

## **One-Mill Oversight Committee**

December 7, 2010

The School Board of Alachua County *One-Mill Oversight Committee* met at 4 p.m. in Conference Room E of the Kirby-Smith Center, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida.

Members present: Perry McGriff, Chairman; Harvey Budd, Roland Daniels, Mike Kline, Lillian Swanger and Albert White. Members absent: Sam Goforth and Eric Godet. School Board staff present: Dan Boyd, Superintendent; Sandra Hollinger, Deputy Superintendent; Keith Birkett, Assistant Superintendent, Budget and Planning; Scott Ward, Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. McGriff called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The minutes of the June 15, 2010, meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT INFORMATION**

Mr. Birkett and Mrs. Hollinger explained that because the District received federal stimulus and Title I monies, expenditures of this year's One-Mill funds were deferred until those federal deadlines were met. Federal funds were spent on technology projects, which included wireless infrastructure at all schools. Technology needs are a priority since next year, the state will require that student assessments be conducted online.

Mr. Ward reviewed financial information, beginning with the June 30, 2010, One-Mill Balance. Included were:

- Budget Requests by Fund/Project as of June 30, 2010
- Estimated One-Mill Revenue and Actual as of October 31, 2010
- Budget Requests by Project and Center

It was noted that nurses were funded by Medicaid again this year. It was also noted that without One-Mill funds, music and art would have been cut, and there would not be media specialists at every school.

Next year, the federal stimulus money will be gone and the following year, the One-Mill will end, unless renewed by the community. Therefore, Mr. Birkett explained that the District is trying to build a reserve fund. Discussion brought out that a reserve fund could be severely impacted by state-imposed fines, as a penalty for infractions of the Class-Size Amendment.

Dr. Boyd stated that most Class-Size Amendment infractions in Alachua County were because the District took the position that students would not be penalized by being denied enrollment in an AP or Honors class that had reached the maximum size.

Mrs. Hollinger stated that Career and Technical programs are not subject to the Amendment. It was also noted that Charter Schools are exempt from individual class size requirements, and are permitted to meet only a school average.

GENERAL DISCUSSION	<p>Staff confirmed that at least 147 employee jobs would have been lost without the One-Mill funding. That would equate to serious impact on school programs and, thus, students.</p> <p>Chairman McGriff will present a Committee Report to the School Board at the January 18, 2011, meeting. [THIS PRESENTATION WAS RESCHEDULED TO THE FEBRUARY 15, 2011, SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.]</p> <p>It was agreed that communicating the information to the community at large is a priority. Mrs. Hollinger will work with Jackie Johnson, Public Information Officer, to have information included in the District electronic newsletter, which goes to various community agencies. Other avenues will be explored, such as a Channel 12 presentation and an insert in GRU statements.</p>
NEXT MEETING	<p>Committee members will be contacted about a date for the next meeting.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>The chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.</p>