



## Duval County Public Schools

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May 15, 2012, Board Workshop

Ms. Betty Burney, Chairman  
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Vice-Chairman  
Ms. Martha Barrett  
Ms. Ms. Becki Couch  
Mr. W. C. Gentry  
Ms. Mr. Tommy Hazouri  
Mr. Ms. Paula D. Wright  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS WORKSHOP OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present, with the exception of Ms. Martha Barrett, who was out of town. Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 10:06 a.m.

The Superintendent provided the Board with an update on the recent developments regarding the FCAT writing scores. Board Member Couch said it was important that parents understand that the evaluation instrument changed mid-year, and students were being taught on the previous rubric. This could have an impact on teacher and student morale. Board Member Wright asked the Superintendent to provide the Board with a recommendation on what citizens can do at this point.

The Superintendent also provided the Board with a draft of our Legislative priorities for the coming year. Board members attending an afternoon session hosted by Representative Janet Adkins had requested this information for the meeting.

The Superintendent reviewed a schedule with the Board for upcoming workshops.

The Superintendent shared an updated Organization chart with the Board.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Seabrook Burney, Board Chairman  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Vice-Chairman  
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member

Items To Be Discussed

1. REINVENTING SCHOOL CHOICE

Minutes:

Staff provided the Board with an update on School Choice. A copy of the presentation is attached to the Minutes. Highlights of the discussion include:

- The School Choice office is working with each school to help them advertise their offerings to parents.
- The Board requested that there be an instrument to monitor fidelity of implementation at each school, and a method of accountability if the process is not working at a school.
- Schools should use best practices from other schools. Example was how one school prepared students for the first day by having lockers assigned, class schedules completed, orientations, books, etc., prior to the first day of school.
- Provide Board with one page explanation of what will happen if programs are not implemented with fidelity - who is responsible, what happens, what will happen to the Principal.
- Need to change perception of a dual system - magnet schools and neighborhood schools.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Seabrook Burney, Board Chairman  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
Dr. Sally Hague, Director, School Choice  
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member

Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Vice-Chairman

## 2. DROP BACK IN ACADEMY

Minutes:

Staff discussed the two proposed agenda items with the Board.

The first item is for continuation of the current Drop Back In Academy Dropout Prevention Program which currently operates in our schools. The Board did not have questions regarding this item.

The second item is for School-Based Graduation Academies. Points made include the following:

- Programs would be on high school campuses and Alternatives Unlimited would receive 95% of the FTE.
- Alternatives Unlimited would not pay rent for use of our facilities.
- The school system would provide intervention services for students in the program who require credit recovery.
- Board Members indicated that teachers in the current ALC programs have been told they are being surplused. The Superintendent indicated this would not happen, and the current programs would continue for the coming school year.
- Who would be in charge of the students while on our campus and in this program was discussed. The DBI administrator would be in charge, and he will work with the Principal.
- Funding - 95% of the FTE and categoricals, such as SAI, etc., would follow the students to this program.
- It was pointed out that the Board was previously told this would save us SAI dollars.
- The Board requested that staff provide them with a comprehensive plan for addressing all of students in this area.
- This program should be in all high schools.
- Asked about school having a separate number.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Seabrook Burney, Board Chairman

Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Vice-Chairman

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

Dr. Dana Kriznar, Director, Alternative Education Programs

Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member

Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

### 3. GRADE RECOVERY - 3RD QUARTER

Minutes:

Dr. Terri Stahlman, Chief Technology Officer, provided the Board with an update on grade recovery for the 3rd quarter. A copy of her report is attached to the Minutes. Discussion included the following:

- Concern for morale of teachers and perception that some students are abusing their changes and not being held accountable.
- Need criteria for good faith effort by establishing concrete definitions and explicit exceptions.
- Chairman Burney asked about conducting teacher focus groups for this topic.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Seabrook Burney, Board Chairman  
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
Dr. Terri Stahlman, Chief Technology Officer  
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

### 4. SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

Minutes:

Staff provided the Board with an update on Schools For the Future. Areas covered included test scores, curriculum, post-secondary planning; student supports; and costs for the program. A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes.

Discussion included the following points:

- Provide Board with program costs comparisons.
- Provide Board with written document to Board.
- Provide Board with how many students are 2 plus years overage
- Provide Board with FAIR data.
- Make sure all data is coming from common place.
- Provide Board with list of employees - full time and part time. What is cost of staff pulled from Multiple Pathways and other areas to serve SFTF - include

impact on other programs.

- Provide list of where students come from - public school, Charter, etc.
- Provide data on how many students took Benchmarks.
- For Read 180 - provide data on impact of program on student scores; what does curriculum say about this.

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Dr. Dana Kriznar, Director, Alternative Education Programs  
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
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[5. MAY 21, 2012, AND JUNE 11, 2012, DRAFT AGENDA REVIEWS](#)

Minutes:

Staff reviewed the May 21, 2012, agenda items during the Drop Back In Academy discussion.

Staff reviewed the June 11, 2012, Draft Agenda with the Board. Discussion included the following:

- Academics Item 6 - Schultz Center Agreement - the Board would have liked to receive the book of information prior to today's meeting.
- How do we track all of the Professional Development that takes place in Duval County and where does the Schultz Center come in.
- Board Members Item 1 - Superintendent's Evaluation Policy - may remove form from policy

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Seabrook Burney, Board Chairman  
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant General Counsel  
Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief Academic Officer  
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
Mr. Stephen Bright, Director, Business Services  
Ms. Sonita Young, Chief Human Resource Services Officer

Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 3:21 p.m.

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We Agree on this

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Superintendent

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Chairman