



E-AGENDA MANAGER

## Duval County Public Schools

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January 19, 2016, Board Workshop and Committee 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: All Board Members were present with exception of Board Member Jason Fischer and Cheryl Grymes. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief Officer of Legal Services, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 8:41 a.m.

[PUBLIC COMMENT](#)

Minutes:

There were no comments from the public at this meeting.

Items To Be Discussed

[JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION](#)

Minutes:

Trey Czar, President, of the Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF) presented the 2015 Annual Public Education Perceptions Poll to the Board. The Jacksonville Public Education Fund contracts with the University of North Florida for polling. The PowerPoint is attached to the minutes. Discussion included the following:

- 534 Duval residents were polled - 20% said they were parents.
- Results are weighted.
- The majority of the residents support a tax increase for public education 70%.
- 7% drop in reliance on test scores and school grades to evaluate schools in 2015.
- A need to communicate more about the district's graduation rate now that it is positive.
- Building of new schools is more important than renovation of existing schools.
- A follow-up was suggested for some of the students who are pictured in the Duval County School Board Building to see where they are today.

Board Member Couch requested the information by demographics particularly age and registered voters. Trey Czar, President of the Jacksonville Public Education Fund will provide this information.

Dr. Vitti, Superintendent, arrived at 8:57 a.m.

Board Member Connie Hall arrived at 9:03 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Paula Wright arrived at 9:03 a.m.

Board Member Shine arrived at 9:08 a.m.

#### Speakers

Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Board Chairman

Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member

#### [DRAFT AGENDA - FEBRUARY 2, 2016](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent reviewed the February 2, 2016, Draft Agenda with the Board. Discussion included the following:

- Microsoft Corporation - Oneview Maintenance And Ongoing Development - The following schools have piloted the program: Dupont Middle, Terry Parker High, Mayport Middle and Venetia Elementary. These schools were chosen based on the teachers who were very active using Gaggie.
- Approval Of Revisions To The Duval County Public Schools Instructional Materials Plan - The Superintendent stated the K-5 Social Studies curriculum standards are addressed through Duval Read and Achieve 3000 articles. A stand-alone curriculum has not been purchased because the district feels it would not be beneficial. The burden of teaching Social Studies and maximizing reading is the responsibility of the language arts teachers. The Instructional Materials Plan will be amended with any changes but is not required.

Board Member Couch asked the Superintendent if he has gone through the curriculum and put in elements that are required. The Superintendent indicated that it has been done. He will send information concerning Core Knowledge or Expeditionary Learning to Board Member Couch so she can see the alignment and where the gaps are.

Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez requested the following:

- The categorical funding to date for the 2015-16 school year.
- Add more description in the agenda item for Wolfson High School boundary change.
- Provide an outline of what is included in the magnet grant or what decisions have been made.
- Copy Cathy Maycott, Administrative Assistant, on any workshop or other materials sent to the Board.
- A timeline for QZAB completion and what is still outstanding.
- Proposed Boundary Changes For Samuel W. Wolfson High School #224, Terry Parker High School #86, Atlantic Coast High School #268, Ed White High School #248, Hyde Grove Elementary #214, Hyde Park Elementary #77, Oak Hill Elementary #210, Gregory Drive Elementary #243, Jacksonville Heights Elementary #229, Cedar Hills Elementary #97, Fort Caroline Middle #235, Arlington Middle #213 and Landmark Middle School. Current programs will not be eliminated at Samuel W. Wolfson High School. The Superintendent indicated that there will be some flexibility concerning the magnet deadline with these changes. The needs of these schools will be reconciled as we go through the budget process. Board Members voiced concerns with not knowing how the Capital Plan will be impacted before taking a vote on the boundary change. The Superintendent will provide additional information to the Board by the end of this week concerning the impact on the budget. He will also add more detail to the agenda item for Hyde Grove and Hyde Park Elementary. Chairman Smith Juarez indicated that she is in favor of these agenda items.

Board Member Hall requested the Superintendent add more detail to the agenda item for Hyde Grove and Hyde Park Elementary concerning the

uniqueness of the programs to meet the needs of the students and parents.

Board Member Couch requested the proposed enrollment at the receiving schools and what the utilization would be if the boundary changes are approved for all of these schools as part of the agenda item. She would like to see the impact on the receiving school in the plan. Dr. Vitti, Superintendent, will send a follow-up e-mail.

Vice-Chairman Wright requested information on how the schools will be marketed and on the students recruitment plan for schools involved in the boundary change. The Superintendent will send information to the Board.

Board Member Hall requested the projected enrollment for Oak Hill Elementary if the boundaries are approved. The Superintendent will provide more details on the units in the area.

- Human Resource Services Employee Transaction - This agenda item will continue to be updated until the agenda is finalized.
- Approval Of Out-Of-Field Teachers - Teachers are notified by letter from Human Resources concerning the requirements and the timeline to meet their obligations. Teachers are also required to sign a document when they agree to teach out- of- field. Teachers are not placed in a position out-of-field unless they agree to teach out-of-field.
- Adoption Of Budget Resolutions December 31, 2015 - This item shows all modifications to the budget.

Board Member Couch requested Michelle Begley, Board Internal Auditor, be added to the e-mails sent to Board Members concerning the fund balance.

- Prequalification Of Construction Contractors For Educational Projects- The big issue for the district is finding enough qualified firms for minority participation.
- QZAB II Group 6-A High Density Wireless At Ruth Upson Elementary School No. 19/DCPS Project No. QZAB15-E99960-3019: Construction Contract Award - Our schools are in a better position than last year to fill the gaps with Florida Standards Assessments (FSA). If we have gaps they will be filled with laptop computers. All QZAB II projects will be completed by the fall of next year.
- Intercom System Replacement At Jean Ribault High School No. 96/DCSB Project No. M-83970/OFDC-ITB-003-16: Construction Contract Award- Paul Soares, Assistant Superintendent, Operations will check on the intercom system in the gym at Jean Ribault High School to verify it is included in the replacement system.

#### Speakers

Ashley Smith Juarez, Chairman  
Paula Wright, Vice-Chairman  
Becki Couch, Board Member  
Connie Hall, Board Member

Scott Shine, Board Member

## CAPITAL

Minutes:

Dr. Vitti, Superintendent, presented the Capital Analysis to the Board. He needs guidance on how to move forward on some of the tough issues. The district has used the limited resources we have in Capital to continue to put out fires regarding facilities. The district has not demonstrated a marked increase in enrollment for years to generate more funding to substantially repair old buildings or to build new buildings. The PowerPoint is attached to the minutes. Discussion included the following:

- Bonding.
- Consolidate old buildings and/or build new ones.
- Closing of schools.
- Categorize the needs of the schools.
- Limit magnet seats where utilization is an issue.

Board Member Couch requested information concerning what the district will remove from the budget when spending Capital dollars for boundary changes, transportation and school buildings. We need to know what the trade off will be. Dr. Vitti, Superintendent, stated he will provide more information by Friday of this week.

### Other Topics

Boundary Changes - Vice-Chairman Paula Wright voiced her concern with all the boundary and programmatic changes being piloted on the northside. She would also like to see a comprehensive plan that includes the boundary changes. The Superintendent will send additional information before the vote in February.

### Speakers

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Ms. Paula Wright, Vice-Chairman  
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
Ms. Connie Hall, Board Member  
Mr. Scott Shine, Board Member

Adjournment

## ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman