

**One-Mill Oversight Committee**

Approved Minutes  
September 21, 2016

The School Board of Alachua County *One-Mill Oversight Committee* was called to order at 4 p.m. in Conference Room E, Kirby-Smith Center, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida.

**Members Present:** Harvey Budd, Debbie Gallagher, Sam Goforth, Jean Robinson, Lillian Swanger, and Albert White. **Members Absent:** Perry McGriff, Janie Williams.

**School District Staff Present:** Sandy Hollinger, Interim Superintendent; Alex Rella, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

CALL TO ORDER      Mr. Goforth served as Acting Chairman, in the absence of Chairman McGriff.

APPROVAL OF      Motion by Mrs. Robinson      Seconded by Mr. White  
MINUTES

Moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2016, One-Mill Oversight Committee meeting, as presented.

The question was called.      Upon Vote Motion passed 6-0

FINANCIAL  
INFORMATION

Mr. Rella conducted a review of financial information:

Included was:

- Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures from 2009 and projected through 2016-17.
- One-Mill Current Staffing
- Budget Requests by Fund/Project/Center and by School

Mr. Rella responded to questions from Committee members. In addition, other points of information included:

- There is a shortage of students going into education careers, which means that graduates or career teachers can usually choose any location and the best benefits.
- Technology is the most critical component of the One-Mill.
- Computers require refreshing generally every six years.
- In addition to the Staffing component, technology is the largest expenditure of the One Mill.
- The Digital Divide is still a concern, and more so with textbooks going digital.
- Access to computer labs is critical, as they are needed for both testing and for teaching.
- The state is calling for districts to have sufficient computers so that all students could be tested in one day. They have a goal of a 1:1 student/computer ratio.

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- Mrs. Hollinger briefly commented on the number of students at Lofton and the increasing numbers of schools with magnet programs.

Mr. Budd inquired about the number of total students enrolled in Magnet programs. Mrs. Hollinger will get that information to the Committee. She also noted that DOE only approves a request for a Magnet program if the program is considered High Need/High Wage.

In October, Mrs. Hollinger is bringing in a software platform to help third graders prepare for the FSA.

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. White reported that he is out and about talking to groups about the importance of the One-Mill and what it would really mean if it did not pass. He is passionate about sharing accurate information with the community, so that people can see that the One-Mill is vital for our kids.

Mrs. Hollinger pointed out that Band, Chorus, Art, Media Specialists, Guidance Counselors at elementary and middle school level are not required by the state.

Mrs. Gallagher, who is a member of *Citizens for Strong Schools*, reported on the committee's plans for getting One Mill information out to the public through signs, TV and radio spots, T-shirts, etc. These projects are just now getting geared up.

There was general agreement of the One-Mill Oversight Committee members that it would be effective to have kids be part of ads.

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting will be planned for March. A tentative date will be sent to Committee members by email.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.