



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

January 20, 2015, Committee Meeting- Draft Agenda

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD : All Board Members 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 9:06 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

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Minutes:

The Superintendent reviewed the February 9, 2015 Draft Agenda and discussed the Termination of Scholar Preparatory Academy Charter School with the Board. Discussion included the following:

Termination of Scholar Preparatory Charter School.

- Scholar Preparatory Academy Charter School has allowed their insurance to lapse.
- The safety of the children is an immediate concern.
- Superintendent Vitti recommends an immediate termination of the school contract.
- The Board will vote on Thursday January 20, 2015, to terminate the contract with Scholar Preparatory Academy Charter School.
- It is unknown if the school can be self-insured.
- Parents will be notified and given other choices.
- It is not our plan to send information to the parents concerning the insurance issue.
- The district will be exposed if there is an insurance claim.
- The school has 10 days to file an appeal.

Board Member Jason Fischer arrived at 9:24 a.m.

Rental Agreement For Graduation Ceremonies Hosted At The Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena.

Board Member Becki Couch discussed the following item:

- This year the contract increased by about \$4,000.00 dollars with no explanation. Any time there is a cost increase she would like to see an explanation.
- At what point can we request an explanation for the increase?

Andrew Post, Assistant Superintendent, Accountability and Assessment stated the district has a contract but we could look into negotiating a multi-year contract in the future.

SAP Annual Software Maintenance Renewal:

- Board Member Couch questioned the increase in cost with no explanation in the item.
- Andrew Post, Assistant Superintendent, Accountability and Assessment, stated this is a standard rate of increase annually.

New Leaders For New Schools: Emerging Leaders Program Grant

- Candidates will be interviewed by district staff, regional superintendents, Kathleen Moeller, Director, Professional Development and Leadership Development.
- We will identify about 40 candidates, all 40 will not be placed.
- 29 employees are going through modules to become principals.
- Participants are surveyed as to the effectiveness of the training.
- Programs are not available during the summer.
- At this time, the Superintendent feels we have 10 Assistant Principals that could be ready for promotion.
- The goal is to prepare leaders.

Developmental Responsiveness Support Plan.

- Superintendent Vitti explained the plan. It is a complete analysis of safety and discipline. The information in this item is not new. We are changing the way we look at discipline and safety. Board Member Couch stated Board Policy 5.24 and 5.30 indicates we are to receive data on discipline, gender, and race. If the information were included in the plan it would satisfy the requirement. Our focus needs to be data - driven.
- Board Member Couch asked about multiple class 2's. What happens if the student continues to get into fights even after you have done everything? Superintendent Vitti said it will lead to in school suspensions, outside suspensions, and alternative schools. Board Member Couch would like to know what the goal is. The data would be helpful. The Superintendent will provide more data on the expectations.

Family & Community Engagement Plan.

- This item outlines our initiative from the Parent Academy, to Discover Duval, to our new work with customer service, the Gallup poll, work with recognizing our employees, and middle school mentoring. The targets are also listed. Board Member Couch stated she would like to see more communication with Board Members. She would like to see more contact with Family and Community Engagement and Communications to get the word out. Board Member Paula Wright asked that we advertise in papers the constituents read. Vice Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez asked the staff to fill in the sections that say see attached plan. Board Member Couch asked for a page number be added to reference the plan.

Public Hearing: Adoption Of District- Wide Instructional Materials.

- This item is a summary of the subject area and adoption process. The item is a description and analysis of the proposed cost. The Superintendent is looking for approval so we can begin to order the materials. This will be worked out as we go through the budget process. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, stated the material will be available for the public to view online. Board Member Jason Fischer asked the Superintendent to review the process for adopting the materials. Dr. Vitti said the process is part of the agenda item. The consensus of the Board was to continue to use the state list for instructional materials.

Proposed Boundary Changes

- Board Member Couch questioned why we cannot project transportation cost for boundary changes. Superintendent Vitti said he is not comfortable giving a number. There are too many unknowns.
- Superintendent Vitti stated we will help R. L. Brown with enrollment through marketing. We can also market the International

Baccalaureate (IB) program.

- The original proposal included an apartment complex that has now been removed from the proposal for Justina Road Elementary.
- Superintendent Vitti spoke with the Arlington Chamber and NAACP concerning the Guiding, Remediating and Accelerating Student Performance (GRASP) program.
- The Team Up program at Justina Road Elementary will be relocated when we know where students will attend.
- Justina Road Elementary's GRASP program enrollment will expand from 250 students in the fall to 300 students next year and 400 the following year.
- All students will be screened at Justina Road Elementary for GRASP.
- The requirement to remain at Justina Road Elementary is based on meeting the dyslexic profile. These student will receive a higher priority to remain at Justina Road Elementary.

Board Member Paula Wright voiced her concern over communication with parents and Board members concerning the GRASP program. Everyone who was involved needs to be informed.

Board Member Ashley Smith Juarez arrived at 1:15 p.m.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman