



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

April 19, 2017, Special Board Meeting

Ms. Paula D. Wright, Chairman
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Becki Couch
Ms. Cheryl Grymes
Ms. Lori Hershey
Mr. Warren A. Jones
Mr. Scott Shine
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief Officer of Legal Services, was also present.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m.

Topics To Be Discussed

[PUBLIC COMMENT](#)

Minutes: No public comment was given.

[ADMINISTRATION PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS](#)

Minutes:

Chairman Wright called the meeting today to ensure stability in the District since Dr. Vitti, Superintendent, has been chosen to serve as Superintendent of Detroit Public Schools. This is FSA time and we want to make sure every thought is thoughtful. She will be meeting with the Superintendent later today. They will look at the contract in terms of where we are and how he is going to proceed in terms of negotiating with Detroit. After the meeting, we should know what is being asked of him by Detroit and then to look at our possibilities. Discussion followed:

- What would it take to convince the Superintendent to remain Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools?
- The Superintendent applied and pursued the job in Detroit.
- It was suggested the Superintendent remain until the end of the school year.
- The Board needs more information before they can determine next steps. It was suggested the Chair meet with the Superintendent first so that the Board does not send mixed messages to the public.
- There have been no negotiations or acceptance from the Superintendent for the position in Detroit.
- All eyes are on Detroit and the Board needs to understand what the timeline is first, but we cannot let Detroit dictate what the Board does. This will be discussed further at the Friday, April 21, 2017, Special Board Meeting.
- Board Members have spoken with the Superintendent and his desire to go home to Detroit. To put him in conflict would not be fair to him.

Chairman Wright wants the community to know our role. We now have to respond to the change. The Superintendent is very excited about this opportunity. She will not bring up the topic of making an offer to the Superintendent unless the Board wants to do it. Board Members should contact her if there are other topics they want her to bring up.

Board Member Shine is interested in making the Superintendent a counteroffer to see if he would be interested. We are the 20th largest school district in the country, we should open the dialogue.

Chairman Wright stated the Board needs to be unified and focused on Duval County Public Schools. Change can be good and is good. Let's look at the challenges before us.

Speakers

Paula D. Wright - Chairman
Ashley Smith Juarez - Vice-Chairman
Becki Couch - Board Member
Cheryl Grymes - Board Member
Lori Hershey - Board Member
Warren Jones - Board Member
Scott Shine - Board Member
Karen Chastain - Chief Of Legal Services

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

CSM

Superintendent

Chairman