



Duval County Public Schools

October 16, 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 Board Member Wright, who called in for the Governance portion of the meeting only. Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent, was also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 10:05 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT GOVERNANCE](#)

Minutes:

Please Note: Board Member Wright participated by phone for the Board-Superintendent Governance portion of the Board Workshop.

Superintendent Governance Items:

- The Superintendent shared a breakdown of the testing schedule. Board members asked that he group by month. In addition, list which ones are state required, and what is happening that month that is a district response to a state requirement.
- Legislative agenda - will discuss Charter issues later today.
- Urban League - they made a low ball offer and we countered. Board Member Hazouri would like to have resolution of this matter before he leaves the Board.
- Bethune - Board Member Wright shared that Councilwoman Lee canceled a meeting with her regarding Bethune. She is in favor of moving forward with the sale.
- New Board Member Orientation - the Superintendent shared that staff would be providing orientation to new Board members.

Board Governance Items:

- Board Member Gentry provided an update on the contract negotiations with Dr. Vitti's attorney. It should be ready soon. All non-monetary items have been worked out. There are some insurance related issues being worked out. Mr. Gentry was disappointed in the time it was taking to reach a conclusion. Ms. Chastain will call each Board member in the next day or two to update them on the progress of the negotiations. The issues remaining are salary and the term of the contract.
- Board Member Couch shared information from a recent Northeast Florida School Board Coalition Meeting. Legislative priorities were discussed at the meeting. All Districts are concerned with the proposed legislation on Charter schools sharing Capital dollars.
- Board Member Gentry thanked Board Member Couch for the work she has done on Charter schools.
- Board Member Hazouri expressed concern with the lack of construction dollars.
- Chairman Burney would like to see where we are on paperwork reduction before she leaves the Board. The Superintendent shared that November 1st was the targeted date to have this project completed.

Speakers:

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

[2. PRIORITY SCHOOLS UPDATE](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Jackie Byrd, Chief of Schools, provided the Board with an update on the Priority Schools. Ramona and Northwestern have had Principal and staff changes. There are currently no vacancies at Ramona, but there are 5 open positions at Northwestern. She is working with Human Resource Services to have the vacancies filled by the end of the month. District staff, as well as Educational Directions staff, are on site daily. The following comments were made:

- Board Member Gentry asked about the discrepancies in the 3rd and 4th grade reading scores at Ramona Elementary School. He asked if the tests were different or if there had been a change in teachers. Ms. Byrd indicated there had been a change in the test.
- Chairman Burney asked for an explanation of data chats. Ms. Byrd responded that they were weekly meetings held to discuss academics, teacher needs, content area, and school support needs.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Jackie Byrd, Chief of Schools
Mr. Jud Strickland, Cluster Chief
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

3. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA UPDATE

Minutes:

Staff provided the Board with an update on the Legislative Agenda. The following points were made.

- On page 5 - do not put 1.5 mills in recommendation.
- Look at not allowing Charter schools to have use of schools we close.
- Address fact that Charter schools do not have to comply with concurrency.

Speakers:

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Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
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Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

4. NOVEMBER 5, 2012, DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW & CHARTER APPLICATION REVIEW

Minutes:

Staff reviewed the November 1, 2012, Draft Agenda with the Board. Comments included the following:

- The Superintendent will withdraw the QZAB item if staff is unable to obtain commitments for matching funds.
- Several of the Charter School items will be withdrawn for further review.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Mr. David Ford, Director, Risk Management
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Sonita Young, Chief Human Resource Services Officer
Mr. Lee Legutko, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 2:40 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman