



Duval County Public Schools

January 27, 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 2:06 p.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. INTERVENE SCHOOLS](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent provided the Board with an update on the Intervene Schools and the plan which will be submitted to the Commissioner of Education and the State Board

of Education. A copy of the material is attached to the Minutes.

The Superintendent shared that the Commissioner was impressed with our plan, however, structure alone nor governance alone will not change a school. He believes that it is the teaching that will make a difference and would like to know what will be different with the instructional approach, the principalship, and governance of the schools involved. Commissioner Eric Smith did indicate that he would work with us, however, the plan will have to look similar to an EMO or Charter School for him to be able to present it to the State Board on February 15, 2011.

Items discussed included the following.

- How can we maintain control and at the same time have a group that has authority for instruction?
- If we require a group with a 501 3C that would eliminate most of the community.
- Options outlined in Statutes.
- Setting up an outside organization ourselves.
- Select a governance board to oversee schools and have stringent guidelines.
- Closing schools is not an option.
- Hold a public hearing next week to obtain input from the community. Date set for Monday, January 31, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. Superintendent will ask Commissioner Eric Smith to call in for a discussion with the Board at that time. The Board will also have a Workshop prior to public hearing on the same date at 3:00 p.m.
- Currently no Charter Schools or EMO's with a proven track record in this area.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 5:01 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman