

**MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE WORK SESSION**

MEETING: September 4, 2018

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

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Opening Comments	Bridget Ziegler welcomed Vern Crawford and Megan Fay to the Legislative Update Session. Jane Goodwin started the conversation. Vern Crawford explained that they took the comments and consensus from the June 19, 2018 Legislative Work Session and presented the information for today's work session.
Legislative Discussion	<p>Dr. Bowden explained the Governor's request to have the reallocation of the \$58 million that has not been used for the Guardian Program. It would behoove the Superintendent and the Board to reach out to FADSS and FSBA leadership and to our legislative delegation as quickly as possible. If there are going to be any monies unspent, allow those monies to go where the needs are for the schools such as hardening and SROs. The amount for Sarasota County would be \$983,172 with approximately 15% going to the charter schools. Manatee County's amount would be \$1,002,878. A letter from the Superintendents' Association will be sent soon. Discussion ensued regarding the guardian program and partnering with the charter schools.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the authorization to re-employ qualified and experienced school leaders, instruction staff, support personnel, and retired law enforcement officers • to provide a waiver modification for certain special education students from state assessment requirements • Base Student Allocation

	<p>Discussion ensued on new priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health services • Restore full value of the Required Local Effort millage rate • Enhance state investment in quality early learning and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs (VPK) <p>Discussion ensued for five (5) local priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue the expansion of Summer Learning Academy • Gather additional information on the workforce waiver cap • Continue to gather data for funding formula for workforce development programs to reimburse institutions experiencing growth • ESE waiver modification for certain special education students from state assessment requirements (Oak Park) • Language regarding Gocio as a pilot program for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) programs <p>This gives guidance to Vern Crawford and Megan Fay for the coming months.</p>
Adjourned	The legislative update work session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

We certify that the foregoing minutes are a true account of the Legislative Update Work Session held on September 4, 2018 and approved at the regular Board meeting on September 18, 2018.

Secretary
Todd Bowden

Chair
Bridget Ziegler