



Duval County Public Schools

February 22, 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 10:28 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. BUDGET 2011-2012](#)

Minutes:

Staff reviewed budget recommendations for the 2011-2012 school year. The Functional and Financial review was discussed by the Superintendent and the Chief

Financial Officer reviewed the budget forecast for the coming year. Documents related to the presentations are attached to the Minutes.

Areas discussed included the following.

- Look into corporate sponsors for televising Board Meetings, Real School, and School Matters.
- Conversion of the district's custodial staff was discussed. Board Vice-Chairman Burney again reminded everyone of a commitment made to these employees by a previous Board that they would be converted only if they chose to leave our employment or retire and go to work for the contracted company.
- Provide list to Board of those employees who take home vehicles.
- Provide Board with information on what impact reducing ESE transportation funds would have on students.
- Look into outside funding for the Marine Science Center.
- Provide Board with copy of staffing plan for the future years.
- Provide Board with carry forward amounts for each department and each school.
- When listing positions to be cut, include the name and not just the title.
- Provide Board with information on what cost savings would be realized for 4 day school weeks with longer days; elimination of all sports; and, consolidation of schools.
- Look into why we are hiring people at the same time we are discussing furloughs for employees.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Mr. Mike Perrone, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Human Resource Services Officer
Mr. Phil Mobley, Director, Operations
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
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[2. BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT GOVERNANCE TEAM](#)

Minutes:

This item was not discussed.

[3. CONSOLIDATION FEASIBILITY/SCENARIOS](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer, made a presentation to the Board on consolidation feasibility/scenarios. The Superintendent indicated that they would use the ACE process for this and make recommendations to the Board in the Fall of 2012. Points discussed included the following.

- Look at K-6 elementary schools - look at overall implications.
- Provide Board with information on 6th grade students who are overage for grade.

After discussion it was agreed to go forward with community engagement via the ACE process.

Speakers:

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Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member

4. ERS UPDATE

Minutes:

The Superintendent gave a lead in to the ERS update. Mr. Jonathan Travers, ERS, made the presentation to the Board. Comments made included the following.

- It would have been good information if they had compared Duval to other Districts in Florida and not just Districts outside of the State.
- Provide Board with a list of Teach For America teachers and where they came from.
- Concern was expressed with the large number of novice teachers in our turnaround and Title I schools.
- Need to ensure that the Teach For America teachers do not receive preferential treatment as they do in some schools now.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Mr. Jonathan Travers, ERS

Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member

5. INTERVENE SCHOOLS

Minutes:

This item was not discussed.

Adjournment

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The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 3:09 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman