

One-Mill Oversight Committee

Unapproved Minutes

September 22, 2015

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: Chairman Perry McGriff, Harvey Budd, Debbie Gallagher, Sam Goforth, Lillian Swanger, and Janie Williams.

Members Absent: Mike Kline, Albert White.

School District Staff Present: Owen Roberts, Superintendent; Alex Rella, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Planning and Budget; Karen Clarke, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Instruction.

INTRODUCTIONS Chairman McGriff introduced Mrs. Debbie Gallagher, a newly appointed member of the Committee. Mrs. Gallagher noted that she is recently retired from the position of Fine Arts Supervisor for the District and has been involved in both campaigns for the One-Mill.

Dr. Roberts introduced Mr. Alex Rella, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance, who was appointed to this position since the last Committee meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Budd

Seconded by Mrs. Williams

Moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014, One-Mill Oversight Committee meeting, as presented.

The question was called.

Upon Vote: Motion passed 6-0

FINANCIAL REPORT INFORMATION

Mr. Rella conducted a review of financial information, updated as of September 21, 2015. Included was:

- Estimated 2015-16 One--Mill Revenue and Expenditures
- Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures from 2009-10 through 2015-16
- Budget Requests by Fund/Project/Center and by School
- Open Purchase Orders, for One-Mill projects

Mr. Rella responded to questions and offered to provide any other information the Committee might want.

DISCUSSION

Discussion topics included:

- Other potential ballot initiatives for 2016.
- Finding resolution to SRO funding, and potential requests for related changes to ballot language.
- Digital Divide progress
- Language Development program (Global Magnet)
- Marion County passing a one-mill initiative, with assistance from Alachua County's experience.

Chairman McGriff reported that over the course of Alachua County's One-Mill effort, approximately \$55 million has been brought in and 154 teaching units saved. In addition to the student benefits, this translates to financial benefit to the community.

Mr. McGriff gave credit to the outstanding job of staff and particularly credited Jackie Johnson for her outstanding work with community presentations.

One-Mill will be back on the ballot in 2016, and Mr. McGriff is optimistic, with the good things that are happening in the District. He believes with the Superintendent's upcoming *State of the District* report, the past year will be shown to be one of the best.

Mrs. Gallagher referred to Mrs. Johnson's work on the passage of the one-mill and suggested that if other districts could be surveyed, comparisons would show clear evidence of the one-mill success.

Mr. McGriff reminded the group that in 2000, the state cut K-12 Education funding by \$800 million.

Dr. Roberts thanked the Committee for their work, both now and in the past. He stated that 'we are on course to go where no school system has gone before.' His *State of the District* report will review what has occurred in the past year, as well as 'the next part of the journey.' We are moving forward in the spirit of "We *will* be successful."

MEETING
SCHEDULE

It was decided that the next meeting will be held in March 2016, with the exact date to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.