



Duval County Public Schools

November 23, 2010, Board Workshop

Ms. W. C. Gentry, Chairman
Ms. Betty Burney, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Martha Barrett
Ms. Ms. Becki Couch
Ms. Mr. Tommy Hazouri
Mr. Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee
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. Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 10:00 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. BOARD - SUPERINTENDENT GOVERNANCE TEAM](#)

Minutes:

The following topics were discussed:

- Board Committees: Chairman Gentry indicated that he would finalize the Board Committee appointments in the next few days. He will also ask that individual Board members take the lead on several subcommittees for the coming year that he will establish. One example is that Member Lee will take the lead on technology and the need for a wireless system for the City. He will also ask that Member Hazouri take the lead on the possible sale of the administration building. Member Burney asked that the Board establish their priorities as a group prior to deciding on the committees.
- Board Retreat(s): Chairman Gentry discussed setting retreat dates for the coming year.
- Governance: Chairman Gentry asked that Board members use the Governance time to share information on meetings, conferences, and community forums. He asked that members e-mail him and Board Secretary Bonnie Susan Cole when attending meetings so that they may be added to the calendar and to the Governance agenda.
- Principal Pay Plan: Superintendent Pratt-Dannals shared that staff was ready to move forward with this issue.
- SB 6 Rewrite: Superintendent Pratt-Dannals shared that this topic will come up again during the 2011 Legislative Session.
- Revenue Outlook: The Superintendent stated that the Florida Retirement System was solid, however, the budget for school systems did not look good for the coming year.
- Intervene School Plan: Superintendent Pratt-Dannals requested more time with the Board to discuss this topic. Community engagement will be important and Board Members Burney and Wright will conduct meetings in their respective districts.
- Graduation/Dropout Rates: The Superintendent expressed concern over how various groups determine the graduation and dropout rates, and, that while we had a 2% gain it was not good enough. Board Member Hazouri would like to see an "apple" to "apple" comparison. Chairman Gentry indicated that we needed to share the correct information with the public. He also asked that we provide the Board with information on the ESE and juvenile population as a separate item.
- Wallace Foundation: Superintendent Pratt-Dannals shared that this group was looking at our school system.
- Priority 1 - Magnet Schools: The Superintendent indicated that this would be on an upcoming agenda and there would be more discussion with the Board.
- PEN/DTU: The Superintendent indicated that PEN had been asked to join the PERC lawsuit.
- Collective Bargaining: A preliminary list of topics for the coming year was shared with the Board by the Superintendent.
- Insurance Settlement: The Superintendent shared information with the Board regarding an upcoming settlement for the December 7, 2010, Agenda.
- ERS Update: Superintendent Pratt-Dannals indicated that an update would be shared with the Board on December 7, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.
- Staff Orientation for New Board Members: The Superintendent asked that the new Board members consider dates for staff orientation.
- Vice-Chairman Burney shared information from a recent conference she attended of the National Alliance of Black School Administrators. She will share information with Deputy Superintendent Pat Willis.

- Board Member Martha Barrett shared that FSBA will be starting their Master Board Member training and that she would like to see Duval participate again this year.
- Chairman Gentry attended a recent meeting of the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee and shared that representatives from Ribault Middle School and Forrest High School spoke to the group regarding the ISSP Centers.

2. READING PLAN

Minutes:

Staff made a presentation to the Board regarding the Reading Plan. A copy of the presentation is attached to the Minutes. The following comments and requests for information were made:

- This is only a framework and foundation at this time and is a work in progress. The reading plan will be blended with Multiple Pathways.
- Provide the Board with a copy of the focus group results.
- Include child care facilities, Jax Reads, the United Way, the Early Learning Coalition, and the Urban League.
- Look at the My First Book project coordinator.
- More involvement from Head Start.
- Look at the logo and theme to be used to make it more about Jacksonville.
- Board members felt that oral language skills should also be taught and every child should be able to read on grade level.
- Look at our role with Charter Schools and clarify the District's role and the State's role.
- Involve more community partners; look at involving the public libraries.
- Connect reading, writing, and speaking in one vision for students.

This item will come back to future Workshops.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
 Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
 Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent
 Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief Academic Officer
 Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman
 Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
 Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
 Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
 Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
 Ms. Mary Mickel, Director, Elementary Programs
 Ms. Jeannie Ballentine, Director, Reading

3. MULTIPLE PATHWAYS

Minutes:

Staff provided the Board with information on Multiple Pathways. The following points were made:

- Compare our district to similar districts in Florida.
- Provide additional information to Board on grade recovery.
- Look at percentage of overage students who are African-American and have more involvement in the planning of programs by African-American educators.
- Inform Board on those programs that are time sensitive to implement in sufficient time to gather information and made a decision.
- Align results with Strategic Plan.
- Provide Board with copy of student survey results.
- Provide additional information at the next Board Workshop to include: costs involved; where the funding will come from; how it will connect with the reading initiative; time constraints; and, potential for outside funding.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Dr. Terri Stahlman, Chief Technology Officer
Ms. Dana Kriznar, Director, Alternative Education Programs
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member

4. DECEMBER 7, 2010, DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW

Minutes:

Staff reviewed the December 7, 2010, Draft Agenda, with the Board.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Human Resource Services Officer
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member

Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Karen Chastain, Deputy General Counsel

5. CORPORATE NAMES FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES

Minutes:

This item was not discussed.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 4:08 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman