



**Wednesday, August 31, 2016
Joint School Board Meeting**

**1445 Education Way
Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Board Room
2:00 PM -4:00 PM**

A. CALL TO ORDER 2:00 P.M.

Subject 1. Pledge of Allegiance
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Category A. CALL TO ORDER 2:00 P.M.
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B. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

C. SCHOOL BOARDS PRESENT LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

Subject 1. Manatee County
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Endorsement of the Florida School Board Association (FSBA) 2016 Platform - halt testing for any other purpose other than diagnostic; provide sufficient per student funding; restore capital outlay authority; ensure that all schools receiving state funds adhere to same fiscal and academic accountability measures: are those the four areas that collectively we should work toward with our respective delegations or do we wish to prioritize some others? And what is the power and collective interest of the other coalitions, like the Central Florida School Board Coalition and others?

Expansion of VPK implementation - expand VPK implementation with state revenues, focus on readiness to learn earlier: prevention and preparedness will head off more costly remediation.

Imposing Doc Stamps versus Impact Fees - what is the most equitable way to tax real estate transfers: some criticize impact fees as taxing only new construction; others say the dual rational nexus test validates the use of impact fees. Others argue that Doc stamps, assessing a tax on transfers of all residential real estate is a more equitable way, assessing all transfers. Do we as a group want to weigh in on this?

House Bill 7029 - School Choice versus capacity - capacity v. choice: what is our collective direction around this new bill? How are we providing guidance to DOE about its implementation?

Subject 2. Sarasota County

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House Bill 7029 - construction costs issues and the need for flexibility.

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Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESSA) - collaborate with Tallahassee to modify the current system and provide for a more reliable and transparent system that can reduce the timeframe districts, teachers and students must spend on Florida State Assessment (FSA) and allow districts options for alternative assessments that can still measure state standards.

Financial resources to meet capital needs - including technology (infrastructure and devices), school renovation, maintenance and school bus replacement. Funding should be a partnership of state PECO sources and restoration of .5 mills to a full 2.0 mill capacity for local capital needs.

Restore funding for courses beyond a base 6-period/1.0 FTE day - The effect of capping funding at 1.0 FTE regardless of whether a student takes 6 courses or is required or elects to take up to 8 classes a day (I-B, AICE, Dual Enrollment, etc.) has resulted less than 1/6th (based on 6 courses) funding per class. This forces districts to curtail or restrict other programs in order to pay for the additional instructional (teacher/textbooks, etc.) costs.

Flexibility to waive specific statutes for a specified period of years that are not in conflict with life-safety or other federal requirements and/or delay implementation a full year to accommodate necessary planning and changes - give some degree of flexibility to implement statutes and provide for adequate lead time for implementation of statutory changes that have significant effects on schools.

D. 10 MINUTE BREAK 3:00 P.M.

E. SCHOOL BOARDS DISCUSS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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F. DISCUSSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT PLATFORM

G. DISCUSS GROUPS, CONSORTIUMS, PEOPLE TO SHARE JOINT PLATFORM

H. CLOSING COMMENTS

I. ADJOURNMENT 4:00 P.M.
