

District Advisory Council
Unapproved Minutes
April 12, 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:

John Bailey	Jessica Jung
Elisa Beachy	Sue Legg
Adam Boukari	Rachel Meek
Karen Clarke	Aimee Oelrich
Quentin Eyman	Gunnar Paulson
Meredith Henry	Fran Raeber
Jackie Johnson	Sarah Wellman
	Jan Wharton

**WELCOME AND
INTRODUCTIONS**

Board Chairman Dr. Gunnar Paulson welcomed the members, and introductions followed.

**PRESENTATION –
JACKIE JOHNSON**

Jackie Johnson presented an update of the House Bill 7087 language which states that for any district or county government that is holding a referendum on a sales tax after July 1, 2018, the state’s Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability must hire a CPA firm to perform a comprehensive performance review of the department that would receive the revenues. By law, the review must be completed 60 days prior to election and posted on the district or county’s website. Concern is whether this can be accomplished in time for the election. OPPAGA’s general counsel indicated that such a review could be completed in time.

The district is moving forward with a timeline of taking ballot language for the ½ cent sales tax to the School Board on May 1. It will then go to the County Commission meeting in May or the first meeting in June for approval to place on the fall agenda. OPPAGA’s general counsel indicated that such a review could be completed in time.

Ms. Suzanne Wynn presented an overview of Department of Education (DOE) requirements for facilities projects:

- All projects must be approved by DOE through Educational Plant Survey
- New construction projects (any construction that adds capacity to a school) must be approved by DOE.
- Razing of buildings – approved by DOE, based on return on investment

The panel was reminded that the district currently has approval for one (770 student) school, and that site locations will recommended to Mrs. Clarke.

Discussion ensued regarding facility issues. District staff responded to a number of questions from DAC members regarding DOE facilities requirements and their impact on what districts are allowed to do. Adam Boukari stated that voters need to be educated on district facility issues prior to election to gain their support.

It was agreed that the next DAC meeting would include a presentation about the work of the School Planning Advisory Committee, which is currently reviewing possible sites for a new school.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was tentatively planned for May 17, 2018, at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.