



Duval County Public Schools

January 22, 2008, Board Audit Committee Meeting

Ms. Betty Burney, Chairman
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Kris Barnes
Ms. Martha Barrett
Ms. Nancy Broner
Ms. Vicki Drake
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING: All Board Members were present. Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools, was also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Audit Committee Meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. ORGANIZATION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman distributed samples of guidelines and Charters used by other school Districts and asked that the Board review the information and be prepared to address this issue at the February 12, 2008, Audit Committee Meeting.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Vice-Chairman

2. REVIEW AUDIT FINDINGS

Minutes:

Staff reviewed the Auditor General's Audit Findings for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2007, with the Board. Audit Findings 1 - 15 were discussed. Audit Findings 16 - 20 and Federal Awards Findings 1 - 9 will be discussed at the February 12, 2008, Board Audit Committee Meeting. A copy of the follow up requests is attached to the Minutes.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Chairman
Mr. Steve Bright, Executive Director, Business Services
Ms. Thresa Giles, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Kris Barnes, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer

3. REVIEW INTERNAL AUDITOR RESUMES

Minutes:

The Board requested that staff re-advertise this position and come back with updated information at the February 12, 2008, Board Audit Committee Meeting.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman
Ms. Kris Barnes, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Human Resource Services Officer

4. ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE (ACE) PLAN UPDATE

Minutes:

Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer, provided the Board with an update on the Academic and Community Excellence (ACE) Plan. A copy of the update is attached to the Minutes. The Board and staff discussed concerns regarding communicating with parents regarding all of the upcoming changes. The Superintendent will look into the possibility of postponing certain actions for the February 5, 2008, Board Meeting, and staff will investigate alternative means to make sure parents are informed of all upcoming changes; i.e., phone calls, letters to their homes, etc.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Kris Barnes, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri

5. HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

Minutes:

The following housekeeping items were discussed:

Workshop dates - It was decided that the Board would have one regular Workshop the 2nd Tuesday of the Month from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and one Agenda Review Workshop on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Workshops previously scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of the Month from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. will be removed from the calendar.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Bonnie Susan Cole, Board Secretary

Cell Phones - Information regarding how the City, JEA, and General Counsel are handling the cell phone issue was distributed. The Superintendent will look at our current process and policies regarding supplements to see if they should be revised.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman
Ms. Bonnie Susan Cole, Board Secretary
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

Workshop - Superintendent's Contract - It was decided to meet on January 31, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., to Workshop the Superintendent's Contract.

Board Office Staff - Board Vice-Chairman Hazouri raised the issue of the reporting process for the Board Office staff. Board members discussed the possibility of the Board supervising, providing direction to, and being involved in the evaluations of the Board Office staff. The Superintendent will ask staff to bring information to the February 12, 2008, Board Audit Committee meeting regarding this request.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Vice-Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Kris Barnes, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member

Broad Sustainability - Board Chairman Burney indicated that we have some deliverables for our Broad Sustainability and that this should be placed on a future Workshop.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Audit Committee Meeting at 1:10 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman