

**RESOLUTION**

**DISTRICT PARTICIPATION IN THE CROWN CONSORTIUM 2010-2011**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES, CHAPTER 1001.42, ADOPTING A PLAN FOR COOPERATING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARDS OF OTHER DISTRICTS IN THIS STATE IN AN EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM, THE CROWN CONSORTIUM, FOR ACQUISITION OF MATERIALS, CONTRACTED SERVICES, AND PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS, WHEN SUCH MEETS SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT AND IS DEEMED EDUCATIONALLY/ MONETARILY BENEFICIAL BY THE SCHOOL BOARD.**

**WHEREAS**, the District School Board of Clay County, Florida has the power and the duty among other responsibilities to cooperate with other agencies in joint projects when it is to the best interest of the taxpayers of Clay County and for the best interest of the educational system and the school children of the school district, and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to adopt resolutions spread upon the minutes of each participating school board, which provides a plan for cooperating with school boards of other districts in the state for the projects and activities cooperatively initiated, and

**WHEREAS**, the School Boards of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, Hamilton, Levy, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Taylor, and Union Counties, and P. K. Yonge Developmental Research School, hereinafter called the Cooperating Boards, hereby establish and agree to participate in the Crown Consortium, a Consortium, jointly performing, contracting for, and purchasing certain services to be used in respective school systems, and

**WHEREAS**, the Consortium is operated in compliance with all Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Administrative Rules, with all programs, services, projects, and activities initiated through recommendation of the Board of Directors or the Coordinating Council.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY IN A REGULAR SESSION ON July 15, 2010 AS FOLLOWS:**

**I. SPECIFIC DISTRICT NEEDS.** That specific needs identified by the District School Board of Clay County can be better met through cooperative programs/services undertaken with other participating school boards. Such needs are:

- A. Inservice training often mandated by law, as deemed to be more efficiently delivered, with participating counties for potential and incumbent administrators/managers.
- B. Reduction in overhead costs of administration and conducting specific program/activities through the pooling of resources.

**II. SERVICES TO DISTRICT.** That the District School Board of Clay County does hereby determine that it is in the best interest of the taxpayers of Clay County to cooperate with other school districts in the operation of the Crown Consortium, availing themselves of the services which meet specific district needs. The services provided include, but are not necessarily limited to, the bidding, contracting, and purchasing arrangements pursuant to a plan of implementation for the following:

- A. Inservice training.
- B. Any other services recommended by the Board of Directors or the Coordinating Council.

**III. METHOD (S) OF EVALUATION.** That the Superintendent or Designee of Clay County will, at least annually, evaluate the results of services provided through the Crown Consortium as follows:

- A. For contracted services, the Superintendent or Designee will review each contract in terms of the following criteria:
  - 1. Fulfillment of obligations itemized in the contract.
  - 2. Quality of service provided, including professionalism of personnel involved.
  - 3. Cost efficiency.
  - 4. Benefits derived by the district.
- B. For inservice training provided, the Superintendent or Designee will review:
  - 1. The compiled evaluation data of district personnel participating to determine quality.
  - 2. Cost efficiency.

3. Correspondence of inservice to district needs.
- C. For cooperative programs/activities involving pooling of districts' resources, the Superintendent or Designee will review in terms of the following criteria:
1. Amount and quality of services received within the district.
  2. Cost efficiency of pooling.
  3. Correspondence of program/activity to district needs.

**IV. DISTRICT PARTICIPATION IN FUNDING.** Each participating board shall contribute a sum of money equal to \$ .75 per unweighted FTE (K-12) as per the official October and February count, as approved by the Board of Directors. Payments will be due in October and February. **However, due to the current budget situation, membership dues for 2010-11 are suspended.**

**GOVERNANCE OF THE CROWN CONSORTIUM.**

- A. The Crown Consortium shall be considered a partner organization of the Schultz Center for Teaching and Leadership, an educational non-profit center located in Duval County. The Schultz Center will:
1. Serve as employer for Consortium staff.
  2. Serve as fiscal agent for the Consortium.
- B. The Board of Directors for the Consortium shall be composed of the Superintendent or Designee of all participating school districts. The Board will annually:
1. Approve all policies for operation of the Consortium.
  2. Approve a proposed budget with the district contribution.
  3. Approve personnel for positions within the Consortium.
- C. A Director will be employed, to manage the operation of the Consortium. Said Director will:
1. Be responsible for compliance of Consortium operation with all applicable State laws and State Board of Education Regulations.

2. Keep the Board of Directors and/or Coordinating Council apprised of all Consortium activities.

**VI. TERMS OF AGREEMENT.** The term of this Consortium agreement shall commence as of July 1, 2010, and shall end on June 30, 2011. Each School Board that enters into the Consortium shall do so effective as of July 1, 2010, unless specified to the contrary.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 15th day of July, 2010.

**The District School Board  
of Clay County, Florida**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lisa Graham, Chairperson**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ben H. Wortham, Superintendent**