



E-AGENDA MANAGER

# Duval County Public Schools

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February 1, 2016, Board Member Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: Board Members Becki Couch and Constance Hall were present. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[DIFFERENTIATED ACCOUNTABILITY CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS: OAK HILL, HYDE PARK AND HYDE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS](#)

Minutes:

Board Members Couch and Hall met with Dr. Vitti, Superintendent, to review Differentiated Accountability concerns for Hyde Park and Hyde Grove Elementary. Discussion included the following:

- Schools receiving their first F are a flag to the district to move into planning strategies for improvement.
- When schools receive two F's or three D's the district could choose to replace the principal and staff, close the school, or involve a charter school or a private company to take over the school.
- The 2015-2016 schools grades will be held harmless.
- Charters school can be closed by the State Board if they receive a school grade of F twice.
- Busing PK and KG students to Hyde Grove from Hyde Park where the majority of the students can walk to school is a concern.

Board Members voiced their concern over information that is not communicated to the Board concerning Turnaround Schools. The Board is not receiving reports on Turnaround schools as in previous years.

Board Member Hall requested Internal plans for the Turnaround Schools. Dr. Vitti indicated that he will provide the plan to the Board Members by tonight.

Board Member Couch recommended phasing in parts of the Superintendents plan to add the preschool to Hyde Grove and the sixth grade to Hyde Park. She suggested doing it in stages over two years, in order to better inform the community. The Superintendent stated he would consider her recommendation.

## BOUNDARY CHANGE PROPOSALS

Minutes:

Board Members discussed the proposed boundary changes with the Superintendent. Discussion included the following:

- Oak Hill Elementary is an outside school and may need to make changes to the campus to accommodate autistic students.
- Students can opt to attend the Oak Hill Elementary autism center or remain at their current school with services.
- Changing Hyde Grove Elementary to a PK-2 would allow the district to concentrate on early literacy.
- Board Members would like to see a parent liaison at Oak Hill Elementary.

Board Member Couch suggested there could be an opportunity for high school students to work with the students and possibly receive a Leadership credit.

Board Member Hall suggested using empty classrooms for homework

classes. The Superintendent indicated that he is open to this.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman