



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

May 20, 2014, Committee Meeting and Board Workshop

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS COMMITTEE MEETING AND WORKSHOP OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. COMMITTEE - JUNE 9, 2014, DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent reviewed the June 9, 2014, Draft Agenda with the Board. Discussion included the following:

- Board Member Juarez asked about the timing of providing Committee Meeting and Workshop materials. The timeline was 3 business days prior to a meeting. It was pointed out that the Committee meetings were changed from Thursdays to Tuesdays this year and the Board run was not adjusted. After discussion, it was decided to send the Draft Agenda to the Board on Thursdays from this point forward.
- Academics Item 4 - Check Point - This item may be pulled from the agenda. There may be a State contract that could make it a commodity purchase.
- Academics Item 5 - AMI Kids - Board Member Fischer asked if there were other agencies that provide the same service. It was explained that the agency has to be a State approved site. The Superintendent indicated that he would look at other cities and compare. Board Member Juarez shared that she would have to abstain on PACE and asked if the items could be separated out for voting.
- Board Member Fischer left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.
- Academics Item 6 - Justice - Board Member Juarez requested the retention rate of principals.
- Academics Item 7 - Pearson and Pickett Pilots - Board Member Wright asked for data on the number of 6th grade students.
- Academics Item 8 - Virtual Schools - Board Member Juarez asked how services were delivered - in hours or days. Ms. Chastain will check on this and get back with the Board.
- Academics Item 23 - Head Start - The length of the contract was discussed. Consensus was to have a 5 year contract with 5 additional years as options for renewal, which would come to the Board.
- Board Member Fischer returned to the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Housekeeping Items:

- A Collective Bargaining Shade meeting was scheduled for today at 4:00 p.m.
- A Board Workshop to discuss Budget issues was scheduled for May 28, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.

Technology Plan: Discussion included the following:

- The Superintendent made a presentation to the Board. A copy is attached to the Minutes.
- After QEA we will assess where we are and discuss a General Obligation Bond.
- Board Member Hall said we needed more specifics tailored to the District, and asked about hardware and the refresh; where we are with QZAB and QZAB II; where we stand with BYOD; all of this should be included to see the big picture and help with budget decisions.
- Add the following information to the plan:
 - District profile
 - Panning timeline
 - Teachers were not on list
 - Middle and high school students not on list
 - Add more definition to the terms
 - Cite policy

- Something that speaks to the larger technology platforms we have implemented - volunteer and parent portal are examples
- How does the plan align to the Strategic Plan?
- Board Member Wright asked about measurable outcomes and how we monitor.
- The Superintendent would like to have a series of Workshops throughout the year and get ready for a Bond. He will provide the Board with information for next year's budget as soon as possible.

Speakers:

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[2. WORKSHOP - MIDDLE SCHOOL REFORM](#)

Minutes:

This item was not discussed.

[3. WORKSHOP - STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent provided the Board with an update, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes. Discussion included the following:

- We will no longer use any of the Schultz programs, and will do our own. We will also work with the Lastinger Center.
- Vice-Chairman Grymes asked when the attendance plan would come to the Board. The Superintendent indicated that he had not planned to bring it to the Board.
- The Superintendent would like a policy that addresses senior high students and attendance at school during the last 5 days. Board Member Hall suggested we offer a college readiness course for those days.
- Board Member Wright asked about support for new principals.
- Board Member Juarez asked that 3.1 say "Explore" instead of "Development" regarding the General Obligation Bond.

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Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman