



Duval County Public Schools

November 14, 2013, Board Workshop

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS WORKSHOP OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present, with the exception of Dr. Constance S. Hall, who was out of town. 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 Board Workshop to order at 9:08 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. DECEMBER 9, 2013, DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent reviewed the December 9, 2013, Draft Agenda with the Board. Discussion included the following:

- Academics - Security Policy item - add AUP reference; ISSP acronym may be confusing with In School Suspension Program - look at another acronym
- Academics - AICE - staff is working on a timeline to make programs self sustaining; Board member Wright requested information on how long each school has had their program, along with how the District will support the programs in the schools
- Academics - FSCJ - will send MOU to Board
- Academics - OSS Centers - Chairman Lee asked for a one page summary for the Board's use

Speaker:

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 Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
 Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Board Member
 Mr. Jason Fischer, Board Member
 Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Board Member

2. GOVERNANCE

Minutes:

The following items were discussed:

- A collective bargaining shade meeting for administrators and exempt employees was scheduled for November 19, 2013, at 3:30 p.m., in Room 613
- Forrest Name Change:
 - The Superintendent provided the Board with an update on the Forrest name change timeline.
 - Consensus was to not accept funds from outside groups offering to fund name change costs.
 - Policy 8.51 should be followed where applicable in this process
 - Superintendent will provide Board members with updates on the process
 - Survey results will be held until all are collected and compiled
 - Panel discussions will be video taped - careful to not show students
 - Staff will be clear with the media on those forums open to the media and those that are not
 - Decorum will be maintained at all forums

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3. SUCCESSION PLANNING

Minutes:

Chairman Lee suggested that the Board have a discussion at a future workshop on succession planning for the Superintendent and staff. He would like for us to get a corporate perspective on the subject. Board Member Grymes would like to see this at the school level also. All agreed to discuss this topic.

Chairman Lee led the Board in a discussion on the upcoming Organizational meeting and the election of a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman. He shared that while he had enjoyed his year as Chairman, he was not interested in serving in this role for a second term.

Vice-Chairman Couch indicated that she would be honored if the Board would consider her for the position of Chairman for the coming year.

Board Members Wright, Juarez, and Grymes, all indicated that they would be honored if the Board would consider them for the position of Vice-Chairman for the coming year.

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Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 12:16 p.m.

BSC

We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman