

One Mill Oversight Committee
Approved Minutes
September 25, 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, and Albert White, Members. **Members Absent:** Lillian Swanger and Janie Williams.

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

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order and introductions followed.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 27, 2018 MINUTES
Moved by Mr. Goforth Seconded by Mr. White
Moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2018, One Mill Oversight Committee, as presented.
Upon Vote: Motion passed 6-0

FINANCIAL INFORMATION—
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Assistant Superintendent Alex Rella conducted a review of financial information, which included:

- Analysis of One Mill Revenue and Expenditures as of September 25, 2018
- 2018-2019 Estimated One Mill Revenue and Expenditures
- One Mill Current Staffing
- Budget Requests by Fund/Project/Center
- Average One Mill Spent Per Student FY2017-18

Discussion included:

Highlighted the positive news that additional guidance counselor units were added to schools to alleviate the workload for counselors. Superintendent Clarke also noted that high school testing coordinators were also added, which did not come out of the One Mill, but also helped alleviate the workload for the guidance counselors to allow them additional time to focus on students.

ESE and Student Services also allocated additional guidance clerical help to alleviate counselors from paperwork, scheduling appointments, etc.

Guidance counselors now have more time to assist students with college applications, college options, classroom presentations, job information, etc.

Grants are also available to provide mental health services for students.

There is distrust in the community and the One Mill has a wonderful track record that needs to be shared and advertised with the community. Additional promotion

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of information should be shared that shows what has been allocated to the areas in the community where there is a great need.

A press released was suggested to highlight the fact that the technology piece can change what a school receives due to the computer refresh districtwide.

Suggested posting the District Mission Statement signs throughout the district.

Share the positive news of the rapid growth in student population—440 students were added this year (size of an elementary school).

Need to do a better job of branding the One Mill--people do not remember and need to be reminded, with a focus on the eastside of the community.

Share with the community what would happen to Art and Music without the One Mill.

Members suggested that the District Technology Chief be invited to attend the next meeting to share information on the latest computer technology update. Also send a personal invitation to the Chamber of Commerce and Alachua County Council of PTAs to attend.

Discussion took place on the importance of writing a letter from the Superintendent **after the November 6 Election but prior to December 1** regarding the status of the One Mill. The community needs to see what is being spent on students at the different schools.

Highlights in the letter should include that the One Mill Oversight Committee listened and:

- Over the course of a year additional positions (testing coordinators and guidance clerical positions) were added to alleviate guidance counselors and allow them to do their jobs by assisting students, which also includes extra mental health assistance.
- New computers will be purchased due to Windows 7 becoming defunct and in order to have the best technology available for our students.
- Superintendent Clarke will put a history together of the allocation.
- Following the approval of the Half-cent Sales Tax initiative, signs will be posted at all project sites with the district's mission statement.
- The district is working to group the chorus program.
- Percentage of fringe benefits
- Community needs to see the statistics on what is being spent and where—eastside of Gainesville.

Assistant Superintendent Rella noted that the financial and budget information is also available on the district's website.

Member Jean Robinson noted that counselors will now have time to assist with classroom presentations, helping children with special needs, job applications, and college applications, etc.

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One Mill Oversight Committee members will have the opportunity to provide input prior to the letter being advertised.

SCHEDULE
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled in February and invitations will be sent to the Chamber, ACCPTA and Technology Chief.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.