



## Duval County Public Schools

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January 24, 2012, Board Workshop

Ms. Betty Burney, Chairman  
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Vice-Chairman  
Ms. Martha Barrett  
Ms. Ms. Becki Couch  
Mr. W. C. Gentry  
Ms. Mr. Tommy Hazouri  
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, with the exception of Mr. W. C. Gentry. Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant Deputy 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 10:00 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT GOVERNANCE](#)

Minutes:

The following topics were discussed:

- Mike O'Farrell, Legislative Consultant, provided the Board with an update on current legislative issues in preparation for the FSBA Days in the Legislature trip this week. A copy of his briefing is attached to the Minutes.
- The Superintendent shared an update on Schools For The Future with the Board. He indicated staff has met with the partners involved and they are working to resolve the issues. Board members indicated that after Board Auditor Michelle Begley completes her audit of the school, they will review all of the information provided and then they will meet as a Board to discuss, followed by a meeting with all parties involved. Board members requested the following information:
  - FAIR data from the recent administration
  - Copy of the contract for Schools For The Future

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman  
 Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
 Mr. Mike O'Farrell, Legislative Consultant  
 Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member  
 Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
 Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member  
 Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
 Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
 Dr. Terri Stahlman, Chief Technology Officer  
 Ms. Dana Kriznar, Director, Alternative Education

[2. FEBRUARY 7, 2012, DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW](#)

Minutes:

Staff reviewed the February 7, 2012, Draft Agenda with the Board.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman  
 Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
 Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent  
 Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief Academic Officer  
 Ms. Josephine Jackson, Director, Equity and Inclusion  
 Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member  
 Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
 Ms. Sonita Young, Director, Policy and Compliance  
 Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief of Operations  
 Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member  
 Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
 Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
 Dr. Terri Stahlman, Chief Technology Officer  
 Mr. Mike Perrone, Chief Financial Officer  
 Mr. Paul Soares, Chief of Operations

### 3. MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT - COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Minutes:

Ms. Jill Johnson, Director of Communications, provided the Board with a Management Oversight report on Communications. Copies of materials provided are attached to the Minutes. Services provided by the Communications Office include:

- Various newsletters for staff and parents
- Maintain website
- Media relations
- School Matters and Real School shows
- PSA's

Board Members made the following comments:

- Desire to see Communications and Community Involvement work closely together on projects.
- Better communications to the public regarding our programs.
- Add Legislators names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers, to our website.
- Add State Board of Education Board member contact information - names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers, to our website.
- Look for other ways to keep public informed other than just via electronic avenues - i.e., some constituents do not have access to the Internet or cable TV. Consider the continuation of airing our Board meetings on a channel that can be accessed without cable.
- Provide information on events such as Read It Forward Jax to child care centers, etc.
- Board Members link should be added back to new website home page.
- Help promote acceleration programs at all high schools.
- Help promote Board member quarterly goals.
- Develop customer satisfaction surveys.
- Provide training materials for Board members on how to talk to the media, draft letters to the editor, and speaking engagements. Board member referenced Orange County training materials.
- Provide Board with long-term communications strategy.

The Management Oversight report for Community Involvement will be made at a later date.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
Ms. Jill Johnson, Director, Communications  
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member  
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member

#### 4. 2012-2013 BUDGET REVIEW

Minutes:

Mr. Mike Perrone, Chief Financial Officer, provided the Board with a briefing on the projected budget deficit for 2012-2013, along with a list of revenue enhancements and cost reductions/avoidance areas to be considered.

Chairman Burney requested that Board Auditor Michelle Begley address the information provided. Ms. Begley requested an explanation regarding what made up the \$903,139,406 projected General Fund Revenue figure provided to the Board, and the reason for including the \$26,300,000 in EduJobs dollars. Mr. Perrone indicated that those dollars had been moved into Operating. Ms. Karen Jones, Budget Office Manager, explained that those dollars were part of the Fund Balance. She also indicated that the projected General Fund Revenue was really somewhere between \$800,000,000 and \$850,000,000. Ms. Begley indicated that it would be helpful for the Board if the Budget staff would provide them with a breakdown of the dollars that make up that dollar amount. She also asked that the Board be provided with information on what part of the unassigned fund balance they anticipate to use.

Chairman Burney requested that Ms. Begley meet with Mr. Perrone and Ms. Jones regarding the budget for the coming school year. The Board will then hold an Audit Committee Meeting to receive a report from Ms. Begley, after which time they will meet with staff in a Workshop setting to continue budget discussions.

The Chairman asked that the following be added to the Board priorities list:

- High school and middle school feeder patterns
- Acceleration programs

Mr. Paul Soares provided the Board with a list of proposed Magnet transportation cuts for the coming year. A copy of this report is attached to the Minutes. Board Member Hazouri asked that we look at the overall Magnet program, as previously agreed upon at the November 22, 2011, Board Workshop, prior to taking any further action regarding this item. The Superintendent indicated that tying this item to the overall Magnet review is that it would take several months, and the budget decisions have to be more timely. The Chairman and Superintendent will discuss this matter.

Mr. Jon Fox, Director of Athletics, provided the Board with an update on sports for the coming year. A copy of his report is attached to the Minutes. Pay to Play plans were discussed. Students in the Free and Reduced lunch program would be exempt from having to pay. Staff will look at the need to bring a policy to the Board on this

program.

All Board members praised Mr. Fox for his dedication to the students of Duval County, and all of the hard work he has done to keep sports opportunities available for students. The Sports Foundation was also discussed. Plans are to continue with the foundation and seek contributions which would be used for all sports programs.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
Mr. Mike Perrone, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Michelle Begley, Board Internal Auditor  
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member  
Mr. Paul Soares, Chief of Operations  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member  
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
Mr. Jon Fox, Director of Athletics

5. GRADE RECOVERY

Minutes:

The Board did not receive information on this subject prior to the Board Workshop, therefore, the item was not discussed.

6. INTERVENE SCHOOLS UPDATE

Minutes:

Staff provided the Board with an update on the Intervene schools. Mr. Frank DeSensi, Educational Directions, LLC., and Mr. Mason Davis, State Department of Education shared the progress that has been made, as well as information on additional steps being taken to help the students move forward. Board members thanked Mr. Davis for his collaboration with staff and his dedication to making sure our students advance and that the schools succeed. A copy of the status report is attached to the Minutes.

Cluster Chief Jackie Byrd shared information on North Shore K-8's progress. Cluster Chief Tony Bellamy provided an update on Raines High School.

The Chairman indicated that Board Member Wright has been working with staff on the Intervene Schools on behalf of the Board, and requested that she share her findings with everyone present. A copy of her report is attached to the Minutes. She addressed the work being done to assist students with FCAT preparation; mentors for students;

visits to students homes; and reading issues.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent  
Mr. Frank DeSensi, Educational Directions, LLC  
Mr. Mason Davis, State Department of Education  
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member  
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
Ms. Jackie Byrd, Cluster Chief  
Mr. Tony Bellamy, Cluster Chief

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 4:35 p.m.

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We Agree on this

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Superintendent

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Chairman