



Duval County Public Schools

April 25, 2014, Board Workshop

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS WORKSHOP OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, was also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 9:13 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. BUDGET](#)

Minutes:

The budget for the upcoming school year was discussed, which included the following:

- The Superintendent shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Board. A copy is

attached to the Minutes.

- Dr. Vitti shared that he had a balanced budget at this time.
- The IB programs at Andrew Jackson High School will remain in tact per Dr. Vitti.
- Early College students who are currently in the 9th grade will be guaranteed to be able to continue in this program through the 12th grade.
- The increase in the full time guidance counselor and social worker positions will not require that anything be taken off the table, as the cost will be absorbed by Medicaid dollars.
- Tier III intervention will be paid for with IDEA funds.
- The Superintendent will provide the Board with information on McKay Scholarships.
- The Superintendent will provide the Board with information on salary ranges for other school districts as compared to Duval.
- The Superintendent will provide the Board with a breakout on the \$150,000 going to the four high schools to sustain acceleration programs.
- The Superintendent will provide information to the Board on the additional costs for social workers and psychologists for 2015-2016.
- Chairman Couch asked about items impacting the coming school year budget which have already been approved. Dr. Vitti indicated that two had been approved already and that iReady will go to the Board in June 2014.
- Allocation plan - the Superintendent is recommending taking away the reading coach positions, which currently provide professional development at the schools. Professional development would then be provided from District specialists who would travel to the schools. Pool subs will be used instead of the current sub assigned to each school. Clerical staff will also be reduced. The role of test chair will be merged with the Media Specialist at the elementary level.
- The majority of the Board preferred a fund balance of 5% for the coming school year.
- Salary increases and benefits for the coming year were discussed.
- Board Member Hall suggested that smaller schools share Art, Music, and PE teachers. The Superintendent responded that he feels it is important for each school to have their own teachers.
- The Superintendent will provide the Board with specifics on ESE changes.
- Dr. Vitti shared that the survey of principals showed they would select a 2nd AP, then additional clerical, and that many schools would keep the pool sub.
- Class size was discussed.
- Chairman Couch suggested he look at providing Reading Coaches with SAI.
- The Superintendent suggested that a trade could be to not buy Algebra I and II books. He also suggested that we could take off Geometry books from SAI funds and convert to Social Studies books for next year.

A Collective Bargaining Shade meeting was set for April 30, 2014, at 4:00 p.m.

Speakers:

Ms. Becki Couch, Board Chairman
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent
Dr. Constance S. Hall, Board Member
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member

Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Board Vice-Chairman
Mr. Jason Fischer, Board Member

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 12:16 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman