



E-AGENDA MANAGER

## Duval County Public Schools

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June 29, 2016, Committee Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present with the exception of Board Members Becki Couch and Cheryl Grymes. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief Officer of Legal Services, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

### [CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Public Comment

### [PUBLIC COMMENT](#)

Minutes:

John Turner addressed the Board with concerns regarding Policy 2.22, Board Member Request for Information. Mr. Turner stated he had made requests in writing and verbally to former Board Member Jason Fischer and

has not received the requested information on iREADY and the phonics curriculum. He is requesting the Chairman to direct the Superintendent to produce verification of previous and accurate information from District 7 and make them available and provide the data requested.

## Items To Be Discussed

### [DRAFT AGENDA - JULY 11, 2016](#)

#### Minutes:

The Superintendent reviewed the July 11, 2016, Draft agenda with the Board. Discussion included the following:

Board Member Couch was not in attendance and forwarded questions to the Superintendent and the Board. The Superintendent will follow up via e-mail and the Board will discuss her questions during the meeting.

Continuation Agreement with the Jacksonville Children's Commission (JCC) for the 2016-2017 Team Up Program

- Chairman Smith Juarez had concerns with the process of school site selection and grant funds. The Superintendent stated most of the schools are selected with an ongoing relationship with JCC and individual schools through the 21st Century Grant. Every year there are new opportunities for additional schools when new grants become available. If the Board would like additional schools to be targeted, Dana Kriznar, Assistant Superintendent, Strategic Planning & Partnership, can advocate for those schools when new grants are available. Board Member Hall would like to make sure the programs are producing positive results. Chairman Smith Juarez would like to create a profile list that would help the Board understand priority across the district.

#### District Assessment Calendar

- The Assessment Calendar will be available for the public immediately.

Chairman Smith Juarez left at 9:13 a.m.

#### Microsoft AD/IM/OMS Implementation

- The plan does not require the Capital Plan to be amended, the item was budgeted within the Capital Plan under technology.

Approval of the Purchase of District-Wide K-12 Health Education

#### Supplementary Materials from ETR and Associates.

- The items are supplemental materials that were not provided to the Board for review. The committee recommended the materials to supplement the core. The materials will be provided to the Board.

#### Recommendation of a New Name for School No. 143

- Board Member Hall had concerns that she was not involved in the recommendation. There were only three community participants in attendance. Moving forward Board Members need to be notified in a timely matter so they can participate with events involving the community.
- Wrap-around services will continue and move to West Jacksonville Elementary.

#### Public Hearing and Vote: Modifications to the 2016-2017 Student Progression Plan

- Board Member Hall requested the Superintendent send data on where students will fall and be eligible to meet the Pre-Early College eligibility to include a 770 lexile on the 6th grade Spring Achieve 3000 levelset. She would like the data disaggregated by gender and race. The Superintendent will send the data requested.
- Board Member Fischer's name will be removed from the cover sheet and replaced with District 7.
- Students who failed the FSA and attend private school or home school and pass all their courses can enroll as a 4th grade student the following year.
- Students who transfer from out of county, out of state, a private school or home school and have a Algebra I credit will take the EOC assessment during the first testing window. If they do not pass, they will be placed in an Algebra class.
- Vice-Chairman Wright requested data from the past school year on how many students were initially enrolled in middle and high school for Algebra I and how many completed the course. The Superintendent will provide the information by July 12, 2016.

#### Approval of the Purchase of PENDA Learning Platform from PENDA Corporation

- PENDA Corporation is new to the school district and allows remediation at the standard level. The district is currently using GIZMOS and they have become outdated.
- Board Member Shine has concerns about so many vendors, projects and how we keep control and people making a profit. Moving forward he wants to make sure the products we are purchasing are doing what we expect, they are connected to other programs, we are seeing results and they are coming in at merit base.
- Mason Davis, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, informed the Board that PENDA will provide professional development

to the teachers during the Teacher Academy. Mr. Davis will provide to the Board the dates the training will take place.

- The contract with GIZMOS will not be renewed.
- Vice-Chairman Wright requested a report to the Board from the first quarter of 2016-2017 in terms of the performance of the students on the use of PENDA.

#### Public Hearing and Approval of Revisions to the 2016-17 Code of Student Conduct

- There will be an increase with the use of ATOSS due to the changes to the Student Code of Conduct.
- Letters will be sent home regarding the changes to the bus policy.
- Elementary schools do have an option for In School Suspension. Schools with the greater number of infractions have a behavior interventionist at the school to provide Tier 3 intervention. They can also manage the In School Suspension.

Board Member Shine left at 9:41 a.m.

- Officers will be retrained who are stationed at a school with an Emotional and Behavioral Unit (EBU). The training will include disciplinary and restorative justice strategies. Teachers, core teachers and inclusion teachers will also take part in the training.
- Board Member Hall would like the Board to engage in conversation dealing with cultural sensitivity training.
- All teachers will have professional development training using the work of Ruby Payne on cultural sensitivity by the end of the year.

Chairman Smith Juarez returned at 9:49 a.m.

- Vice-Chairman Wright requested a report on discipline breakdown across the district where referrals are initiated and the targeted students.

Board Member Shine returned at 10:05 a.m.

- St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Frank H. Peterson High Academy, Southside Middle and Mayport Middle Schools are the current sites for ATOSS.
- The Superintendent suggested Frank H. Peterson be considered as the site not to use for an ATOSS location.
- If attendance requirements are not met at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, the Board will have to return some of the dollars to the Jacksonville Journey.
- After much discussion, the consensus of the Board was to have three ATOSS sites, a transportation plan and to add an additional site if needed. Funds will not be reallocated in case there is a need for an additional site.

Approval of the Agreement with Renaissance Jax

- 36 schools participated but the goal is to have every school participate in the FIRST Lego Robotics League.
- The Superintendent will send the breakdown of how schools are selected and the cost.
- Mason Davis stated the program will expand by adding ten elementary schools and 5 high schools, expanding from 36 to 51. The goal by 2020 is to have all schools participating.

#### Partnership to Continue Wrap Around Service for Over-Age Students - I'm A Star Foundation

- The district staff of three will no longer support I'm A Star Foundation. Two teachers will go into the classroom. The technical manager will be surplus and moved to the first available position as a technical manager.

#### First Amendment to the Northeast Florida Virtual Charter School Board, Inc. (Florida Virtual Academy at Duval)

- The district does not provide iREADY access to charter schools.

#### Contract between Duval County Public Schools and Challenge Day

- Surveys are issued at the school level to students and passed on to teachers to follow-up with students. Some schools create a Challenge Day Club to follow-up on the issues that were raised and the opportunity to create a better culture, morale and relationships at the school.
- Board Member Hall expressed concern on making sure there is adequate follow-up with the sensitive issues shared by students and staff. The Superintendent suggested follow-up with certain issues with a referral, guidance counselor or through the health process. Chairman Smith Juarez would like to see consistent follow-up and every student contacted.
- There has not been an increase with bullying after students have shared. The process has become more of a healing for the students.
- Challenge Day would welcome any Board Members who would like to volunteer.

#### Minimum Qualifications - Information Technology

- Board Member Hall had concerns on the language listed under the description. Sonita Young, Chief Officer, Human Resources, will correct the language under the description heading in the agenda item.

#### Minimum Qualifications - Director, Physician Assistant

- The position will allow for the Physician Assistant to be full time and more accessible. The Physician Assistant will report to Ms. Kriznar.

#### Reapproval of Supervisor, School Police

- The position is being reestablished from a year ago to provide a second in command to the Chief of Police. This will also create a succession management plan in the future.
- There is no need for additional police officers.

#### Contract for Professional Services for Facility Condition Assessment and Planning Services Consultant: OFDC-RFQ-003-16

- The Council of Great City Schools noted the current system was outdated to identify FCI, which is the state of the building.
- The contract would allow for an updated modern system used by other larger urban schools to give solid FCI rates.
- The new system will provide data and information on upgrading, renovation and possible consolidation of schools.

#### Lease with option to Purchase Agreement with Edward Waters College for the James Weldon Johnson ACT Center No. 54

- Board Members expressed concern with the lease terms for five years at a rate of \$1 per month with the option to purchase the property for \$10 at anytime. The Superintendent decided the cost of the lease and purchase price.
- Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, stated the current proposal for the property is the deed will have a restricted covenant carrying forward the permitted use and if the owner does not follow the land, regardless if it is Edward Waters College, or a subsequent purchaser does not use the land according to the permitted use, it reverts back to the district.
- Vice-Chairman Wright had concerns with an appraisal value of \$2,200,000 and giving the building away, this is not a sound financial practice for tax payers dollars. The Superintendent reminded the Board of the cost to manage the facility and those dollars going back into the district's coffer. He understands the concern but asked the Board what the alternative are.
- Vice-Chairman Wright would need additional information to support the recommendation in terms of the cost with lease and sell.
- The consensus of the Board was to have more information provided and the options as a district. They would like the details on how the lease and sale amounts were determined. The Superintendent will provide the information.
- The Board would like Ms. Chastain to provide options for the contract.

#### Cultural Passport Partner Agreements

- Chairman Smith Juarez will need to abstain from the vote and will speak with Ms. Chastain about the details.

#### Advance-Ed Annual Dues

- Board Member Couch would like the mid-assessment review for the accreditation sent to the Board.

#### Extension of Wallace Grant for Summer Learning

- The extension is a continuation of services that have been provided by the Wallace Grant.
- Opportunities have been expanded for summer school with students in 4th - 8th grade that have an IEP and Level 1 in reading. 8th grade students that are short one or two credits are offered summer school. Students who failed end of course exams are offered summer school at the high school level as well as any senior who is one or two credits away from graduating.
- The Superintendent will provide the summer school opportunities to the Board in writing so they can share the information.
- There is an opportunity for students who have received the certificates of completion. There are workshops throughout the year for students and parents. Letters and Duval Connect are also used.
- The Superintendent will send a letter to the home of every student that received the certificate of completion going into the fall. The letter will explain the services offered at West Jacksonville for ACT/SAT help. The Superintendent is working on a bus and converting it to a community bus, it should be ready mid school year. It will have the Parent Academy, portal resources, test prep, ACT/SAT, FASFA services offered on the bus.

#### Approval of Contract with Ballard and Associates

- Board Members expressed concerns with the amount of the contract of \$180,000.
- Vice-Chairman Wright would like more specifics on what will be done on a local and national level. She would like to also receive information on what the cost would to hire a full-time person and the duties.
- The Superintendent will provide a list of deliverables for the \$180,000 and what would be the cost, assumed duties and deliverables for an internal lobbyist to the Board. He will also provide the job description held by the previous lobbyist.
- The Superintendent will remove the Ballard and JWJ agenda items and add for August to provide the information requested.

#### Six Member Board

- Quorum remains at 4 in Board Policy and Robert Rules.
- Florida Statutes 1001.364 and 1001.365 provides when there is a tie vote, the Chairman breaks the tie.
- The Board collectively represents the entire district.
- There is currently an automated auto reply email stating there is in open seat in District 7 and to contact the Board office.
- Ms. Chastain will provide information on the process of exemption from the current policy.

- Chairman Smith Juarez asked the Board to direct Board Member Grymes be a part of the discussion to understand the requirements to amend and bring back to the Board.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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We Agree on this

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Superintendent

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Chairman