



Duval County Public Schools

December 10, 2013, Board Workshop

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS WORKSHOP OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present, with the exception of Mr. Jason Fischer, who was out of town. 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 Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 9:10 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. JANUARY 7, 2014, DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent reviewed the January 7, 2014, Draft Agenda with the Board. Discussion included the following:

- The agreement with Renaissance Charter School has been completed and an agenda item will be added to the January 7, 2014, agenda.
- The EMTEC agreement has also been finalized, and that agenda item will be updated.
- Academics Item 1 - Bullying Policy - look at updating Conduct Code to address cyber bullying.
- Academics Item 2 - Learning For Life - look at changing wording in agreement that talks about school board liaison. It should say that there is a staff lead for the grant.
- Academics Item 3 - Student Progression Plan - Superintendent will provide the Board with data on student test scores for K-1 students using bubble sheets vs circling an answer.
- Academics Item 4 - School Improvement Plans - why is there not an academic component in the plans for student achievement; the Superintendent will provide a hard copy of information for the Board office and also add information to the SharePoint page.
- Administration & Business Services - Item 10 - Class Size Compliance - the Superintendent will e-mail backup information to the Board.

Speakers:

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2. GOVERNANCE

Minutes:

The following topics were discussed:

- Forrest High School Town Hall Meeting - December 10, 2013 - after discussion, the format will be as follows:
 - Board Member Hall will welcome everyone and introduce the platform guests.
 - The Board members table will be set up on the floor in front of the stage, and the first row will be kept clear.
 - Chairman Couch will explain the process and the procedure to be used for speakers.
 - Superintendent Vitti will make a brief presentation on the policy for renaming schools; explain the process to date; general costs involved in changing a school name; mascot and colors for the school; and, process for

a new name if that is the outcome of the community input.

- JEA - A brief discussion was held regarding the possible funding the school system is entitled to from JEA. It was decided that the Superintendent would provide the Board with a list of funding currently provided by the City to the school system, and will include pass-through items also. The Chairman will then reach out to Council President Gulliford for a meeting to further discuss this matter.
- Board Member Juarez would like to see us discuss a possible MOU with Chartwells to set up school gardens and healthy eating. Board Member Wright suggested they also look at the garden that Butler has set up.
- Chairman Couch shared that she was meeting with the Superintendent today to discuss the Oversight Calendar.

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Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 11:30 a.m.

BSC

We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman