



Duval County Public Schools

August 23, 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

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 10:15 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. BOARD - SUPERINTENDENT GOVERNANCE](#)

Minutes:

The following items were discussed.

- The Chairman commented on the first day of school and how successful it was, mentioning the school visits by Board members, the Superintendent and Mayor, and staff. The Read It Forward event was a success and there was a press conference in the afternoon where Wal-Mart on Normandy Boulevard donated 10 pallets of school supplies to the area schools.
- The Superintendent provided the Board with his targets on the Strategic Plan. This information will be used for his annual evaluation. The following points were made during this discussion.
 - Sync community expectations for our schools with our Strategic Plan. In addition, there is a baseline, but we need to see targets - graduate rate was used as an example.
 - Review Board's concern over the lime green in Strategic Plan. Majority seems to favor red, yellow, and green only.
 - For the Strategic Plan - go back three years and show progress made in all areas.
 - Presentation on Strategic Plan scheduled for September 15, 2011, Workshop. Look at comparisons with Spring Branch, Texas, and Aldine, Texas.
 - Provide Strategic Plan End of Year Data Dashboard data broken down by Board Member District.
- The Superintendent distributed information to the Board regarding proposed school consolidations. A copy of the handout is attached to the Minutes. It was recommended that two of the scenarios be addressed at this time, one involving John Love, R. L. Brown, and Long Branch; and, one with Arlington ES, Woodland Acres, Arlington Heights, and Justina Road. The Board requested that staff bring back recommendations on which schools to close, what will happen to the school once closed, economics, investment in remaining schools, what happens with any special programs in the school to be closed, how did you decide which school or schools, how will we assist schools receiving students academically. After this information is provided at a Workshop then it would go to the community via the ACE process.
- The Superintendent provided the Board with updated organizational charts for his staff and the Intervene Schools.
- An update was provided on preparations should Hurricane Irene come to Jacksonville.
- Staff will provide the Board with an update on school traffic flow. There have been some issues this week, especially with the Magnet schools which lost transportation services.
- Board Member Wright requested that we provide the Board with information on what services we are and are not required to provide to Charter schools. This will be added to an upcoming Board Workshop.
- Board Vice-Chairman Burney requested that staff provide the Board with a report on who cars are now assigned to; who cars were taken away from; possibility of smaller cars. Staff will also look into additional compensation above mileage limit that can be provided for using personal cars. The concern was raised due to Cluster Chiefs and Executive Directors losing their cars.
- Board Member Couch asked if we have a timeline policy for notifying teachers at the last minute when they are being moved. The concern is with those teachers moved a couple of days before school started at the Intervene schools.

- Chairman Gentry asked that Karen Chastain, Deputy General Counsel, provide the Board with an update on the Board Salary reduction statute which expired this past July 2011. She will check with a tax lawyer on the consequences of accepting less than the salary set by the Statute. She will also look at the possibility of amending our current policy to enable Board members to set their own salary, not to exceed that in Statutes.
- Chairman Gentry requested that Karen Chastain, Deputy General Counsel, provide the Board with an update on the Class Size Lawsuit. The matter is still a conversation with other Districts at this point and there was no progress to report at this time.
- Board Member Hazouri asked if we had a final decision on the Title I penalty. The Superintendent shared that it looked to be between \$1 million and \$3 million at this time, but would inform the Board as soon as the final figure is received.
- The Superintendent will provide the Board with updated Opportunity Scholarship data after the end of the first week of school.
- The Superintendent shared that there are additional requirements for community meetings for the Intervene Schools. Staff will be coordinating these meetings with the Board Members calendars.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
 Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
 Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
 Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
 Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman
 Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
 Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
 Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
 Ms. Karen Chastain, Deputy General Counsel

[2. SEPTEMBER 6, 2011, DRAFT AGENDA](#)

Minutes:

Staff reviewed the September 6, 2011, Draft Agenda with the Board.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
 Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
 Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief Academic Officer
 Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
 Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
 Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman
 Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
 Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member

Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
Mr. Walter Carr, Director, Human Resource Services
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Karen Chastain, Deputy General Counsel

3. HIGH SCHOOL ACCELERATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Minutes:

Dr. Carolyn Girardeau provided the Board with an update on High School Acceleration Programs. A copy of her presentation is attached to the Minutes.

It was requested that staff provide the Board with talking points regarding these programs and the career academy programs in each District.

Speakers:

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Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
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Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
Ms. Karen Chastain, Deputy General Counsel

4. CAREER ACADEMIES

Minutes:

Ms. Chris Force, Career Academies, made a presentation to the Board. A copy of her presentation is attached to the Minutes.

Board Member Hazouri suggested that we add funding and certifications concerns to our Legislative agenda for the upcoming session. The Board also requested that staff provide them with a prioritized list of needs and wants and they would take this list to the business community for assistance.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Chris Force, Career Academies
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
Ms. Karen Chastain, Deputy General Counsel

5. SCHULTZ CENTER CONTRACT EXTENSION/TEACHER INCENTIVE FUND

Minutes:

Chairman Gentry provided some background information on this issue. It involved the Board Internal Auditor's review of the agenda item from the August 2, 2011, Board Meeting regarding this matter. Ms. Sonita Young, Director of Policy and Compliance provided a brief explanation of the agenda item and that the services provided would be separate and apart from the annual contract with the Schultz Center. Ms. Young indicated that the program manager for the annual contract would be Susan Legutko and the program manager for the TIF grant would be Vicki Reynolds.

Board Vice-Chairman Burney asked Ms. Michelle Begley, Board Internal Auditor, to speak. Ms. Begley indicated the main reason she sent her questions to Ms. Reynolds was that there is a process for reviewing invoices and the concern that there should be collaboration between program managers. The two programs are similar and work with related programs, and collaboration can help make sure that there are no accidental duplicate billings.

Board Member Couch asked who would make sure this happened. Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent, indicated that Ms. Reynolds and Ms. Legutko would coordinate.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
Ms. Sonita Young, Policy and Compliance
Ms. Michelle Begley, Board Internal Auditor
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 4:24 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman