



## Duval County Public Schools

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August 14, 2012, Special Board Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present, with the exception of Ms. Martha Barrett. Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER - SPECIAL MEETING](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman called the Special Board Meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

[APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 14, 2012, AGENDA](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Wright expressed concern regarding the Ready For Tomorrow contract being withdrawn from the agenda. She has had an opportunity to see how successful this program has been for the students in her district. Their report also shows data on progress made with individual students, so it is evident that their program is helping the students. Board Member Gentry would also like to see this item come back before the Board at a future date, stating that it is detrimental to students if qualified and

highly capable vendors withdraw because of comments by a few individuals. The Superintendent shared that the item was withdrawn at the request of the vendor, and that he would have further discussions with this vendor, as well as others who would be able to provide the same level of services.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman  
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member  
Mr. Ed Pratt Dannals, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the August 14, 2012, Agenda, with the following change:

1. Academic Services - Item 2 - Page 8 - PASS  
- Ready for Tomorrow Contract -  
Item Withdrawn

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Thomas Hazouri

Martha Barrett	- Not Present
Betty Burney	- Abstain
Rebecca Couch	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Academics

[1. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH EDUCATIONAL DIRECTIONS, LLC](#)

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges Educational Directions 8 7 12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Educational Directions-GENERAL PRICING MATRIX-DeSensi.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Wright expressed concern on what this contract will actually cost the district, and requested that this information be provided to the Board. Last year they were paid \$1.8 million dollars, and that did not include other services which the district provided, such as additional staff, etc. She was also concerned that the Board did not receive information on last year's progress in a timely manner from the vendor and from our staff, and, that there was not a clear plan for the coming year from the Superintendent.

Board Member Hazouri indicated that a staff report was available earlier, however, he understood it was edited because of some very critical statements that had been made. He does not believe that the schools would have moved these schools without Educational Directions this year and believes we need one more year with the firm. He also expressed concern that a contract needs to be in place prior to the start of school on August 20, 2012.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve the purchase of educational services in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 from Educational Directions, LLC.

2. That the Duval County School Board authorize the Board Chairman and Superintendent to affix their signatures to the agreement, and authorize any technical modifications to the agreement, upon form approval by the Office of General Counsel. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: William Gentry

Second: Rebecca Couch

Martha Barrett	- Not Present
Betty Burney	- Aye
Rebecca Couch	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Nay

~~2. READY FOR TOMORROW CONTRACT - WITHDRAWN~~

~~Attachment: Benefits and Challenges Ready for Tomorrow 8-7-12.pdf~~

Adjournment

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Special Board Meeting at 3:36 p.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman