



Duval County Public Schools

February 17, 2009, Board Workshop

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Chairman
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Nancy Broner
Ms. Betty Burney
Ms. Vicki Drake
Mr. W. C. Gentry
Mr. Stan Jordan
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS WORKSHOP OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present with the exception of Mr. W. C. Gentry, who was out of town. Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent, was also present.

Call Meeting To Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes: The Chariman called the Board Workshop to order at 10:00 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES](#)

Minutes:

Updates on Recent Conferences, Meetings, etc.:

There were no Conference or Meeting updates from Board Members for this Workshop.

Updates on Recent BMR's:

An update on Board Member requests was provided to the Board.

Housekeeping Issues:

Travel for the Board Internal Auditor was discussed. It was decided that it did not require an agenda item and that the Chairman would approve travel requests. Board Member Broner will work on an update to the existing Board Policy to formalize this process.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Ms. Bonnie Susan Cole, Board Secretary
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member

2. WORKSHOP & BOARD MEETING PROTOCOL

Minutes:

Board Member Broner is researching this issue with the help of staff. Since Board Member Gentry could not attend today's Workshop, it was decided to postpone this discussion until a later date. Board Members present did indicate that they should not engage speakers during the public comments portion of the regular Board meetings, and that they should thank the public for coming to the meetings. There will be further discussion on this and other items relating to Board Workshops and Meetings at a future Workshop.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member

3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Minutes:

Mr. Martin Miller, our Legislative Consultant, provided the Board with an update on the February 23, 2009, Education Workshop being conducted by the Duval Legislative Delegation. It will be held at the Schultz Center from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Senator Steve Wise, and Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals, will make presentations. Ms. Pam Paul with the Community Foundation may also make comments. The purpose of this Workshop is to help the five freshman House members become familiar with education related issues.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. Martin Miller, Legislative Consultant
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Mr. Mike Perrone, Budget Director
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer

[4. REVIEW OF MARCH 3, 2009, DRAFT AGENDA](#)

Minutes:

Before we addressed this issue, Board Member Jordan shared with the Board a letter he writes on behalf of the Board to the family of deceased Military veterans. He is doing this as part of his duties of being Military Liaison for the Board.

Staff reviewed the March 3, 2009, Draft Agenda with the Board.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Amy Lingren, Cluster Chief, Cluster I
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent
Ms. Kathy Leroy, Chief Academic Officer
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Human Resource Services Officer
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Vice-Chairman
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Mr. Mike Perrone, Budget Director
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Terri Stahlman, Chief Technology Officer
Mr. Andy Eckert, Director, Facilities

Mr. Paul Soares, Chief of Operations

5. 6TH GRADE CONFIGURATION DISCUSSION

Minutes:

The Board discussed the 6th Grade configuration topic. Ms. Kathy Leroy, Chief Academic Officer, made a brief presentation to the Board. Board members made the following points:

The following points were made in favor of looking further into the issue: empty seats in the elementary schools; reduction in busing; discipline issues.

The following concerns were expressed: would have to limit to schools where space was available and that would lead to inequity; need to look at the Stipulation and Agreement; no access to higher learning materials or athletic facilities; impact on middle schools; discipline is a transitional grade issue and not a 6th grade issue; we have not fully implemented the K-8 concept and need to see how this works before we try another model.

The consensus was to not pursue this issue at this time.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Kathy Leroy, Chief Academic Officer
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member

6. CAPITAL PLAN AND ACE 2.0

Minutes:

Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer, along with his staff, made a brief presentation on the Capital Plan and ACE 2.0.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Andy Eckert, Director, Facilities
Mr. Ron Faqan, Director, Operations

Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member

7. LOCAL REVENUE PROSPECTS REPORT

Minutes:

The Board discussed local revenue prospects and it was decided to go forward with a Resolution requesting the Mayor and JEA address the fairness issue of those dollars which should be coming to the school system. The Superintendent is pursuing a meeting with Mayor Peyton and Mr. Jim Dickinson of JEA. An agenda item will be prepared for the March 3, 2009, Board Meeting.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Steve Bright, Director, Business Services
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 4:11 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman