



Duval County Public Schools

July 29, 2015, Board Member Meeting- Task Force

Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Chairman
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Becki Couch
Mr. Jason Fischer
Dr. Constance S. Hall
Mr. Scott Shine
Ms. Paula D. Wright
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present with the exception of Chairman Cheryl Grymes and Board Members Jason Fischer and Constance Hall. Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[CONSOLIDATION](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Scott Shine reviewed the agenda with the Committee.
Discussion included the following:

- Questions on why information was not sent to the entire Board prior

- to scheduling a Task Force Meeting and inviting community members.
- Board Member Shine believed since he was named as the Chairperson for this committee he had approval to move forward.
 - The Charter Revision Commission will be meeting soon and the Charter is under the purview of the City of Jacksonville.
 - Board Member Couch said she was under the impression that the Task Force Committee would include Board Members. During this process the Board would discuss ideas concerning the City Charter.
 - Vice - Chairman Smith Juarez and Board Member Wright volunteered to be a part of the committee but were not contacted.
 - Community members had been asked to attend the August 12, 2015, Task Force Meeting.
 - Board Member Shine sent the plan to the Superintendent and Chairman Grymes for approval. He said he was trying to address an issue and did not mean to get out in front of the School Board Members. Board Member Shine believes the City Council should not have power over the School Board Members. He feels it would be helpful to re-engage the Office of General Counsel (OGC) to move forward with internal learning.
 - Board Member Wright indicated she was unclear how a review of the School Board's standing in the Jacksonville Charter would impact student achievement and stated she was not in support of the initiative.
 - Board Members engaged in a discussion regarding the process of setting up the "Consolidation Taskforce" (an adjunct to the committee). There was a general concern expressed from Board Members Smith Juarez and Couch regarding the process for establishing the taskforce and the order of events.
 - Board Member Shine agreed to cancel the scheduled taskforce meeting and to terminate the subcommittee based on the preceding discussion.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

CSM

We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman