



Duval County Public Schools

April 30, 2014, Special Board Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD with Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief Officer of Legal Services, Ms. Becki Couch, Board Chair, Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Vice Chair and Board members: Mr. Jason Fischer, Dr. Constance Hall, Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee and Ms. Paula D. Wright, present.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER - SPECIAL MEETING](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman called the Special meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive the team's Exit Report on Accreditation.

Academics

[1. EXIT REPORT FROM THE ADVANCED EXTERNAL TEAM](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent said before Mr. David Hurst gives his presentation, I'd like to thank the entire team that came to Duval County. As someone who has gone through and led many reviews throughout the state, it's an exciting opportunity for you to see the good things that are happening as well as the things that need to improve. I know as a recipient of the process, I am appreciative of the feedback and process. I've always been an advocate of the continuous improvement model and constant learning and this was the first time we've had a group of outsiders who came into our district to evaluate how we're doing. I appreciate the opportunity and we look forward to taking the recommendations and improving upon the things we've already started. I also think you have to practice what you preach. As a Superintendent, I'm constantly saying *"problem solve...problem solve...continuous improvement"* and this is part of that process. I thank all of you for being a part of this and you will make us better. When you return in five years, we will be that National Model for Urban Education and you will have contributed to that process. So, thank you for your time and effort in being here. You made us better. Thank you.

Mr. David Hurst, Deputy Chief Accreditation Officer for AdvancED. I'll begin by saying "thank you" for your commitment for continuous improvement for the children in Duval County. That is what we're about and what you're about. We appreciate that; thank you so very much.

A PowerPoint presentation Exit Report was given on:

- * Interviews & Observations
- * Balanced Accreditation
- * Powerful Practices
- * Priorities for Improvement
- * Accreditation Decision
- * Final Thoughts

"Lead and empower the education community to ensure that all learners realize their full potential."

Ms. Couch extended a "thank you" to the entire Certification Team. I hope you enjoyed your visit to Jacksonville. Thank you, Mr. Hurst, for your presentation and we look forward to implementing the strategies that you have suggested and look forward to even greater success in the future.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Special meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman