



Duval County Public Schools

September 16, 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, with the exception of Board Member Ashley Smith Juarez, who was out of town. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 3:04 p.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. PARENT ACADEMY](#)

Minutes:

Superintendent Vitti provided the Board with a report on the Parent Academy. A copy of the presentation is attached to the Minutes. Points included the following.

- Vice-Chairman Couch asked about the role of JPEF with the Parent Academy, and if they had decision making authority. The Superintendent said they were being used as a pass through for the funds because they felt more comfortable with the money going to them instead of the school system. They do not have the decision making authority, and we submitted a plan on how the funds would be used.
- Board Member Wright asked about Parent Involvement Liaisons and asked that they be able to stay true to their mission.
- The Superintendent stated that the goal was to raise \$1 million to sustain the program for three (3) years. They will still need funding for the third year.
- Vice-Chairman Couch asked how the Board members could be involved. The Superintendent suggested they forward any ideas to Kimberly Davis in Community and Family Engagement.

Speakers:

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 Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent
 Ms. Becki Couch, Board Vice-Chairman
 Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
 Dr. Constance S. Hall, Board Member
 Mr. Jason Fischer, Board Member
 Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Board Member

2. ESE

Minutes:

The Superintendent provided the Board with a report on the ESE program. A copy of the presentation is attached to the Minutes. Discussion included the following.

- Board Member Wright asked about meeting with parents on IEP's. The Superintendent said the meetings now were arranged based on need.
- There are 12 fewer staff members in ESE this year.
- The Superintendent is not looking to make any changes for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Schools were determined by location and Principal buy in, as well as by looking at data.
- Vice-Chairman Couch asked about training for teachers. The Superintendent shared that there was nothing deep at that level.
- The Superintendent will provide the Board with the FDLRS calendar.
- Vice-Chairman Couch asked about letters the Board has received from constituents that Principals are being told to not staff students in EBD anymore. Mr. Mason Davis, Executive Director, ESE, said that was not accurate.

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Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Board Member
Mr. Mason Davis, Executive Director, ESE

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 4:41 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman