



Duval County Public Schools

October 9, 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 Ms. Betty Burney. Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent, was also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT - COMMUNITY & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Cheryl Riddick provided the Board with a Management Oversight presentation on the office of Community and Family Engagement. Discussion included the following.

- Provided explanation of the duties of the various employees in the office.
- How PTA, DAC, SAC, work with their staff.
- The need for more staffing was discussed, and how the employees in this office work with other areas of the District. There needs to be a primary point of contact for this work.
- The need for marketing was discussed.
- How we obtain partnerships was discussed.
- The timeline for processing volunteer applications ranges from two hours up to a week.

Speakers:

Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Vice-Chairman
 Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
 Ms. Cheryl Riddick, Director, Community and Family Engagement
 Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
 Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
 Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
 Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
 Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

2. UPDATE ON SUMMER READING

Minutes:

Ms. Kathy LeRoy provided the Board with an update on the Summer Reading program. Teachers were recruited from the Superintendent's Academy. There are about 18-20 students per class. Staff is reviewing the data for those students who went backwards during this program. A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes. Discussion included the following.

Speakers:

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

3. BOARD - SUPERINTENDENT GOVERNANCE

Minutes:

The following items were discussed:

Superintendent's Governance Items:

- Race to the Top funding - holding for now, and will talk with new Superintendent.
- Legislative Agenda - the Capital funds-Charter School issue will be added to the agenda.
- Urban League - No recommendation at this point. Board Members indicated they would like a face to face meeting with the Urban League representatives.
- Bethune - Board Member Wright was attempting to work with Councilwoman Lee on a community meeting. No date has been set at this time. Board Member Wright would like to move forward with the proposed sale.
- Chamber trip - both Mr. Pratt-Dannals and Dr. Vitti will attend.
- Duval Delegation Meeting - We are awaiting a date for a joint meeting.
- District Marketing Plan - will discuss with Dr. Vitti.
- Progress Indicators - handed out revised copy.

Board Member Governance items:

- Board Member Hazouri expressed concern that the Board did not receive the report from Larry Fairman until after he had presented to other groups.
- Board Member Hazouri discussed the Chamber and Jax Biz using funds from Cornerstone to endorse candidates. He felt this was not appropriate and sends the wrong message.
- Mr. Gentry attended a law college event at Federal Court today. There were about 130 Civics teachers present.
- The Superintendent's contract discussion will be added to a Workshop.

Speakers:

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Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member

Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member

Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

[4. FCAT RESOLUTION DISCUSSION](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Gentry shared the latest revisions with the Board. Suggestions made were:

- Page 2 - paragraph 4 - clarify language regarding End of Course assessments not being administered at the actual end of a course.
- Soften language on not focusing on reading and grammar.
- Change title of Resolution to High Stakes Testing.

Speakers:

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Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member

5. CAPITAL OUTLAY OPTIONS

Minutes:

Mr. Lee Legutko, Chief Financial Officer, provided a report to the Board. A copy is attached to the Minutes. Mr. Brent Wilder, PFM Group, shared with the Board that Duval is in much better shape than many Districts throughout the state. We are not as leveraged as most districts, and our debt is lower than most. Our current rating is AA-, which is one of the highest in the state. There is nothing we can do right now with COP to reduce the deficit. He indicated that our District has done a nice job of taking advantage of what is available.

The Board discussed what options were available and the decision was made to pursue a QZAB. An item will be brought to the November Board meeting.

Speakers:

Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Vice-Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Mr. Lee Legutko, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Brent Wilder, PFM Group
Mr. Walter Carter, Director, Budget
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Vice-Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 4:07 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman