



Duval County Public Schools

April 19, 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, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 10:58 a.m.

Chairman Gentry indicated that the Superintendent had shared concerns with the proposed actions to be taken on the Intervene Schools and that our Special Meeting to address this issue will need to be postponed until April 21, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. The public will be notified. The reason is that information has come to light that we could lose the SIG grant dollars, along with other concerns, if we proceed with the option of closing and then reopening the four schools.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member

Items To Be Discussed

1. MAY 3, 2011, DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW

Minutes:

Staff reviewed the May 3, 2011, Draft Agenda with the Board. The following points were made:

- Academics 4 - Reading Program Materials - withdraw for further discussion - bring back next month; provide Board with comparative data.
- HRS 1 - Transactions - provide Board with job description for the Principal, School of the Future position; schedule discussion with Board on direct appointments.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
Ms. Vicki R. Reynolds, Chief Human Resource Services Officer
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Ms. Karen Chastain, Deputy General Counsel
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer

2. INTERVENE SCHOOLS

Minutes:

The Chairman provided a brief overview of past actions on this topic and where we are today. The Superintendent had planned to recommend we follow the same plan as adopted by Broward, however, he has since found out that there are major problems with this course of action.

The Superintendent shared that we could lose our SIG grant dollars if we close the schools and then reopen with a new name and number. We would also have the challenge of having to replace at least 50% of the student population at each of the four schools. He is now recommending that we enter into an agreement with Duval Partners to secure an EMO to run the schools, should they not make significant gains in FCAT scores this year.

Discussions included the following:

- Provide Board with information in writing that says we would lose SIG funding.
- Difference between this plan and the plan previously submitted to DOE is that Duval Partners would be an EMO and it will contain a governance piece.
- Vice-Chairman Burney stated for the record that she is not in support of Duval Partners or any group serving as an EMO or Charter coming in and taking over the schools. She feels that by closing the schools and reopening them we could maintain the progress that has started to happen at the four schools.
- Concern expressed over the fact that the Commissioner of Education has not defined "significant progress."
- Board Member Wright would like to get input from the community on this change in direction prior to a vote. The Superintendent will arrange a community meeting for April 20, 2011, at one of the schools.

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Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
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Ms. Karen Chastain, Deputy General Counsel

[3. BUDGET/LEGISLATIVE AGENDA](#)

Minutes:

Discussion included the following items:

- Class size penalty reduction - Superintendent feels there is a 50-50 chance we will get relief in this area.
- Fund balances and how dollars may be used.
- Unfunded mandates update.

Review of List of Recommendations:

- Item 1 - Textbooks - all agreed.
- Item 2 - Pooling resource classes for art/music/pe - all agreed.
- Item 3 - Reduce time for art, music, and pe by 25% - no agreement at this time.
- Item 4 - ESE - provide Board with additional information.
- Item 5 - Virtual classes - no decision on this item.
- Item 6 - Associate Teacher - provide more information.

- Item 7 - Reduce Magnet transportation - no decision at this time.
- Item 8 - Furlough Days - Not in favor of at this time - revisit later.
- Item 9 - Conversion of District custodial staff - provide Board with additional information on what package would be offered before a decision is made.
- Item 10 - District level staff reductions - Superintendent would leave this to each division head to manage - would be those that would have the least impact on the schools and students.
- Item 11 - BSA - no decision at this time.
- Item 12 - Remainder of Magnet Transportation; Item 13 - Four Day week; Item 14 - Staffing Supplements - put middle school sports back on table; no final decision made on these items.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
 Mr. Mike Perrone, Chief Financial Officer
 Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
 Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
 Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman
 Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
 Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
 Dr. Terri Stahlman, Chief Technology Officer
 Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
 Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member

4. READING INITIATIVE

Minutes: This item was not discussed.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 4:15 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman