



Duval County Public Schools

June 23, 2009, Audit Committee Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE: All Board Members were present, with the exception of Ms. Nancy Broner, 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 Audit Committee Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. AUDIT SERVICES RFP](#)

Minutes:

Chairman Hazouri explained that the current contract with Ernst & Young for Independent Audit services will be expiring soon, and under new legislation the Board Audit Committee is required to prepare and RFP, screen, and negotiate a new contract. He would like for the Committee to consider how this should be handled, and consider

reforming the Board Audit Committee to include staff, so this function would fall to them.

Ms. Michelle Begley, Board Internal Auditor, explained the new legislation and what options were open to the Board. The two options available are:

- Keep the Audit Committee composed of the Board as a whole - the Audit Committee would handle the entire process, but could delegate the negotiations portion
- Reform the Committee to be comprised of Board and staff - the Audit Committee would handle the entire process, and the full Board would then vote on the final recommendation

The possibility of appointing citizens was also discussed.

Board Member Jordan suggested reinstating the old Professional Services Committee. Board Member Gentry also suggested the Board have subcommittees for various subjects that come before the Board, rather than the entire Board dealing with every item.

Ms. Begley will provide the Board with the guidelines for implementing the new legislation, and check with some other Districts in Florida to see how they are handling. Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant General Counsel, will work with Ms. Begley. Information will be provided to the Board prior to the next Audit Committee Meeting scheduled for August 11, 2009.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Ms. Michelle Begley, Board Internal Auditor
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Vice-Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant General Counsel

2. AUDIT UPDATE

Minutes: Ms. Michelle Begley, Board Internal Auditor, will send this information to the Board later this week.

3. DETERMINATION OF POTENTIAL AREAS TO AUDIT

Minutes: This item was not discussed.

[4. INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER AND AUDIT COMMITTEE POLICY](#)

Minutes: This item was not discussed.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Audit Committee Meeting at 10:39 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman