



# Duval County Public Schools

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July 15, 2008, Board Workshop

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 WORKSHOP OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present with the exception of Vicki Drake, who was out of town. 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 10:04 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. COMPENSATION STUDY](#)

Minutes:

The following members of the Compensation Study Oversight Task Force formed by the Alliance for World Class Education presented the Study results to the Board. A

copy of the Study is attached to the Minutes.

- Mr. Preston Haskell
- Ms. Gloria Chandler
- Mr. Ron Floyd

Speakers:

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

## 2. ALLIANCE UPDATE

Minutes:

Mr. Preston Haskell, Chairman of the Alliance for World Class Education Board of Directors, spoke to the Board regarding the history of the Alliance and the upcoming realignment of that organization. Mr. Gary Chartrand along with Ms. Nina Waters of the Community Foundation, formed a research committee to look at LEF (Local Education Funds) around the country, and have approached the Alliance with offers of support. They recently shifted their strategy and want to bring in a higher level of LEF and large contributors to Jacksonville. The results is that the Alliance will have a new name, a new Board of Directors, new staff, and will change their bylaws. They want to address education policy at a higher level and programs such as Teach for America and KIPP were specifically mentioned. The new group currently has commitments of over \$400,000 for the next five years from Gary Chartrand, John Baker, and Wayne Weaver. A seven member steering committee is currently meeting to plan the phase out of the Alliance and select a new Board. Those on the steering committee are: Gary Chartrand, Cindy Edelman, Delores Weaver, John Baker, Bruce Bower, Preston Haskell, and Peter Rummell. They plan on having the new group in place by October 2008.

The Board asked various questions and expressed concerns regarding the following:

- Role clarity and how this new organization will function with the Duval County School Board
- School Board Members were not aware of this change until a recent Times-Union article
- No diversity on the steering committee
- Diversity on the new Board of Directors
- How is the Community Foundation involved
- Impact on upcoming Accreditation visit - which Board will meet with group on October 5, 2008

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman  
Mr. Preston Haskell, Chairman, Alliance Board of Directors  
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member  
Ms. Kris Barnes, Board Member  
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member  
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
Dr. Alvin White, Chief of Staff

### 3. AUGUST 5, 2008 - DRAFT AGENDA

Minutes:

Staff reviewed the August 5, 2008, Draft Agenda with the Board.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
Ms. Kris Barnes, Board Member  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Vice-Chairman  
Ms. Bonnie Susan Cole, Board Secretary  
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member  
Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant General Counsel  
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member  
Mr. Walter Carr, Director, Human Resource Services  
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer  
Mr. Paul Soares, Chief, Operations Support  
Dr. Sally Hague, Director, School Choice  
Ms. Karen Kuhlman, Director, Real Estate  
Mr. Terrence Wright, Director, Purchasing  
Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief Officer, Academic Services

### 4. TENTATIVE BUDGET - 2008-2009-TALKING POINTS

Minutes: Talking points for the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget were distributed. They will be discussed at an upcoming Workshop.

### 5. HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP OPTIONS

Minutes:

Opportunity Scholarship options for the coming school year for those students attending a double F school were discussed. Those schools are Raines High School, Andrew Jackson High School, and Forrest High School. Consensus was reached on the following:

- 9th grade students will be offered Douglas Anderson, Stanton College Prep, and Paxon School for Advanced Studies. They will have to meet the criteria and/or audition. The sentence in this box will be reworded.
- Emphasis will be placed on encouraging 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students to stay at their home schools.
- Add Fletcher High School and Mandarin High School to list of schools offered.
- Students will be placed into the school which is the best fit for them
- Students may not get their first choice

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman  
 Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
 Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer  
 Dr. Sally Hague, Director, School Choice  
 Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member  
 Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member  
 Ms. Kris Barnes, Board Member  
 Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member  
 Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Vice-Chairman  
 Ms. Elaine Mann, High School Cluster Chief

## 6. SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

Minutes:

The Chairman informed the Board that it was time to evaluate the Superintendent. This will be a formal evaluation, however, it will not be based on FCAT data since this is his first year. The FCAT results received this year will serve as the baseline for next year's evaluation. The format was explained and the due date for completion will be August 22, 2008. It was agreed that Board Members would make their appointments with the Superintendent during the week of August 11 - 15, 2008.

Speakers:

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

## 7. STRATEGIC PLAN TALKING POINTS

Minutes: Strategic Plan talking points were distributed. They will be discussed at an upcoming Workshop.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 4:43 p.m.

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We Agree on this

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Superintendent

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Chairman