



Brevard Public Schools

In consideration of the current health and safety concerns during the COVID-19 emergency, the workshop will be held virtually. It will be live streamed through usual channels at www.brevardschools.org.

The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m.

May 26, 2020 Board Workshop (Sales Surtax and Budget Update)

The School Board met in a Board Workshop to receive updates on Sales Surtax and Capital Outlay projects/priorities. Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Tuesday, May 19, 2020 edition of Florida Today and an affidavit of publishing is held in the Board office.

Date: May 26 2020 (2:00 p.m.)

Opening Exercises

1. Opening Exercises

Chairman Belford Belford called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Roll Call

2. Roll Call

Members present virtually via Skype: Misty Belford, Cheryl McDougall, Tina Descovich, Matt Susin and Katye Campbell

Staff members present virtually via Skype: JoAnn Clark, Director of Accounting Services; Wendy Knippel, Manager of Accounting Services; Cindy Lesinski, Chief Financial Officer; Sue Hann, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities Services; Christopher Ault, Technology Support Services; Dr. Beth Thedy, Deputy Superintendent, Chief Human Resources Officer; Paul Gibbs, General Counsel; Dr. Mark Mullins, Superintendent; Dr. Stephanie Soliven, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Leading and Learning; Jane Cline, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Leading and Learning; Dave Lindemann, Director Planning and Project Management; Russell Cheatham, Assistant Superintendent of Informational Technology, Matt Reed, Assistant Superintendent of Government and Community Relations

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Order of Business

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4. Sales Surtax Update

☞ [board capital worksheet.pdf](#)

☞ [Workshop surtax presentation 05 25 2020.pdf](#)

Ms. Hann and Mr. Cheatham facilitated the presentation. Ms. Campbell declared that the needs are very real and she thanked everyone for all of the work that has been put in towards this effort.

Ms. Descovich had questions about the needs completed and what still needs to be done. She also asked about the logistics of delaying collection of the sales surtax funds to allow families time to recover from the economic impact of COVID-19. Board members clarified the timeline to get information on the November ballot.

Items to consider despite the level of effort and investment in the current sales surtax set to expire:

- The sales surtax program only addressed about 25% of facility renewal needs identified in 2014.
- Building systems, and equipment deteriorate over time and need to be replaced/repaired.
- The demand for current technology and security are increasing.
- Classroom renewal was excluded in the 2014 surtax program and is becoming an urgent consideration.

Board members once again thanked Ms. Hann and Mr. Cheatham.

5. Budget Update

Ms. Hann presented the Capital Outlay Worksheet fro 2020-2021. She explained that she can add or change as directed by the Board. Questions and explanations ensued.

Board consensus is not to change items 1 through 31.

Ms. Descovich asked to make item 51 paint at Stone Middle.

Questions arouse regarding the priority of locker rooms and tracks. Ms. Hann expressed that she would like to move forward with a design build on the locker rooms and tracks which she feels will allow them to better prioritize based on cost.

Mr. Susin stated that his Title I schools are unable to raise even a couple of thousand dollars for playgrounds. He asked for Title I schools to be considered a priority when making decisions about playgrounds. He would be an advocate for the large match program for those schools who are fundraising.

Ms. Belford stated that in looking at prioritizing the lists going forward, does the Board want cost to be the number one priority or should equity be the primary focus?

- Ms. McDougall - Equity
- Mr. Susin - Equity
- Ms. Campbell - Equity
- Ms. Descovich - Cost (After Eau Gallie)
- Ms. Belford - Equity

Ms. Hann suggests that they proceed with Eau Gallie locker room AC (Item 32), middle school locker room ac design (Item 33) and track resurfacing design (Item 41). It will allow her team to give a better recommendation based on the cost estimates received from the designers. All members were in agreement with Ms. Hann's suggestions.

Closing Remarks

6. Closing Remarks/Direction

Adjournment

7. Adjournment

Chairman Belford adjourned the meeting at: 4:09 p.m.

For further information regarding the workshop, please refer to the published video on www.brevardschools.org.

Chairman: _____
Secretary: _____