



## Duval County Public Schools

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November 8, 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. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

### [CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 2:18 p.m.

Items To Be Discussed

### [1. GOVERNANCE](#)

Minutes:

There were no Governance items for this Workshop.

### [2. CAREER ACADEMIES](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent made a presentation to the Board regarding Career Academies. A copy of the presentation is attached to the Minutes. Discussion included the following:

- The Superintendent would like to expand non-dedicated Magnets.
- Board Member Wright asked about AP Randolph and the programs that were moved to Frank Peterson. She specifically mentioned the cosmetology program. The Superintendent indicated that he was not trying to disband the program and said that he would work with her on the programs being offered at AP Randolph and would come back to the Board with proposals.
- Vice-Chairman Couch asked who had ownership to make sure teachers and principals maintain the programs. The Superintendent indicated that would be Andrew Post.
- The Superintendent and staff will meet individually with Board members on this topic.
- Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, shared a legal opinion with the Board regarding Board member Grymes and Big Brothers Big Sisters participating in programs with the school system. A copy of the opinion is attached to the Minutes.
- Chairman Lee wrapped up the conversation stating that after staff meets with the Board members, the Superintendent will bring back the big picture, after which staff will engage the community.

Speakers:

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

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 3:06 p.m.

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We Agree on this

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Superintendent

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Chairman