



## Duval County Public Schools

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July 13, 2010, Board Workshop

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

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

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 9:04 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT GOVERNANCE TEAM](#)

Minutes:

The following topics were discussed:

- CRSS Sustainability Workshop - Nancy Broner - Board needs to have a 2 hour block to work on policies, etc., to be ready for our CRSS Sustainability visit scheduled for August 16, 2010. It was agreed that since time was short, all groups would e-mail their drafts to Bonnie Cole, Board Secretary. She will share the information with the entire CRSS team and we will discuss them at the August 10, 2010, Board Workshop. Ms. Broner brought up the topic of the
- FCAT Press conference - All agreed that the FCAT press conference was excellent. Betty Burney would have liked to see more press coverage of this issue. Per the Superintendent, Commissioner Smith indicated they were looking into the matter. We have requested copies of the written report on the scores they reviewed. Other school Districts are now looking at adding their voices to the concerns expressed.
- Community Involvement - Martha Barrett asked that the Board be part of the community outreach efforts. Ms. Barrett indicated that the Community Involvement office has not asked her, or the other Board members, to her knowledge, to help in this critical area.
- Student Progress - Brenda Priestly Jackson feels that our discussions on student progress have not been structured. We need to decide what the students in Duval County need in order to progress.
- Ribault MS & Northwestern MS - The Chairman will submit a written request to have Ribault MS and Northwestern MS removed from the Northwest quadrant discussions. The community needs more time before we proceed with these two schools. The Chairman had originally requested that these school be involved in the discussions, and while Ribault MS is ready, the Northwestern MS community is requesting additional time.
- Candidate Forums - Nancy Broner shared a questionnaire distributed by JPEF regarding their upcoming series of candidate forums. JPEF had previously requested they be allowed to use our school facilities to conduct the forums. Board members reviewed the document and agreed to discuss it further later in the Workshop. Those involved in preparing the questionnaire are: JPEF, Tiger Academy, Teach for America, KIPP, and the Community Foundation.

During the later discussions, Board members felt that the questionnaire was misleading and requested that the Superintendent send a letter or e-mail to the candidates to let them know that the school system was not involved. Board members also requested that the Superintendent have staff review the Building Utilization policy to see if this is a conflict. Trey Czar, JPEF, also agreed to send an e-mail to the candidates to clarify the questionnaire. He will also look into using other facilities for the forums.

## [2. ACADEMIC RESULTS/READING](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent distributed information to the Board regarding the proposed Aligned Instructional System. The section discussed was the Cluster reorganization. The discussions will continue on the remainder of the information at the July 20, 2010,

Board Workshop. Below are some of the comments and requests regarding the Cluster reorganization.

- Look at the word "cluster" to see if there may be a more appropriate term.
- What criteria was used in selecting the Chief of High School Education and how does it relate to the program already in place?
- How did we select the Elementary Chief?
- What are we doing different, other than shuffling staff?
- Requested further discussions on when we move a school into the Turnaround area and how we move them out of that area.
- Provide Board with chart showing how the Cluster Chiefs and their Executive Directors schools have progressed.
- Concern was expressed over having the Elementary schools combined into one group.
- Concern expressed that we were not making any real changes - only shifting staff.
- Need more staff in Turnaround cluster.
- Need to share best practices with all schools and not just the Turnaround schools.

### 3. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

Minutes:

This item will be discussed at a future Workshop.

Adjournment

### ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 12:51 p.m.

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We Agree on this

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Superintendent

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Chairman