



Duval County Public Schools

October 18, 2011, Board Workshop

Mr. 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 Deputy 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 9:43 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT GOVERNANCE](#)

Minutes:

Topics covered included the following:

- Board Members who attended the Chick-Fil-A family reading event talked about how successful it was.
- The Chairman would like for members who attend conferences to debrief the rest of the Board at the next Workshop.
- The Chairman asked that each member who was working on a special project be prepared to update the Board at the next Workshop.
- Board members discussed protocol for events which involved schools in their Districts.
- Vice-Chairman Burney shared a book written by our students - *The Writing Express*.
- The Superintendent shared a list of draft budget priorities for the Board to review for upcoming budget discussion.

Speakers:

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 Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
 Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
 Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
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2. KIPP DISCUSSION

Minutes:

Mr. John Baker, and Mr. Robert Hawk, KIPP, attended the Board Workshop and spoke to the Board regarding their commitment to make all necessary changes to their existing Charter school this year in order to bring their school out of F status and make significant academic progress. He made a pledge to the Board that if they do not make this progress, they will not go forward with plans to open the two new KIPP schools which they are asking the Board to approve at their next Board Meeting. Areas they will address include spending more time building core literacy, reading, individual time with students, discipline, and writing.

Board Members requested that Mr. Baker put his pledge in writing about the progress and the future of the two new KIPP schools. All expressed concerns with the performance of the current KIPP school and hopes that they can make significant academic progress for the students.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
 Mr. John Baker, KIPP
 Mr. Robert Hawk, Principal, KIPP
 Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member

Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman

3. EDUCATIONAL DIRECTIONS UPDATE

Minutes:

The Board received an update from Mr. Frank DeSensi regarding the Intervene Schools. A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes. Mr. DeSensi indicated that the goal was to have everyone be an independent learner by December. Another update will be provided at that time.

Speakers:

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

4. NOVEMBER 1, 2011, DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW

Minutes:

Staff reviewed the November 1, 2011, Draft Agenda with the Board.

The recent vote regarding the Bank of America School was discussed. The vote was 3-3 due to Board Member Barrett having to abstain due to her position with Bank of America. General Counsel recently discovered a section in the law passed by the Legislature in 2006 which was originally written for the Orange County School Board. Their Board consist of an even number of members and the law called for the Chairman's vote to be the deciding factor in case of a tie. At the time this legislation was passed, Orange County was the only school system impacted. However, after the latest Census, the law now applies to Duval County and not Orange County. It is anticipated that this will change in the upcoming Legislative Session. However, the law does apply to Duval at this time and was in effect at the time of the Bank of America Vote. After discussion, it was decided that the agenda item would be brought back to the November 1, 2011, Board meeting for discussion and a re-vote on the proposed closing.

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Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief Academic Officer

5. MULTIPLE PATHWAYS & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Minutes:

This item was not discussed.

6. STRATEGIC PLAN

Minutes:

The Superintendent presented an updated Strategic Plan to the Board. Vice-Chairman Burney expressed concerns with the goal of only 40% of our students succeeding. Board Member Lee expressed concerns that we need to hold people accountable for meeting their goals. Chairman Gentry shared that we do need to make the goals attainable, and have specific goals. There will be further discussions before the Strategic Plan is finalized.

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Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 4:13 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman