

2015-2016 Mid-Year Report

FSBA Ad Hoc Public Education Issues Committee

Chair: Julie Ulmer

Vice Chair: Kathryn Hensley

Members:

Shirley Brown

Erika Donalds

Patty Hightower

Karen Pickles

Lee Swift

Rick Turner

Terry Wright

Marsha Powers

Dates of meetings & activities:

September 2, 2015 – Board of Directors’ Leadership Development & Training Meeting

Main actions taken/accomplishments to date:

The Ad Hoc Committee is tasked with conducting research, developing issue briefs and talking points, and/or developing training programs to assist the membership to respond to issues and events as they arise throughout the year. In September, the Committee’s leaders established a Plan of Work that centered on identifying the issues of interest to board members and creating a page on the FSBA website where information and materials relating to these issues could be posted and regularly updated. It was agreed that two key issues that should be included in the initial launch of the web page were Accountability and Charter Schools.

In late September, FSBA launched the web page – title Resource Room – with separate pages containing information on Accountability, Charter Schools, Education Funding, Voucher Programs, and Education Legal News. As other issues arise, additional pages will be added to the Resource Room. The Ad Hoc Committee agreed to coordinate and work with the FSBA Advocacy Subcommittee and FSBA staff to “flesh out” and add to the topics included in the FSBA Reference Room.

Upcoming activities:

The Ad Hoc Committee will survey board members to determine what issues, information and materials would be most useful to them and to conduct the necessary research to create these additional pages. Some ideas that have been suggested are Health & Safety, School Governance, and Facilities & Growth Management.