



## Duval County Public Schools

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April 14, 2009, Board Workshop

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Chairman  
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice-Chairman  
Ms. Nancy Broner  
Ms. Betty Burney  
Ms. Vicki Drake  
Mr. W. C. Gentry  
Mr. Stan Jordan  
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

### [CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes: The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 10:00 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

### [1. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES](#)

Minutes:

An update on recent Board Member Requests was shared with the Board.

Materials for the upcoming FSBA Master Board Training program was discussed. Board members will review the information and it will be finalized prior to the training session.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman  
Ms. Bonnie Susan Cole, Board Secretary

2. BOARD DISCUSSION REGARDING BUDGET

Minutes:

The Superintendent updated the Board on the current budget information. Board Members then discussed their priorities.

Below is a summary of the discussions:

On-Going Issues:

- Look at how we use facilities; maximum use of all schools; geographic proximity of programs; lower transportation costs; grade configuration; round 2 of ACE
- Keep aware of and pursue all Federal stimulus dollars available, as well as grants which become available
- Look at District organization for effectiveness and efficiency; look at Clusters - how they are staffed, funded, etc.
- Look at program effectiveness and what other states are doing
- Look at balance of where we fund Elementary and Pre-K work; look at role of Pre-K - current effectiveness, cost, use of facilities
- Look at Pepsi dollars - use of principle and interest
- For negotiation shade meeting - look at custodial-food service employee conversions; DROP employees; salary and benefits area

General Agreement:

- Address the "budget crisis is over" mentality
- Be mindful of use of one-time dollars
- Be cautious regarding revenue to support House and Senate budgets and final budget
- Prepare for possible mid-year hit and need to have a 5-6% fund balance
- Review use of Capital to Operating dollars - acknowledged differences of opinion on moving too fast or too slow
- General agreement to move forward on technology deployment, but also look at equity issue regarding equipment and resources available at all schools

Specific Priorities: (If additional funding becomes available)

- Elementary Art, Music, PE, Media, Guidance
- Art, Music, PE, Media, Guidance for secondary schools
- Assistant Principals - no agreement on priority placement of this item on the list
- Cabinet add-ons to equalize secondary and elementary schools
- Instructional Coaches - look at District centralized model and delivery method
- After School Program Supplements (includes instructional and athletic)

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member  
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member  
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member  
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member  
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Vice-Chairman  
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member  
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Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 2:12 p.m.

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We Agree on this

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Superintendent

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Chairman