



Duval County Public Schools

January 17, 2014, 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 Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, who participated by phone. 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 10:32 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PRIORITY SCHOOLS UPDATE](#)

Minutes:

As part of the Management Oversight reporting, the Superintendent provided the Board with a presentation on the following areas:

- Strategic Plan update
- Budget update

A copy of the presentation is attached to the Minutes. Discussion included the following:

- All documents will be changed to reflect the new Florida Standards.
- Chairman Couch will appoint a Committee to review the Policy Handbook.
- Developing Master Teachers - will consider offering this fellowship to students.
- Look at offering Cabinet Fellowship Summer Program to all teachers and not just Teach for America teachers.
- The Superintendent and staff have met with DTU President Brady and has reached an agreement on standards.
- Consider hiring retired principals and administrators to work with District as mentors and provide feedback.
- Look at client surveys for customer satisfaction feedback.
- Last year it was difficult for mentors to get into the schools - work at having Principals be more receptive.
- Consider ways to expedite the volunteer approval process.
- Provide Board with surveys for input before they are distributed - this is connected to the Superintendent's evaluation - make sure they are aligned with the evaluation.
- What is being done to support teachers and coaches, and what have we done to help move them along?
- Board Member Wright made the following BMR request - What are we doing if weaknesses are identified of Principals? Mid-year - what was done to support the Principals? What is the length of time given for change?
- Board Member Wright made a BMR request regarding Title I vs. Non-Title I - Title I receives more funding from the State. How are we using these dollars, and are they being placed in resources; to provide devices; or in support of staff for smaller one on one sessions; tutoring use for direct impact on performance of students; etc.? How much is received and how are those dollars used?

Speakers:

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[2. SCHOOL NAMING POLICY](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, reviewed Policy 8.59 - Naming or Renaming Schools or School Facilities, with the Board. A copy of the policy and proposed change is attached to the Minutes. Discussion included the following:

- The Board will review the policy and provide Ms. Chastain with feedback.
- Follow the ACE process.
- Memorabilia should be preserved at Forrest and other schools which have a name change. The Superintendent indicated that there had been no directly on his or anyone else's part to throw out or remove these items from the school. Any materials that the Principal did not see a need to keep would be sent to Bulls Bay for storage or auction. Consideration will be given to a policy regarding memorabilia.

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Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 3:46 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman