



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

April 21, 2017, Special Board Meeting

Ms. Paula D. Wright, Chairman
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Becki Couch
Ms. Cheryl Grymes
Ms. Lori Hershey
Mr. Warren A. Jones
Mr. Scott Shine
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief Officer of Legal Services, was also present.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m.

Topics To Be Discussed

[PUBLIC COMMENT](#)

Minutes: No public comment was given.

[APPROVAL OF APRIL 21, 2017, AGENDA](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the April 21, 2017 as submitted on April 20, 2017. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Rebecca Couch

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Lori Hershey - Aye

Warren Jones - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Rebecca Couch - Aye

[PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: APPROVAL OF POLICY 7.41 ER, AUTHORITY TO SIGN CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING](#)

Attachment: [Policy 7 41 ER.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Grymes requested an explanation of each agenda item. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, stated the first item takes the current Board Policy 7.41, and incorporates what the Board would have discussed at the May 8, 2017, Regular Board Meeting. The purpose of the emergency rule is to reduce the threshold to \$50,000 and require that the quarterly reports provided to the Board include summative financial information year-to-date. The emergency rule is valid for 90 days or unless a permanent rule is adopted.

Board Member Couch requested Board Policy 7.41 be brought back to the next Policy Handbook Subcommittee for further discussion.

Karen Chastain indicated that if this item is passed it will not affect current contracts.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board

conduct a public hearing and adopt an emergency rule, Policy 7.41 ER, Authority - PASS to Sign Contracts, Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding.

Vote Results

Motion: Lori Hershey

Second: Warren Jones

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| Rebecca Couch | - Aye |
| Cheryl Grymes | - Aye |
| Lori Hershey | - Aye |
| Warren Jones | - Aye |
| Ashley Juarez | - Aye |
| Scott Shine | - Aye |
| Paula Wright | - Aye |

[PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: APPROVAL OF POLICY 7.78 ER, SELECTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES](#)

Attachment: [Policy 7 78 ER.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Shine voiced concern for maintenance and infrastructure contracts. He recommended amending the agenda item to exclude maintenance. Karen Chastain stated work orders work more like a purchase order not a contract. During the summer is when we get school ready for the next school year. Options to consider would be to increase the threshold. This item is also on the May 8, 2017, agenda. What is being proposed is an emergency rule to set forth criteria for "continuing contracts" approved by the Board. If this is approved the Board may need to meet more often to approve contracts.

Board Member Shine recommended this item be sent back to the Policy Handbook Subcommittee.

Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez suggested language be inserted to give authority to the Chair that would not impede the operations of the schools. The Board agreed to have Karen Chastain and Chairman Wright work together on contracts that would affect the operations of the schools.

Board Member Couch recommended Board Policy 7.78 be discussed further at the next Policy Handbook Review Subcommittee Meeting.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt an emergency rule, Policy 7.78 ER, Selecting Professional Services, as amended. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Ashley Juarez

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| Rebecca Couch | - Aye |
| Cheryl Grymes | - Aye |
| Lori Hershey | - Aye |
| Warren Jones | - Aye |
| Ashley Juarez | - Aye |
| Scott Shine | - Aye |
| Paula Wright | - Aye |

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board move to amend Policy 7.78 by inserting the wording, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board Chairman, upon form approval by legal counsel, may authorize the execution of such letters of activation, work orders or contracts exceeding \$50,000 for necessary repairs and maintenance of district facilities. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Ashley Juarez

Second: Lori Hershey

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| Rebecca Couch | - Aye |
| Cheryl Grymes | - Aye |
| Lori Hershey | - Aye |

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| Warren Jones | - Aye |
| Ashley Juarez | - Aye |
| Scott Shine | - Aye |
| Paula Wright | - Aye |

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: APPROVAL OF POLICY 6.90 ER, COMPENSATION

Attachment: [Policy 6 90 ER.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, provided an overview of this item. The proposed change for Board Policy 6.90 is in "II" and is in the last sentence which states that the Superintendent or his/her designee shall provide to the School Board written monthly reports identifying and describing all collective bargaining memorandum of understanding including a summative financial report year-to-date.

Board Member Couch recommended Board Policy 6.90 be discussed further at the next Policy Handbook Review Subcommittee Meeting so that staff can be included in this conversation.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt an emergency rule, Policy 6.90 ER, Compensation. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Ashley Juarez

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| Rebecca Couch | - Aye |
| Cheryl Grymes | - Aye |
| Lori Hershey | - Aye |
| Warren Jones | - Aye |
| Ashley Juarez | - Aye |
| Scott Shine | - Aye |
| Paula Wright | - Aye |

ADMINISTRATION PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS

Minutes:

The Chairman voiced her appreciation for staff and everybody's roles. When we are focused and unified we become better. She has met with the Superintendent and he stated he will work to secure a contract as soon as possible. The Superintendent is willing to work on any process we decide. There are no dates at this point for the move because he does not know. He will keep in touch with her concerning his move to Detroit.

Board Member Shine believes Jacksonville is Dr. Vitts home and the reason he wants to leave is because he has not been supported by the Board in the way he should be supported. He feels the Board could change this situation if we, as a united Board, said we want him to stay. This move is not good for children or teachers. This is not just about Dr. Vitti wanting to go home it's about his relationship with this Board. He feels, if asked, Dr. Vitti would remain with Duval County Public Schools.

The Chair stated she received a note from the Superintendent where he indicated how appreciative he was of the environment here. As of April 21, 2017, we must focus on teachers and staff.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

CSM

Superintendent

Chairman