meant moving an additional \$22 million into the Safety and Security budget. Those decisions meant reprioritizing projects and delaying, cancelling, or moving projects. Kathie Ebaugh presented several options for the CIP budget for the Board's feedback to work towards finalizing the draft CIP plan. Discussion ensued which included the Interlocal Agreement regarding School Avenue at SHS.</p>
<p><b>Staff Text Messaging Board Policy</b></p>	<p>Joe Binswanger and Art Hardy presented the Staff Text Messaging Board Policy to the Board. This revised policy would strengthen the Board's policy and give the Board and</p>

	District employees direction on how to conduct themselves with the use of the electronic communications system and media. Discussion ensued.
<b>Recessed Reconvened</b>	Recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Reconvened at 1:00 p.m.
<b>Board Management System</b>	Ray Ebersole discussed a new Board Management System for the Board's meetings, agendas, etc. More options for a management system will be presented at a future work session.
<b>Legislative Issues / Budget</b>	Most of the planned topics were covered during the morning budget discussion. Legislative priorities - schedule for May work session to discuss legislative platform. Legislative priorities should be focused on ground-level priorities pertaining to Sarasota County schools (ex. Summer Learning Academy).
<b>School Board Operating Procedures</b>	A brief discussion ensued on the present operating procedures. The revisions will be discussed at a future work session.
<b>Members Comments</b>	The Superintendent reported speaking to Sheriff Knight and scheduled a meeting for Friday morning regarding the SRO two-tiered program. Discussion ensued.
<b>Recessed Reconvened</b>	Recessed at 2:10 p.m. Reconvened at 2:15 p.m. and moved to the Conference Room for an Executive Session to discuss safety and security in the schools. (Closed to public)
<b>Adjourned</b>	The Monthly Work Session adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

We certify that the foregoing minutes are a true account of the Monthly Work Session held on March 22, 2018 and approved at the regular Board meeting on April 3, 2018.

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Secretary  
Todd Bowden

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Chair  
Bridget Ziegler