



Duval County Public Schools

February 21, 2012, Board Audit Committee 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 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent, was also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Audit Committee meeting to order at 1:19 p.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Michelle Begley, Board Auditor, provided the Board with an update on her research into the Schools For The Future issues. Areas discussed included the following:

- Laptops were distributed before they were supposed to be. They are now secure and controls are in place.
- Read 180 - Board Member Paula Wright and Board Auditor Michelle Begley, visited the school recently. They observed one classroom for Read 180. The Superintendent indicated that the Read 180 license was one that was not being utilized by another school, and that no license was taken from a school and given to Schools For The Future.
- Financial audit findings to date were distributed. A copy is attached to the Minutes.
- Staff shared that Ephram Weinstein was now making monthly visits to the school.
- How the FTE funding is provided was discussed.
- The increase in budget was discussed. Some of the reasons for the increase included costs which The Bridge incurred by having to purchase a bus and provide kitchen equipment. The Bridge conducted private fund raisers to cover these expenditures.
- There are currently 88 students enrolled in the program.
- The mid-year FAIR results were discussed. It appears that the majority of students are below the 39th percentile. There was discussion on the number of students tested. The report indicates that 62 students were tested, however, Research and Evaluation records show 76 were tested. Board members asked staff what would be done to move the students to the next level.
- The curriculum provided was discussed. Schools For The Future provided a curriculum, however, staff had concerns with the curriculum and discussed this with the organization. Staff indicated that they were supposed to use Diplomas Plus, however, a different curriculum was used.
- Budget items discussed included principal's stipend, bus tokens, bus services, one-time item needs, and, operating budget.
- The board requested a list of schools that the Read 180 licenses came from; a breakdown of what each group has spent on the program; a copy of the curriculum they were supposed to use; an explanation of what happened to the students and where they went; printed deliverables with milestones, due dates, etc.; and, a copy of the contract.
- After all information is received by the Board, a meeting with all parties will be held to discuss the concerns.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman
 Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
 Ms. Michelle Begley, Board Auditor
 Ms. Dana Kriznar, Director, Alternative Education
 Dr. Terri Stahlman, Chief Technology Officer
 Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
 Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
 Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
 Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Vice-Chairman
 Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
 Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Audit Committee Meeting at 2:44 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman