



Duval County Public Schools

April 12, 2011, Board Workshop

Ms. W. C. Gentry, Chairman
Ms. Betty Burney, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Martha Barrett
Ms. Ms. Becki Couch
Ms. Mr. Tommy Hazouri
Mr. Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee
Mr. Ms. Paula D. Wright
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS WORKSHOP OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent, was also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 11:01 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS ON READING INITIATIVES & BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT GOVERNANCE](#)

Minutes:

The following items were discussed during Governance.

- ICARE - Chairman Gentry requested that Ms. Vicki Drake, Technical Manager, Community & Family Engagement, share with the Board her experience at the ICARE meeting held the evening of April 11, 2011. The school system had obtained permission to set up a table to sign up volunteers for the schools. When Ms. Drake arrived, she was there, however, she was told to wait until after the Superintendent addressed the group. After the Superintendent's presentation, the table was removed. Ms. Drake still handed out materials. The Chairman asked if the Superintendent would write ICARE a letter expressing disappointment in their action. Board Vice-Chairman Burney asked that her name not be connected to the letter.
- Summer Meeting Options - The Board discussed the June and July meeting schedule. The schedule will be modified in order to give staff a chance to plan vacations without having to come in for meetings. Meetings for June and July will be as follows:
 - June 13, 2011 - Regular Board Meeting - 6:00 pm
 - Week of June 13th - hold a Workshop during that week if needed
 - July 21, 2011 - Regular Board Meeting & Workshop - during day
- Budget - The following requests were made by the Board in preparation of the budget discussions for the April 19, 2011, Board workshop:
 - If Board agrees to eliminate all or part of Magnet busing, we need to decide as soon as possible so that we can inform the public - Gentry
 - How does OS bill impact transportation costs and ability to use Title I dollars - Couch
 - Follow up on requests for information from previous Budget Workshops - Lee
 - Testing - how many tests do we give at each grade level - provide cost - break down by District imposed tests and State imposed tests - Gentry
 - Coaches - how many do we have and what is their purpose - can we cut back - restructure the way we use the coaches - Gentry
 - Provide information on what it takes to have an efficient organization - staff wise - within budget constraints - more administrators or less of something else - what you need in order to educate a student - art, music, pe, etc. - Burney & Lee; include Summer school, after school, etc. - Gentry
 - If we cut a program, position, etc., to save dollars, what impact does it have - example given was Renaissance and STAR - if we cut how would it impact the budget and students - Burney
 - Provide sheet on different programs we currently have and how they are actually working - what can we cut - Burney
 - Duplicated services - District & State - Couch
 - Would like to see Superintendent's thoughts on what he would cut - Barrett
 - Review list of programs and departments - see what can be cut - Hazouri
 - Provide Board with information on proposed pension legislation and what the impact would be on employees at the different levels; include insurance proposals also - Hazouri
 - If we do furloughs could we reimburse employees if we receive funding - Hazouri
 - Need to be better at marketing our budget concerns - different than communications - meet with employees in building - Wright

- o Look at Cluster office organization - Wright
 - o Look at 7 period days vs. 90 minute blocks - Wright
 - o Look at number of coaches - Wright
 - o Look at staff and come back with recommendations on what would be best use of staff and resources - add or cut - Gentry; if you had clean slate what would organization look like - Lee
- Reading Program - Jill Johnson, Director of Communications, shared the various logos being proposed for the reading initiative. They are listed below. The one selected by the Committee was Read It Forward. Vice-Chairman Burney requested that Ms. Johnson check with Jill Budd regarding a variation on the Read It Forward that she had sketched out.
 - o SPARK - read, learn, live
 - o Read It Forward Jax - read, learn, live - will change the direction of the book on the logo
 - o Read Ahead Jax
 - o Reading Gene Project
- Intervene - Duval Partners will meet with representatives from Mass Insight on April 15, 2011. They are a consulting firm with experience in the Intervene school area. Concern was expressed Board members briefly discussed Charter vs. and EMO for the four Intervene schools. The Board will need to meet and make a decision on how to proceed with DOE in the next few weeks.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
 Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
 Ms. Vicki Drake, Technical Manager, Community & Family Engagement
 Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
 Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman
 Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
 Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
 Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
 Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
 Ms. Jill Johnson, Director, Communications

[2. REVIEW STRATEGIC PLAN ON OVERAGE FOR GRADE STUDENTS](#)

Minutes:

This item was not discussed. Board Members will contact staff with questions after reviewing the materials provided. A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 3:28 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman