



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

September 19, 2014, Board Member Meeting

Ms. Becki Couch, Chairman
Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Jason Fischer
Dr. Constance S. Hall
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee
Ms. Paula D. Wright
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING: Board Members Jason Fischer and Ashley Smith Juarez were present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. BOARD WORKSHOP REVIEW](#)

Minutes:

Board Members Fischer and Smith Juarez met regarding the discussion held at the September 16, 2014, Committee Meeting on the proposed agenda item to oppose the FSBA lawsuit for the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship. Board Member Juarez was not present for that discussion.

Mr. Fischer asserted that he disagreed with the FSBA legal challenge regarding the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship. He contends that current case law has defined the legality of the program, and that the questions raised by the lawsuit have been previously decided. He said that FSBA should not spend time and financial resources on this challenge.

Ms. Smith Juarez said that she believes that the continuous improvement of public education is complex and requires considerable attention and energy. She further said that FSBA should continue to prioritize building the capacity of District school boards to be most effective in improving public schools. She said the Duval County Public Schools needs to make every effort to maintain focus on continuous improvement of public education, and not become distracted from this charge.

Board Members Fischer and Smith Juarez then turned to the language presented in the Resolution - Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program - 10-7-14. The Board Members, with the assistance of Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, revised the language to reflect their common assertions.

A copy of the final Resolution is attached to the Minutes.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman