



Duval County Public Schools

February 8, 2011, Board Workshop

Ms. W. C. Gentry, Chairman
Ms. Betty Burney, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Martha Barrett
Ms. Ms. Becki Couch
Ms. Mr. Tommy Hazouri
Mr. Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee
Mr. Ms. Paula D. Wright
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 10:14 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. BOARD - SUPERINTENDENT GOVERNANCE TEAM](#)

Minutes:

The following topics were discussed.

- The Priority One issue was discussed. Several Board members have been contacted by constituents regarding this issue. This topic was addressed at a Workshop on December 14, 2010, due to inquiries from parents at Stockton Elementary School. The options considered were to either make a "hurry up" decision; engage the community, or to leave it as is. After discussion, it was decided that staff would meet with parents at Stockton either at a PTA or SAC meeting and explain Priority One to them and answer any questions they may have. The majority of the Board felt that this issue should be addressed and a final decision made on how to proceed. After discussing all of the options, it was decided that the Superintendent would direct staff to engage the public on the overall Magnet program, of which Priority One is a part, and come back to the Board at a Workshop with the results of this input, along with some suggestions for the future. This will be accomplished by the end of this school year.
- Chairman Gentry shared with the Board that he had attended the Chambers organizational meeting and that Hugh Green is the current Chairman. Mr. Green is a good leader and understands the importance of education. The Chamber Board of Directors would like to be more engaged with the District and he believes that K-12 education will be on their list of priorities.
- Chairman Gentry also attended the JPEF Board meeting and he felt they are trying to be more sensitive to the importance of working with the District. He believes that communications are improving.
- Board Member Wright attended the Northeast Florida School Board Coalition and will attend from time to time. She also attended the Northwest CPAC meeting.
- Board Member Wright was concerned about a recent visit to Jackson High School. There was a group from the Political Leadership Institute of the Chamber. JPEF had arranged for them to come to the school. The individuals stated that their purpose was to run for the School Board. She is bothered by the fact that they were allowed to come and interrupt the learning process for political reasons. Ms. Wright indicated that they knew nothing about the school and voiced surprise that the students were in their classrooms and learning instead of roaming the halls and being disruptive. The Superintendent indicated that he knew of the visit and that he approved the visit because we need to get more people into the schools to see the positive things that are happening. Board Member Wright indicated that they talked about KIPP while they were there and wanted to compare Jackson to KIPP. It was suggested that we screen groups like this more carefully to make sure what their intent is prior to allowing them in the schools. They also should not allow groups to visit until after FCAT to minimize disruption.
- Board Member Couch shared that she attended the Northeast Florida School Board Coalition. She e-mailed the Board on some of the issues. The Superintendent from St. Johns County attended and spoke to the group. One important suggestion was that when speaking with Legislators on issues, we need to provide them with research to back up our concerns and requests. Would be a good idea to brief the Chamber on our issues also so they can assist us in Tallahassee. The group is drafting a letter to be sent to the Governor inviting him to speak to attend a Coalition meeting.
- Board Member Couch attended the Jacksonville Leadership breakfast this morning. She noted that no one from the school system was listed to participate, even though education was one of the topics on their agenda. It was interesting

to note that the Community Foundation and KIPP were both there.

- Board Member Barrett attended a philanthropic meeting last week and went to the education breakout meeting. Patricia Levesque spoke to the group. She talked about Governor Scott's ideas and the fact that he wants state universities to run charter schools without local school system approval. They also discussed going to all digital textbooks.
- Board Member Barrett will be meeting with Terri Cicero later today on Community Engagement.
- Board Vice-Chairman Burney attended a recent meeting with the NAACP and Commissioner Eric Smith. He talked about reading scores at our Intervene schools. She pointed out that while math and science require that you read, the Commissioner will only talk about the reading scores.
- Board Member Lee attended this month's DAC meeting. He also e-mailed the Board an update on the meeting. Among the topics discussed was the upcoming Legislative session. We need to make sure we have a strong plan for the upcoming trip to Tallahassee. He is working on a schedule for the Board to break into teams and visit legislators. Board Member Lee shared that he sits on the Deans Advisory Council for UNF and we should reach out to them for assistance also.
- Board Member Hazouri attended the Children's Commission meeting and that he stressed with them the need for cooperation with all agencies in the City.
- Board Member Hazouri also updated the group on the possible sale of our administration building and move off of the river. There is a group that is looking at taking over the JEA property and there may be a possible land swap involved.
- Chairman Gentry reminded everyone about the legislative meeting this coming Friday at the Schultz Center. We need to get our legislative agenda put into bullet points to hand out. He also shared that the Lt. Governor will tour Wolfson and speak to the students this coming Friday. Both events are at the same time. Chairman Gentry and Superintendent Pratt-Dannals will attend the legislative meeting and Board Member Lee will cover the Wolfson event for the Chairman.
- The Superintendent shared the following information with the Board.
 - The upcoming budget process and provided a general legislative update. He spoke about a couple of bills coming up this session on unfunded mandates; 18 year olds being allowed to stay in school; new grade for accountability; the teacher bill; and, the retirement budget.
 - Part of the budget process was to look at converting some of the blended work forces. Board Vice-Chairman Burney reminded the Board of a commitment made to these employees by a former Board and that it should be honored.
 - Staff is looking at school consolidations for 2013.
 - The Community Partnership list is being updated and provided to the Board.
 - Bank of America School financial support was discussed. The Bank can no longer subsidize this small school and are in agreement to close the school beginning with the 2011-12 school year. Parents are being notified and will have an opportunity to voice their concerns.
- Board Member Hazouri indicated that Steve Wise wanted to know why no one from the school system attended a recent gathering at Cecil Field. Board Member

Barrett pointed out that it was held at 4:30 p.m. on our Board meeting day, however, no one from the school system had been invited. The only reason she received an invitation was because of another Board she serves on.

- Chairman Gentry indicated that we need a liaison to the Florida Colleges - from the Board and the District. He will work on this. The Superintendent indicated that Elaine Mann was currently the liaison for the District, however, she will be retiring soon and he will need to find a replacement.
- Board Member Lee cautioned everyone to be careful when speaking to the media. What we say can effect our relationships with other organizations. Even if we disagree with a particular statement or action by another group, we still have to work with them in the future.

2. INTERVENE SCHOOLS

Minutes:

The Chairman stated that there was no February 1st deadline. We are not in violation of any law according to General Counsel's office. We will comply with all legal and valid requirements and implementation will occur next school year. The Superintendent will meet with the DOE Board on February 15, 2011, and will share our CBO information and plans.

Deputy Superintendent Pat Willis updated the Board on the CBO plan. The following points were made.

- Reviewed plans for each of the Intervene schools.
- Reviewed bottom line funding.
- Recommend phasing plans in over 1-3 years
- SAI funds would be committed to go here first.
- Look at STEM grants.
- Look at partnerships with colleges outside of the State of Florida.
- Make Intervene schools a focus during our marketing campaign.
- Parent involvement liaison plan is a critical part of this process. Make sure principals know they cannot decline this part of the process.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent
Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief Academic Officer
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member

3. SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

Minutes:

Staff reviewed information with the Board on this topic. Areas discussed included the budget; professional development; and, recruitment process.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman
Ms. Terri Stahlman, Chief Technology Officer
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

4. ESE PROGRAM/DIPLOMA

Minutes:

Mr. Ken Sutton, Director of Exceptional Student Education, made a presentation on the upcoming changes to the ESE program and the diploma options for ESE students. A copy of the presentation is attached to the Minutes. The following items were discussed.

- Rising 8th grade students will be impacted.
- The new laws take effect August 2011.
- Look at how other districts are addressing the issues.
- Impact on FCAT
- Monitoring.
- Work with legislators on the impact of this change on students.
- Form stakeholder group to help with impact.

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5. MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT REPORT - EQUITY & INCLUSION

Minutes:

Ms. Josephine Jackson, Director of Equity and Inclusion, provided the Board with a Management Oversight report on her area and explained how this office impacts every aspect of our Strategic Plan. A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Josephine Jackson, Director, Equity and Inclusion
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 4:02 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman