

**Nassau County Board of County Commissioners  
Joint Session with the Nassau County School Board  
January 22, 2019, 6:00 p.m.  
Commission Chambers, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida**

Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

**County Commissioners:**

**Present:** Chairman Justin Taylor, Commissioners Daniel B. Leeper, Aaron Bell, Pat Edwards and Thomas Ford.

**School Board Members:**

**Present:** Chairman Donna Martin (via speakerphone), Board Members Gail Cook, Jamie Deonas, Russell Johnson, and Lissa Braddock.

**Other Officials Present:**

Michael S. Mullin, County Manager/County Attorney; Dr. Kathy Burns, School Superintendent; and Leonard Hackett, attorney representing the School Board.

**Staff Present:** Megan Diehl, Interim Director of Office of Management and Budget; Taco Pope, Department of Planning Economic Opportunity Director; and representing the Clerk's office Peggy Snyder and Melissa Lucey, Deputy Clerks.

**Official Agenda Summary:**

**Audience Input**

None.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**JT190122 - 6:05:25 (Tab A)** Approve board minutes from the joint meeting held on January 29, 2018.

**Motion:** Approve Tab A as stated above.

**Maker:** Commissioner Edwards

**Second:** Commissioner Leeper

**Action:** Aye: County Commissioners: Leeper, Bell, Edwards, Taylor, and Ford

Aye: School Board Members: Cook, Deonas, Johnson, Braddock, and Martin

**Follow Up:** Clerk Staff

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**JT190122 - 6:02:37 (Tab B)** State of the School District. Topic Presenter - School Board.

**Discussion:** Dr. Burns provided an update on the Nassau County School District noting that Nassau County schools have been A-rated for over a decade with a graduation rate this past year of 92.8 percent. There are over 12,300 students enrolled in the schools and the Sheriff's office has provided officers on every campus of every school throughout the year while the School Board is working to hire their safety officers and guardians.

**JT190122 -6:04:09 (Tab C)** School Board District's Strategic Plan. Topic Presenter - School Board

**Discussion:** Dr. Burns referred to the strategic plan which takes the School Board from 2018 to 2021. The strategic plan highlights the plan to indicate where they are headed and their action plans moving forward. The strategic plan is broken down into categories and Dr. Burns highlighted the goals.

Chairman Taylor welcomed the two new School Board members: Lissa Braddock and Russell Johnson.

**JT190122 - 6:07:16 (Tab D)** Discussion of School Board Concurrency. Topic Presenter - School Board and County.

**Discussion:** Dr. Burns referred to the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning Concurrency Agreement from 2008. She pointed out that the School Board established their Land/Growth Committee of which Mr. Pope and Adrienne Burke, Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Opportunity, are a vital part. Dr. Burns pointed out that many items in this agreement were never implemented since 2008 such as quarterly meetings, capacity, updates on developments and attendance zones, and a report of implementation of the agreement.

In response to a question posed by Ms. Cook, Mr. Mullin advised that the *Florida Statute* requiring this agreement has been amended and the interlocal agreement must be updated before the County moves forward with other developments. Dr. Burns pointed out that at the end of the interlocal agreement; it states that the Board of County Commissioners shall monitor this agreement. She and Mr. Pope had agreed that the County needs expert advice in creating a document they can use. Ms. Cook distributed a copy

of the school capacity and student stations in the school district.

Mr. Pope explained that the School Board has authority to put the halt on development when the schools have reached their capacity with no more redistricting or rezoning. Discussion followed. Mr. Mullin added that the School Board's planning is controlled by the State and it takes the State two years to approve a school. Dr. Burns expressed concern with the projected growth of Wildlight and William Burgess developments; by the time the School Board is able to build a school, they are already over capacity. Mr. Pope requested to have someone with the State of Florida specializing in school currency assist the County with crafting a school concurrency program.

Dr. Burns requested that the two Boards consider collaboration of an amended interlocal agreement in the future. Mr. Mullin advised that he will bring this request back to County Commission as an expansion item on January 28, 2019.

**JT190122 - 6:20:51 (Tab E)** Discussion of School Impact Fees and the Impact Fee Analysis. Topic Presenter - School Board.

**Discussion:** Dr. Burns provided an update of the School Impact Fees as an annual report to the Board.

**JT190122 - 6:31:30 (Tab F)** Discussion of the old Yulee Middle School on US 17. Topic presenter - School Board.

**Discussion:** Dr. Burns requested both boards continue this discussion for ideas of what can be considered in the future. The group discussed the value of the land and the remodel costs. Dr. Burns explained that Nassau County's new ABA basketball team, Nassau Pride, had requested use of the gym at the old school.

Mr. Pope mentioned that the County funded the SR200 Design Study. In that scope of work, they negotiated with consultant to do six catalyst sites to conduct a perform and design. He suggested having one of those catalyst sites being the Old Yulee School for ideas of what the 20-acre site could be used for.

**JT190122 - 6:30:14 (Tab G)** Update on potential connection of Miner Road to US 17. Topic presenter - County.

**Discussion:** Mr. Mullin advised that the emphasis has shifted to the William Burgess Overlay District. The County received \$1 million from the Florida Legislature last year. The County has been in negotiations with Mr. Seminik, property owner, for acquisition of his properties that would take a roadway across US17 with the William Burgess Extension and recent right-of-way acquisition made on Miner Road. Mr. Mullin will be bringing an update regarding the progress of the acquisition to the Board of County Commissioners on February 28, 2019.

**JT190122 - 6:33:48 (Tab H)** Discussion of an agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the School Board as it relates to emergencies. Topic presenter -School Board.

**Discussion:** Dr. Burns referred to the draft copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Emergency Operations. Post Irma, the County and School Board had difficulty getting the reimbursements from Florida Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) who advised that the School Board must have a plan moving forward whereby they are reimbursed by the County and the County would be reimbursed by FEMA. She requested that the School Board be able to determine the staffing for the shelters, feeding and transporting hurricane victims; not the County's Director of Emergency Management. A lengthy discussion followed.

**JT190122 - 6:37:58 (Tab I)** Update from the School Board's land/growth committee re: growth. Topic presenter: School Board.

**Discussion:** Dr. Burns advised that the Land/Growth Committee was established approximately nine months ago and she reiterated the assets that Mr. Pope and Ms. Burke are to the committee. Although the School Board obtains approvals from the State, her hope was that the School Board will be able to better plan and project for the future.

**SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS:**

**JT190122 - 6:41:50** Dr. Burns inquired whether the two Board should meet semi-annually instead of annually due to the growth in the County.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S BUSINESS:**

**JT190122 - 6:42:15**

None.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS:**

**JT190122 - 6:42:17**

None.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**JT190122 - 6:40:50** Commissioner Edwards's Business:

None.

**JT190122 - 6:40:58** Commissioner Bell's Business:

None.

**JT190122 - 6:40:58** Commissioner Ford's Business:

None.

**JT190122 - 6:41:05** Commissioner Leeper's Business:

None.

**JT190122 - 6:41:15** Chairman Taylor's Business:

None.

There being no further discussion, the joint session of the Board of County Commissioners and School Board adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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Donna Martin, Chair  
School Board

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Justin Taylor, Chairman  
County Commission

Attest:

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John A. Crawford, Ex-Officio Clerk