



Duval County Public Schools

April 20, 2010, Board Workshop

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Chairman
Ms. Nancy Broner, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Martha Barrett
Ms. Betty Burney
Ms. Vicki Drake
Mr. W. C. Gentry
Mr. Tommy Hazouri
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS WORKSHOP OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 10:06 a.m.

The Board discussed the current Priority 1 Magnet community meetings being conducted by staff. The Board would like more information on why we are looking at these particular changes. Also, should have meetings in each region and not just an isolated meeting. The Board would like to address the Magnet program issue and having access to programs in all communities.

Communications and structured responses to the media was discussed. The new Communications person should be on Board by June 2010.

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Chairman

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member

Items To Be Discussed

[1. i3 GRANT](#)

Minutes: This topic was discussed with the Race to the Top Update.

[2. RACE TO THE TOP UPDATE](#)

Minutes:

Staff provided the Board with an update on the Race to the Top and the i3 Grant. Florida will try for the funds again and potentially all counties will be participating. There are several pockets of grant dollars we are looking at and applying for.

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Chairman
Ms. Nichelle Stone, Director, External Funding
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member

[3. SRO UPDATE](#)

Minutes:

The Board was provided with an update on the proposed SRO conversion plan. Staff has been working with the Sheriff's office and will prepare a letter to memorialize the date for the full conversion to be accomplished. Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant General

Counsel, will be involved in the process.

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Chairman
Mr. Paul Soares, Chief of Operations Support
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Vice-Chairman

4. MAY 4, 2010, DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW

Minutes:

Staff reviewed the May 4, 2010, Draft Agenda with the Board.

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Chairman
Ms. Jeannie Ballentine, Director, Reading
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Dr. Terri Stahlman, Chief Technology Officer
Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Human Resource Services Officer
Mr. Mike Perrone, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Vice-Chairman
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant General Counsel
Ms. Sonita Young, Director, Policy & Compliance
Mr. Paul Soares, Chief of Operations Support

5. READING - STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

Minutes:

Staff provided the Board with an update on the District's reading programs. A copy of the presentation is attached to the Minutes. The various programs to help students become proficient in reading and reading at grade level were discussed, as well as testing for comparison to other Districts.

Speakers:

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Dr. Jeannie Ballentine, Director, Reading
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 5:32 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman