



## Duval County Public Schools

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September 10, 2012, Board Development Meeting

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 BOARD DEVELOPMENT MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present.

Call Meeting To Order

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

Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Development Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion Items

### [1. SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman shared that the search firm had provided recommendations on how to proceed with the search. The last time the Board visited the school district of the candidate, but it was not very productive. After discussion, it was decided that it was

not necessary to visit the candidates districts.

It was decided that staff would assist the Board in doing a deep data dive. A subcommittee made up of Board Members Paula Wright and W. C. Gentry, and Board Members-Elect Connie Hall and Cheryl Grymes, would meet and come up with a format of going to the community in each district. Board Chairman Betty Burney, and Board Members Becki Couch, Martha Barrett, will form a subcommittee to discuss community involvement.

Mr. Tim Ballentine, Director of Research and Evaluation, will provide a report on student achievement from each district. Board Auditor Michelle Begley will look at each districts finances.

It was also decided to gather a group of stakeholders, both internal and external, who would have round-robin sessions with the candidates. The sessions will be facilitated by a representative of the search firm. The three candidates will also have a final interview session with the Board, followed by deliberations, and selection of a new Superintendent.

The dates of September 24th and 25th were selected.

All information being gathered should be provided to the Board the week of September 17, 2012.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman  
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  
Mr. Tim Ballentine, Director, Research and Evaluation  
Ms. Michelle Begley, Board Internal Auditor

2. BOARD QUARTERLY GOALS

Minutes:

Ms. Jill Johnson, Director of Communications, shared information on behalf of the Superintendent regarding the Board Quarterly Goals. Transparency of the school system has been increased by enhancements to the District website; the Chairman makes a presentation at the monthly Chamber meetings; enhancement of the internal and external communications systems; paperwork reduction; and succession planning.

The Board discussed future goals and decided on the following:

- Refocus on the reading initiatives
- Advocacy of priorities
- Discipline Issues

The Board will encourage their successors to concentrate on these areas in the coming months.

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Ms. Jill Johnson, Director, Communications

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Development Meeting at 11:11 a.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman