

COUNCIL PRESENT: Danny Dunagan, Sam Couvillon, George Wangemann,
Zack Thompson, Barbara Brooks
COUNCIL ABSENT: Ruth Bruner
STAFF PRESENT: Bryan Lackey, Angela Sheppard, Abb Hayes, Denise Jordan
SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT: John Filson, Sammy Smith, Andy Stewart, Heather Ramsey
SCHOOL BOARD ABSENT: Willie Mitchell
STAFF PRESENT: Jeremy Williams, Sarah Bell, Adrian Niles, Lizzet Flores

The purpose of this meeting is to meet with the Gainesville City School System Board of Education Members.

Mayor Dunagan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and served as the presiding officer.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion made by Board of Education Member Smith

Motion seconded by Council Member Wangemann

Votes favoring the motion: Dunagan, Couvillon, Wangemann, Thompson, Brooks, Filson, Smith, Stewart

Student Safety and Gainesville Police Department Partnership

Police Chief Carol Martin reported there will soon be five School Resource Officers. She commented on some of the training officers receive and briefly discussed the Pupils and Police Program.

Dr. Jeremy Williams commented on safety measures implemented by the school system noting some changes are under consideration.

Chief Operating Officer Adrian Niles commented on access to the schools noting no one can enter beyond the public area without being granted permission to do so.

NOTE: Mrs. Ramsey joined the meeting.

District Overview and Leveraging Partnerships to Serve Students (Wraparound Services)

Dr. Jeremy Williams briefly discussed the Data Snapshot handout which provided enrollment, demographic and financial information.

Chief Academic Officer Sarah Bell discussed wraparound services noting Marietta High School was used as a model. There was mention of the existing partnerships for literacy with discussion about increasing and leveraging partnerships. The next steps indicated implementation was tentatively scheduled for January 2019.

District Capacity and Capital Projects

Dr. Jeremy Williams presented a school capacity report before stating elementary students have school of choice options. Some students are traveling 30 minutes one way under this provision. In an effort to reduce travel times and other transportation related issues, two school clusters

were created. The school of choice option is still available when the student chooses a school in the cluster in which he/she resides. Choosing a school outside the cluster requires the student to have his/her own transportation. The clusters were noted as follows:

CLUSTER A

Centennial Art Academy
Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy
Fair Street International Academy
New Holland Knowledge Academy

CLUSTER B

Gainesville Exploration Academy
Mundy Mill Academy

Dr. Williams commented on personnel additions after receiving a compliment about the system wide social worker program.

It was suggested that the school system may have opportunities to work with local businesses.

After a statement about summer being a vacation from learning, Chief Academic Officer Sarah Bell commented on partnerships with the Boys and Girls Club Programs and on efforts to develop a work based learning program. She also stated dual enrollment is available to earn college credits.

Upon inquiry, Dr. Williams commented on challenges related to homeless students which included stating how the school system defines homeless.

Future Annexation and Growth of Gainesville

There was a discussion about future annexations during which the school system asked the Council to consider the impact of annexation on the school system.

It was noted there are undeveloped properties in the city limits that will impact the school system when they are developed. It was also noted property owners have the right to file (1) annexation requests and (2) permitting requests to develop property that is already properly zoned. There was a broad overview of the application review process which offered several opportunities to present comments/concerns.

Regional Arena Feasibility Study

Board of Education Member Sammy Smith commented on indoor graduations being ticketed events and the need for a multi-purpose facility large enough to accommodate these as well as other events. He presented the idea/concept of beginning a public-private partnership for a feasibility study to determine if a convention center is appropriate in Gainesville.

Issues of Mutual Concerns

Elected officials shared the following comments for consideration:

- School safety is a priority.
- CenterPoint students have safety concerns about people walking in the back of the facility.
- The Council is interested in a convention center with all of the amenities.
- Annual meetings between the Council and the Board of Education are appropriate.

- The Gainesville City School Systems is one of 20 municipal school systems out of the 180 school systems across the state. Sister City partnerships have been created with the other municipal school systems.
- There is a need for after school computer labs.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:28 PM

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C. Danny Dunagan, Jr., Mayor

Denise O. Jordan, City Clerk