**District Advisory Council**

**Approved Minutes**

April 6, 2017

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

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| Adam Boukari  Bob Carroll  Cynthia Chestnut  Tom Cowart  Bill Hutchinson | Kelley Kostamo  Sue Legg  Brian Marchman  Rachel Meek  Rick Nesbit | Aimee Oelrich  Kurt Rosenhauer  Mike Scott  Joe Swails  Ashlea Zeller |

Members Present:

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| Keith Ashby  Abijah Bertrand  Erica Gindle  Shane Johnson  Ty Keys | Tammy Lindsey  Katie Malo  Rachel Osborne  Janine Plavac  Sean Sand | Sandy Springer  Elizabeth Washington |

Members Absent:

Also present were Rob Hyatt, School Board Chairman; Sandy Hollinger, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Jackie Johnson, Communications and Community Initiatives Director, Eileen Roy, School Board member, and Consultant John Reichert, Florida School Boards Association.

Topic of todays’ meeting: Superintendent Search.

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| WELCOME | Board Chairman Rob Hyatt welcomed DAC members, stating that the Board is vitally interested in their input. The current subject of consideration for the DAC is the Superintendent Search. |
| APPROVAL OF MINUTES | Motion by Dr. Carroll Seconded by Ms. Oelrich  Moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2017, Superintendent Search Workshop, as presented.  The question was called. Upon Vote: Motion passed unanimously |
| DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH | Mr. Reichert shared the list of the 9 recommended semi-finalists. He suggested each DAC member access the SBAC website to acquire information on each candidate. All 9 candidates have been communicated with, and provided a list of 3 questions. Their responses will be back to the Board by April 12. The remaining timeline was shared.   * April 18 – Identify Finalists at School Board Meeting * May 10 - 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. School/Community tours with SBAC hosts;   12 – 1:30 Luncheon at Chamber of Commerce; 6-8 p.m. Community Reception at Sweetwater Branch Inn.   * May 11 – Interviews beginning at 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. * May 12 – Board interviews with Finalists. * May 16 – Board meeting - Selection of new Superintendent. * May 17 – Contract Development with new Superintendent.   Following discussion, Mr. Reichert asked each DAC member to return to the next DAC meeting on April 6, at 3:30 p.m., with their top 5 questions that they would like to ask the finalists. The DAC, as a group, will then collaborate and come up with a list of the top ten (10) questions. The DAC is scheduled to interview all day on May 11, followed by Board interviews on May 12. |
| EVALUATION INSTRUMENT | DAC members who are interested in participating in the interviews were reminded to commit to the entire day, Wednesday, May 11. Substitutes can be provided for teachers who need them, and lunch will be served by the Food Service Department. A facilitator will be chosen for the group by Interim Superintendent Sandy Hollinger, and Jackie Johnson  Mrs. Johnson provided the members with an updated Superintendent Finalist Evaluation Form for use when interviewing. They were asked to come up with 5 questions for the interviews with a possible 6th : *“Is there anything you would like to add”.* |
| DEVELOPMENT OF QUESTIONS | After a 2 minute period for reviewing a list of 15 possible questions provided by the FSBA, discussion ensued. It was agreed that this group would come up with questions from 5 general areas including:   * District Knowledge * Disparity Gap * Business/Finance * Character/Leadership * Parent Involvement   Mrs. Hollinger and Mrs. Johnson will collaborate on providing 5 questions from these categories and send them to the DAC members for review. |
| ADJOURN | The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. |