



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

April 21, 2015, Committee Meeting - Draft Agenda Review - May 5, 2015

Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Chairman
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Becki Couch
Mr. Jason Fischer
Dr. Constance S. Hall
Mr. Scott Shine
Ms. Paula D. Wright
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD : 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 meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[MAY 5, 2015 - DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent reviewed the May 5, 2015, Draft Agenda with the Board. Discussion included the following:

- PARTNERSHIP TO CONTINUE WRAP AROUND SERVICES FOR OVER - AGE STUDENTS - The partnership with the Bridge at middle and high

school levels, Communities In Schools and I'm A Star

- o This contract has come to the Board three years in a row.
- o Test scores go back to the last school the student attended. If the student was not enrolled in the district previously the student test scores are not added to any school's grade.
- o The cost has not increased for this contract from last year.
- o Access to electives at the satellite sites were expanded this year. At least two offerings at each site.
- o The principal at the Bridge is responsible for their own students not the principal of the school where the program is located.
- o There is no wait list for these programs.

Board Members requested the following information concerning contract services at the Bridge, Communities In Schools and I'm A Star.

- o I'm A Star workshops - need the number of parents who attended.
- o The data for each of the sites in the contract. Including diploma versus completion, screening process, how do we fine tune the screening for student success, can they compete and how do we know these programs are making a difference? More details like attendance. Did grades and discipline increase or decrease?
- o Is there a feeder pattern?
- o What are we doing for students that are not in a program?
- o How many overage students do we have in the district? Is it decreasing or increasing?
- o Information on the Gap Analysis. How does it compare with other overage students in the district? What are the benefits and how is it unique?
- o How are we using what we learn at the Bridge?
- o Are mid - year promotions helping?
- o What happens to the students after they are promoted? What is the follow up?

Board Member Paula Wright asked how often reports are received from these organizations? Andrew Post, Assistant Superintendent, Accountability and Assessment, stated we receive reports quarterly. She requested these reports be shared with the Board.

Board Member Becki Couch requested the Superintendent bring items back or send information to the Board when changes are made in an agenda item. Board Members may have made different decisions concerning items if the changes were known ahead of time.

Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, explained the Superintendent can move forward without bringing an item back when the contract itself has not changed.

The Superintendent stated that he sends out a lot of information to the Board and he feels this is more political.

Board Member Wright and Couch expressed their discontent over the Superintendent's comments that the requests for information is a political matter.

- AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH FOLLETT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT TEXTBOOKS - This is an amendment for additional textbooks.
 - We are reusing some textbooks but the problem is they are always changing.
 - Dual enrollment classes have been expanded through Edward Waters College.

Board Member Scott Shine left the meeting at 9:55 a.m. returned at 10:29 a.m.

- RENEWAL OF PERFORMANCE MATTERS ONLINE ASSESSMENT AND DATA ANALYSIS SYSTEM FOR THE 2015-2016
 - Cost is less than last year because there was less professional development linked to this assessment.
 - We are in the second year.
 - Feedback from teachers is given to the company every week concerning any issues.
 - Training can now be provided by district staff. New teachers will be able to receive training days for professional development.

- CONTRACT WITH WILLIAM CHARLTON TO BUILD AN AVIATION CAREER ACADEMY AT RIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL
 - The program will be reestablished at Ribault Middle.
 - Aviation has been identified as one of the merging industries.
 - A grant may be available from J. P. Morgan to tie into the program.

Vice - Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez left the meeting at 10:05 a.m. returned at 10:35 a.m.

Board Member Constance Hall left the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and did not return.

- APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT CALENDARS FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2016-17, 2017-2018, AND 2018-2019
 - The Superintendent recommended the calendar stay the same for the 2015-2016 school year.
 - The committee will look at starting school earlier in the 2016-2017 school year. They will also consider a change in the winter break and weather days.

- APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF FOLLETT SCHOOLS SOLUTIONS NOVELS GRADES 6-8

Board Member Jason Fischer requested a list of novels that were available for the district to choose from.

- APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH HERO - STUDENT BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FOR SCHOOLS
 - Training for this program will be through Dr. Ruby Payne, founder and CEO of the for - profit consulting and publishing company called aha! Process, Inc.

Board Member Constance Hall recommended Board Members view the BlackBoard program and how it can move professional development.

- REAPPROVAL OF COORDINATOR, OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
 - State statute requires the district to have this position to engage our businesses.

Board Member Couch questioned the results of the disparity survey. Has the survey been shared with the Board? Superintendent Vitti will send this information.

- APPROVAL OF NON-BARGAINING UNIT SALARY SCHEDULES AND SALARY INCREASES
 - Superintendent Vitti recommends a 1.3 percent increase to principals, assistant principals and district administrators with the exception of the Superintendent.
 - The value of the increase would be \$537,000 dollars.
- MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO SUPERINTENDENT/SCHOOL BOARD
 - No one is currently in this position and would be for the Board.
- AUDIT PLAN - INTERNAL AUDITING
 - This plan will meet state statute and Board Policy requirements.
- FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE RENEWAL AND EXTENSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND MIDTOWN CENTER, LLC FOR 8,361 SF OF OFFICE SPACE AT 4030 BOULEVARD CENTER DRIVE (MIDTOWN BUILDING 4400) FOR THE ESE PROGRAM
 - The contract is for one year at a time. This is a contract that we

- cannot change.
- o The agreement has been in place since 2004

- APPROVAL OF AN ACCESS AND LAND SWAP OPTION AGREEMENT WITH ELEMENTS DEVELOPMENT OF JACKSONVILLE, LLC FOR EXCHANGE OF LAND AT THE DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING NO.

Karen Chastain explained the change is a reconfiguring of parking and the addition of a parking easement.

Board Member Couch requested a five - year - to - date report on unlocatables. Total cost by school pertaining to technology.

Vice- Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez requested a five - year to date report on number of unlocatables pertaining to technology.

- PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO POLICY 9.64, SCHOOL MENTORS
 - o The Children's Commission does the screening for mentors.

The meeting was recessed from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

BUDGET

Minutes:

The Superintendent reviewed the PowerPoint with the Board. Discussion included the following: The budget information presented today had to be based on the governor's proposed budget to meet timelines. The difference in the Governor's budget and the House Senate budget is 3 to 5 million dollars.

- The Legislature will not have an approved budget available until June.
- Pending issues are to think through options that the Superintendent would present at the district level.
- Continuing to lobby hard on the lowest 300 issue.
- Charter enrollment budget looking at \$10.9 million.
- \$3.6 million was set aside last year to go into next year's budget.
- \$11 million could roll into the 2015-2016 school year.

Vice - Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez requested an accounting of the cabinet add ons. She also requested how many staff members will be

retiring and how many of these positions will be replaced.

Board Member Paula Wright requested a list of schools that have had growth areas by department.

The Superintendent stated we will have a balanced budget if there is no increase in Charter enrollment with a \$3.6 million surplus without including a charter increase. We think we are looking at an additional \$10.9 million increase in Charter enrollment. His recommendation is that we do not make cuts in positions at the school or district level at this time. Use the \$3.6 million which is currently surplus and consider going from 5% to 4% in the reserve.

The next meeting is planned for May 19, 2015 in room 613.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman