



Duval County Public Schools

March 10, 2009, Board Workshop

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 WORKSHOP OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. 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 9:08 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Gentry shared with the Board that a political action group - saveduvalschools.org - has been formed to help our school system. They will make an announcement on March 11, 2009, 10:30 a.m., at Hemming Plaza, regarding the

formation of this group.

Chairman Hazouri extended the Board's sympathy to Vice-Chairman Priestly Jackson on the loss of her brother, Delando Williams.

An update was provided to the Board regarding recent Board Member requests for information.

Board Member Burney asked if the Board would be discussing information recently provided to them in a notebook regarding Academic Services. The Superintendent indicated that he and the Chairman had reviewed a list of Workshop topics and would be sharing that list with the Board later today.

Board Member Gentry requested that the Board be provided with an update on what guidance is being provided to Principals as they form their budgets for the coming year, especially since the Board has not finalized their priorities. The Superintendent indicated that this would be part of staff's presentation on the Budget at the March 17, 2009, Workshop. Board Member Burney would also like to see the Board's collective priorities.

Board Member Jordan shared that he and Member Drake had attended a recognition ceremony last week for school athletes, which was held at the Jacksonville Zoo. Approximately 55 students were honored. Mr. Jordan indicated that Ray Moore has organized this and other events for students for many years and he would like to see Mr. Moore recognized at the April Board meeting. All agreed that this would be appropriate. Board Member Drake would also like to recognize his wife, Jan Moore, who will be retiring this year after 37 years of service.

Board Member Burney shared that she and Member Gentry viewed the draft of the first installment of a documentary on Mattie V. Rutherford, which is being produced by a Japanese television station. The station is similar to our PBS station in America. Ms. Burney said that it was her understanding that at some point the Board would have to approve the film for release in America.

Board Member Burney recognized Andy Eckert, Director, Design and Construction. Mr. Eckert attended a meeting with Ms. Burney and Councilman Warren Jones regarding a community issue with a park by one of our schools. Ms. Burney indicated that he was a model of excellence and does a great job for the school system.

A date and time was selected for a pending expulsion hearing. The hearing will be held on March 26, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the 6th Floor Conference Room.

[2. CAPITAL PLAN & ACE 2.0](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer, reviewed the Five Year Plan and Capital Outlay Plan with the Board. Areas covered included:

- Darnell-Cookman
- New K-8 School
- Future Projects
- Lee High School
- Technology

Speakers:

Ms. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Mr. Tracy Richter, Consultant

3. ACE TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Minutes:

Mr. Paul Soares, Chief, Operations Support, provided the Board with an update on the scenarios being recommended to the Board. A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. Paul Soares, Chief, Operations Support
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Sonita Young, Director, Policy and Compliance
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Mr. Ron Summers, Principal, Marine Science Center
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member

4. HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULING & STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN CREDIT CHANGE

Minutes:

Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent, updated the Board on the current recommendations for high school scheduling and Student Progression Plan credit changes. A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Elaine Mann, Cluster Chief, Cluster 3
Mr. Lawrence Dennis, Cluster Chief, Cluster 4
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Vice-Chairman
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
Ms. Kathy Leroy, Chief Academic Officer

[5. MID-YEAR PERFORMANCE DATA](#)

Minutes: The Board was provided with a copy of the Mid-Year Performance Review Data. The Superintendent provided a brief explanation and asked that Board members review and provide him with any feedback or questions they may have.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 4:00 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman