

District Advisory Council
Approved Minutes
February 26, 2015

The School Board of Alachua County *District Advisory Council* (DAC) was called to order at 4 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Kirby-Smith Center, 620 East University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida.

Members Present:

Cynthia Chestnut	John Hill	Rachel Meek	Jeffrey Rizzo
Tom Cowart	Kathy Kaminsky	Aimee Oelrich	Donna Sheffield
Jennifer Denault	Sue Legg	Janine Plavac	Sharon Surrency
Jacque Gallman	Katie Malo	Lacy Redd	Joe Swails
Jill Geis			

Also present were Dr. Leanetta McNealy, School Board Chairman; Dr. Owen Roberts, Superintendent of Schools; and Jackie Johnson, Public Information Officer.

Members Absent: Adam Boukari, Robert Clark, John Dougherty, Rick Nesbit Sandy Springer, Carolyn Wade, Elizabeth Washington, Aisha Yarn.

WELCOME AND
INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. McNealy welcomed the group.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion by Joe Swails Seconded by Mike Barton

Moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2014, DAC meeting, as presented.

When the question was called, the minutes were approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REVISED
BYLAWS

At the December 11, 2014, meeting, the Bylaws were reviewed and changes/clarifications were made relating to

- Referral of Issues
- Consecutive terms of members
- Roberts Rules of Order for conducting votes
- Terms of membership
- Membership rotation

Motion by Cynthia Chestnut Seconded by Lacy Redd

Moved to approve the Revised Bylaws, as presented.

When the question was called, the vote was unanimous.

REVIEW OF BOARD
PRIORITIES AND
REVISED STRATEGIC
PLAN

Mrs. Johnson explained that the Priorities that came out of the September 2014 Board Retreat have been merged into the Strategic Plan, in order to create a single document. In the process, some new action items had to be added, but nothing was removed. She asked Council members to review.

It was commented that the document should be streamlined by prioritization or a ranking system rather than evaluate in its present form. Dr. Roberts stated that this is a baseline only, and it will progress to a more concise document. He responded to questions, explaining that budget review and prioritization will be done in the longer term. The intent is for this document to set a baseline for what has been completed and what is yet to be completed.

A set of metrics will be added, so that progress can be measured and the public can be kept well-informed. At the end of every year, a summary will be provided for evaluation of the Strategic Plan.

Motion by Cynthia Chestnut Seconded by Sue Legg

Moved to accept the Revised Strategic Plan and move to a more refined document, which will include metrics for the 2015-16 school year.

When the question was called, the vote was 17 to 1 in favor.

Ms. Plavac stated that the committee is supportive of the Superintendent and Board and wants to be utilized.

Members were asked to email Ms. Johnson with issues they think the Council should consider. Ms. Plavac volunteered to collect and prioritize the items according to a Tier System explained by Dr. Roberts. They will be presented at the next meeting of the DAC. It was suggested that subcommittees might work on individual items.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business to be conducted.

NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the **DAC will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 4 p.m.**

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.