



## Duval County Public Schools

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January 24, 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, was also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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

Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 9:12 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

### [1. INTERVENE SCHOOLS](#)

Minutes:

The Intervene Schools were discussed. Areas covered included:

- The Superintendent updated the Board on a meeting with the Commissioner of

Education. Commissioner Eric Smith indicated that he was open to the District Managed Blended Model option. It needs to be a strong organization, especially in the area of governance. The Superintendent will arrange for a conference call with a representative of an organization who has some experience in this type of model. Chairman Gentry sat in on this meeting, and shared his surprise that while Duval is held up by the Commissioner as a model for governance and having the cooperation of the local teachers union, at the same time he says that we have issues.

- Deputy Superintendent Pat Willis and Chief of Academic Services Kathy LeRoy reviewed the results of the community meetings.
- Options were reviewed for each of the schools. The following points were made.
  - Andrew Jackson High School:
    - How does this differentiate itself from Darnell-Cookman?
    - Will the business partners follow them to the next school?
    - Feeder pattern should be written - critical part - the middle schools should mirror Andrew Jackson and the elementary schools should mirror the middle schools.
    - Involve colleges other than JU and FSCJ. Look for the best possible fit in this area.
    - Include office of Career and Technical Education in the planning process.
    - Provide more information on the advisory committee being considered.
    - Include community in the planning process and advisory committee.
  - North Shore K-8:
    - Pre-K program is a good idea
    - How long do we have to make program successful?
    - Talked about procedural timeline.
  - Raines High School:
    - Look at ways to reclaim the students who have left to attend Magnet programs, etc.
    - Look at making Butler a STEM to they could feed into Raines.
    - Look at adding pre-AICE program.
    - Provide date on where Raines students are going. Provide this information for all four schools.
    - Look at the possibility of a second Douglas-Anderson program.
  - Ribault High School:
    - Consider focusing on Early College program and moving IB to another school.
    - Offer those students currently in the IB program same options as those in AICE.
    - Look at different dress code for each school to help identify which program you are in at the school.
    - Need a marketing plan for all schools.
- Take Aways:
  - Review feeder patters.
  - Managing schools within a school.
  - Don't overlook independent colleges and universities.

- o Involve CTE office.
- o Look at community based group.
- o Look at STEM.
- o Consider an additional performing arts program.
- o Need marketing plan.
- o Plan for overage students.
- o Governance of schools - community group would be advisory but school system would maintain control of the schools.
- o Involve community in discussions.
- o Teacher training.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Chairman  
 Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
 Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent  
 Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief Academic Officer  
 Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
 Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
 Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman  
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2. READING UPDATE

Minutes:

Staff provided Board with an update on the reading programs.

Representatives from Cisco were present and talked about connectivity for schools. Mr. Carl Radke indicated that their company would help us determine what work needed to be done, however, they could not fund any of the work. Chairman Gentry indicated that this was not his understanding from previous conversations, and that we did not have the funding and were looking to Cisco to deliver the connectivity. Mr. Radke said that they would provide their expertise, donating a week of their time to provide an assessment and make recommendations. If we decided to move forward with their recommendations, they would also provide assistance and advice to those who we hire to provide the services.

Staff updated the Board on the various reading initiatives. Some of the points included the following:

- Houghton-Mifflin will pay for cable boxes for students who do not have cable in their homes so they can access reading programs from home. Their company just purchased the History Channel. They will outfit 500 homes to start out the program.

- Staff is looking into Kindles for students at Ribault High School.
- Look at schools on the Westside also for innovative ideas.
- Discussed how Adobe Connect Pro would work - access, archiving work, etc.
- Board Member Lee will follow up with Cisco regarding the connectivity issue.
- Discussed the professional development timeline.

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Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
Mr. Carl Radke, Cisco  
Mr. Dan Mariantine - via conference call  
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent  
Ms. Jackie Bowen, Academic Services  
Ms. Mary Mickel, Academic Services

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 3:05 p.m.

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We Agree on this

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Superintendent

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Chairman