



Duval County Public Schools

April 18, 2014, Committee Meeting

Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Chairman
Ms. Becki Couch, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Jacon Fischer
Ms. Cheryl Grymes
Dr. Constance S. Hall
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez
Mr. Ms. Paula D. Wright
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS COMMITTEE MEETING: All Board Members were present. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Committee Meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. GOVERNANCE](#)

Minutes:

There were no Governance items discussed.

[2. MAY 7, 2013, DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent reviewed the May 7, 2013, Draft Agenda with the Board. Discussion included the following:

- The Superintendent shared information with the Board regarding The Bridge, and how we will operate the program for the coming school year. Schools of the Future will no longer be involved. There is an item on the May 7th Draft Agenda relating to The Bridge - Academics 1. Teach for America will be one of the partners, and only those with 3 years teaching experience will participate at The Bridge. All contracts will be very specific and will contain deliverables. Andrew Post will monitor. The Board requested a breakdown of student data to see if progress has been made to date. They also requested a comparison with similar overage students in other schools, including growth levels for all.
- Academics 3 - Student Progression Plan - Board members questioned the change that allows parents to accept retention recommendation, and if they do not, the child would be promoted against the advice of the teacher, and that it had not previously been discussed with the Board. After discussion, Board members requested that this language be replaced with an appeals process.
- Academics 4 - EMTEC - Vice-Chairman Couch asked if EMTEC was one of the donors for the QZAB. The Superintendent indicated that they were. Vice-Chairman Couch asked if we have received the cash for pledges. The Superintendent shared that we had not. Board Member Wright asked who else had contributed. Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, indicated that Apple had also contributed.
- HRS 5 - HRS Transactions - Vice-Chairman Couch inquired as to how you can have an involuntary transfer from a Charter School to one of our public schools. The Superintendent will provide the Board with that information.
- HRS Minimum Qualifications - Vice-Chairman Couch asked why the experience level for the Dean of Students was less than that of the ISSP teacher. Consensus was to revise the experience level for the Dean of Students and add wording regarding leadership team participation.

Speakers:

Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Chairman
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent
Ms. Connie Hall, Board Member
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Board Member
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
Mr. Jason Fischer, Board Member
Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Board Member
Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief, Legal Services
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Vice-Chairman

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Committee Meeting at 2:22 pm.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman