

One Mill Oversight Committee
Approved Minutes
February 27, 2018

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

Members Present: Debbie Gallagher, Chairman; Harvey Budd, Eric Godet, Sam Goforth, Jean Robinson, Lillian Swanger, and Janie Williams, Members. **Members Absent:** Albert White.

School District Staff Present: Karen Clarke, Superintendent; and Alex Rella, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order.

Members introduced themselves and welcomed guests in attendance, who included:

- Mrs. Khanh-Lien Banko, President of the ACCPTA
- Mr. Ian Fletcher, Vice-President of Education & Talent Alignment with the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce

**APPROVAL OF
AUGUST 30, 2017,
MINUTES**

Chairman Gallagher requested that additional points of information be added to the August 30, 2017, minutes:

- The purpose of the One Mill ultimately is to impact students and how that impact affects students.
- Requested data on the number of students that are touched by the number of teachers that are paid by the One Mill.
- Art and Music teachers in every school
- Interesting statistical data that the Alachua County School District was the first school district to come up with the legislation to pass the One Mill. After budget crash of 08-09, the community spoke up and passed the One Mill.
- How many school districts do not have the programs available that the One Mill provides for Alachua County students
- Our One Mill supports many programs and are there other districts out there
- Research data on the number of students that are touched by the One Mill— number of students wo are impacted
- Smart Boards and projectors in every classroom
- The technology that touches every child
- Research districts
- Complimented and thanked everyone for helping to get the One Mill passed.
- The One Mill initiative was first approved in 2008, when state funding for education was cut and property taxes fell in the face of the Great Recession. It was renewed in 2012 with 68 percent of the Vote.

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- Alachua County voters decide to stick with the increased property taxes to benefit the public school system.
- The One Mill for Schools initiative, which gives \$1 per \$1,000 of a property's taxable value to Alachua County Public Schools on top of state tax mandates, was renewed by 77 percent of those who voted.
- Complimented and thanked everyone for helping to get the One Mill passed.

Motion by Mr. Budd

Seconded by Mr. Goforth

Moved to amend the minutes of the August 30, 2017, One Mill Oversight Committee minutes, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Mr. Rella conducted a review of financial information, which included:

- Analysis of One Mill Revenue and Expenditures as of 12-31-17
- 2017-2018 Estimated One Mill Revenue and Expenditures
- One Mill Current Staffing
- Budget Requests by Fund/Project/Center

Mr. Budd stated that there were concerns expressed during the One Mill campaign that there was not enough money being spent on the east side of Gainesville. He asked staff if the district is spending enough money and doing the right thing, and how has the problem been attacked?

Mr. Rella explained that a cost analysis has been completed showing the amount each school receives.

Mr. Budd believes that information should be shared with the public on what is being spent at each school to ensure that everyone is receiving their fair share.

Mr. Godet also believes it would be a good idea to show the per student cost investment throughout the county.

Regarding safety of our schools, Superintendent Clarke acknowledged that the district can do a better job of marketing this information to the public. She requested that Mr. Rella work up the data.

Superintendent Clarke provided an update from the Department of Education for hardening facilities and the process that will be involved.

Discussion focused on the amount of money dedicated to technology updates, which vary from school to school. It was suggested that Uma Shankar, Director of Instructional Technology, be invited to the next meeting.

Other discussion topics included:

- Negative stigma that is attached to the trades, i.e., auto, journeyman, fire and plumber.

- Transportation issue.
- Community is not aware of all the programs that are offered and the many choices/opportunities that are available to students.
- Update on the graduation coaches and the great progress that is being made.
- Spring Report to the Board will be scheduled at the April 17, 2018, School Board meeting.
- Guidance Counselors need to be freed up to work with students.
- The committee requested Precinct by Precinct numbers
- Number of teachers funded by the One Mill
- Invite community members to the meetings on a regular basis.
- Highlight branding opportunities at each school during events and create a logo for One Mill—"Funds provided by the One Mill" (note on CTE brochures)

SCHEDULE
NEXT MEETING

A survey will be sent to Oversight Committee members to establish the next meeting date.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.