

District Advisory Council
Unapproved Minutes
March 8, 2018

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The School Board of Alachua County *District Advisory Council* (DAC) was called to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the District Offices, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida.

Members Present:

Elisa Beachy	Michele O’Neil
Adam Boukari	Rachel Osborne
Karen Clarke	Gunnar Paulson
Cynthia Chestnut	Kurt Rosenhauer
Quentin Eyman	Fran Raeber
Meredith Henry	Sarah Wellman
Lillian Hutchinson	Jan Wharton
Jackie Johnson	Scott Zofnas
Rachel Meek	

**WELCOME AND
INTRODUCTIONS**

Board Chairman Dr. Gunnar Paulson welcomed the members, stating that the Board is vitally interested in the thoughts of the DAC. Committee members then introduced themselves. The current subject of consideration for the DAC is the ½ cent sales tax initiative.

**PRESENTATION –
JACKIE JOHNSON**

Jackie Johnson presented a PowerPoint outlining the district’s facilities issues and the ½ cent sales tax initiative.

The overview of the district’s facilities situation included the three main district wide issues:

1. Maintenance: roofs; HVAC; flooring, paint
2. Modernization: replace, renovate, remodel
3. Capacity: new spaces

The district goals include:

- Ensure core & classrooms are adequate for student population
- Replace portables
- Modernize facilities
- Ensure we catch up and stay caught up on maintenance issues

An explanation of current funding sources for operations, and the benefits of the ½ cent sales tax was given.

Discussion and question/answer period ensued. Some questions included:

- Is the district required to give ½ of the sales tax to Charter schools? No
- Can the ½ sales tax be used for hiring employees? No
- What is the plan if the referendum fails? Maintenance mode only.

Suggestions from the DAC included:

- Prioritize needs by school
- Provide project list well before the Aug/Sept timeframe

- Develop a project timeline
- Outline distribution of funds by school
- Need emotional hook to get voter's approval, ie: Safety/Wellness

It was agreed that district staff would provide DAC members with a link to all individual school facilities pages, which include the age of the school, a list of all facilities projects since 2000 at that school and list of proposed projects for that school

NEXT MEETING The next meeting was tentatively planned for April 12th, at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.