

MINUTES
Monthly Work Session

MEETING: May 16, 2017

PRESENT: Board Members: Caroline Zucker, Chair; Bridget Ziegler, Vice Chair; Shirley Brown, Jane Goodwin; Eric Robinson; Scott Lempe, Associate Superintendent

CALLED TO ORDER: 10:30 a.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Draft Scott Lempe Kathie Ebaugh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2017-18 draft Five-year Capital Improvement Plan was prepared and submitted to Board Members on Friday, May 12 and subsequently Florida State Legislature passed HB 7069 which includes a new requirement that school districts must share capital dollars with charter schools which will greatly impact our budget • Should that bill become law, the CIP submitted for prior review is not structurally sound as it would create a capital budget deficit for all five years of the plan • Two scenarios outlining the ability to provide for a structurally sound capital budget were discussed • One scenario was to borrow/move property purchase; the proposed changes and pros and cons were discussed • Another scenario was to reorganize capital priorities; the proposed changes and pros and cons were discussed • Mitsi Corcoran explained the budget implications of this bill • The possibility of borrowing \$30M in year two for construction of Elementary J was discussed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After discussion, general consensus was to begin steps for issuing an RFP for underwriting services so we can have underwriters on staff in the event we need to pull the trigger on a debt issuance; a formal vote would need to be taken on any debt issuance. • General consensus was to move forward with the 2017-18 CIP as presented, taking the \$10M purchase of the high school property out of year one and moving it to year two to cover the additional \$6M that will go to charter schools
<p>Legislative Updates/Issues Mitsi Corcoran Sonia Figaredo-Alberts Jane Mahler</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Members discussed negative impacts of HB 7069 relating to mandatory recess, changes to Title 1 and a number of other issues • Some Board Members and others have written to the Governor asking him to veto this bill • Sonia Figaredo-Alberts and Jane Mahler explained how the changes to Title 1 will impact our district; Jane Mahler agreed to share with Board Members a copy of an email she sent to Executive Directors explaining the status of these changes. • Board Members decided they would like a more in-depth discussion relating to Title 1 and McKay Scholarships at the next work session. • Some of the positives included being able to purchase software licensing with capital funds, a \$44.09 per student allocation increase, positive changes in testing/assessments, and Pre-K being included in FTE
<p>Recessed – 12:59 p.m. Reconvened – 1:21 p.m.</p>	
<p>Legislative Priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the legislation will begin session earlier next year, Board Members were asked to be thinking about our 2018 legislative priorities • This will be discussed again at the June 20 work session • It was suggested that Board Members be thinking about legislative priorities that focus on goals for the Sarasota school district
<p>Mock Testing Issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Board Members have been getting complaints about mock tests and whether or not the score is counted towards a student's final grade; there is no district guideline on this and it is left up to individual teachers.

School District Preferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is believed that school board policy was amended last year to allow students who live in Sarasota County but are districted to out of county schools to be allowed to attend Sarasota schools; Mr. Lempe will confirm that and if that is not the case, he will follow up. • There are a number of proximity preferences which include children of military families, foster kids, kids in a custody situation, trailing siblings and proximity • Currently elementary teachers are given preference to bring their child to school with them; it was suggested that future policy also include middle and high
Master Board Training in District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirley Brown, Jane Goodwin, Caroline Zucker and Todd Bowden attended the FSBA Master Board training on May 12 in Port Charlotte; they discussed some of the highlights of the training. • Two subsequent sessions will be scheduled here in the district in sometime in August and October (TBD)
Update on Employee Handbook: Equity and Misconduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two committees have been created; Al Harayda has created one (Employee Handbook/Equity) and Sonia Figaredo-Alberts has created another (LBGQT/Bullying/Harassment-Students) • Union representation should also be on Employee Handbook committee • The goal is to have the updated staff handbook ready for staff at the beginning of the school year • The importance of having policies in place, following policy, consequences for not following policy, and creating a code of conduct for administrators was discussed
Moving Afternoon Work Sessions to Chambers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Members discussed the pros and cons of conducting the afternoon work session in the Board chambers • Dr. Bowden is gathering information on the logistics of this and it will be discussed further at the June 20 work session
Bargaining/Negotiations Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is anticipated that salary discussion will begin in August • The contract language we have now does not expire until 2019
Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Monthly Work Session adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

We certify that the foregoing minutes are a true account of the Monthly Work Session held on May 16, 2017, and approved at the regular Board meeting on June 6, 2017.

Secretary
Todd Bowden

Chair
Caroline Zucker