



## Duval County Public Schools

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January 25, 2013, Board Development Meeting

Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Chairman  
Ms. Becki Couch, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Jacon Fischer  
Ms. Cheryl Grymes  
Dr. Constance S. Hall  
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez  
Mr. Ms. Paula D. Wright  
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS BOARD DEVELOPMENT MEETING: All Board Members were present. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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

Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Development Meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

### [1. STRATEGIC PLAN](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent provided the Board with an updated Legislative Program draft and asked for their review and input. Board Members Hall and Wright requested that the Chairman explain their absence from the January 30th meeting with the Duval

Delegation. Both members will be attending a Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington, DC, where they are also presenting. The Board will discuss this topic in more detail after the Strategic Plan SWOT.

The Superintendent indicated that he wanted to begin with reviewing the current Strategic Plan and get feedback from the Board prior to conducting the SWOT. Board Member Wright requested clarification on the process for the day. The Superintendent had previously indicated that Ms. Daniela Simic, Chief of Strategic Partnerships, would lead the Board through a SWOT for the Strategic Plan. Her concern was that if the process had changed, including who would facilitate, that the Board should be informed. After discussion, it was agreed that any changes to stated processes would be provided to the Board when made.

Ms. Simic led the Board through the SWOT regarding our Strategic Plan. A copy of the SWOT is attached to the Minutes. Dr. Vitti will take the information back to staff and determine how to place them into buckets. He will send the information to the Board for their review and feedback prior to the next meeting on the Strategic Plan. He will also include information gathered from the Board's SWOT on team development. The information will be sent to the Board by February 5, 2013.

The length of the new Strategic Plan was discussed. It was agreed that it would be three years. The Capital Plan will also be aligned for a three year phase.

Board Members Hall and Wright shared that they were leaving today for the Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington, DC. They will present on turnaround schools and Title I. Representative Corrine Brown is providing assistance in setting meetings for them on the Hill. They will provide the Board with an update when they return.

Vice-Chairman Couch shared that she is the current Chairman of the Northeast Florida School Boards Coalition, and extended an invitation for all Board members to attend their monthly meetings. They are held on the first Wednesday of every month, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, at the St. John's County School Board Administration Building in St. Augustine, Florida.

The Board and Superintendent discussed the Legislative Agenda. It was decided that we would concentrate on three to four of our highest priority issues, and provide backup information on the rest. After much discussion, the following areas will be the high priority issues:

- Restoring PECO dollars - imposing levy to increase Capital funding, with some directed to Charter schools and local control
- Class Size
- Special Diploma for ESE students - go back to counting them as a graduate instead of a non-graduate
- Textbooks and the need for more flexibility in use of funding in order to convert to technology

The following items will be awareness issues:

- EOC
- ELL

Speakers:

Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Chairman  
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent  
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Jason Fischer, Board Member  
Ms. Constance S. Hall, Board Member  
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Board Member  
Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Board Member

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Development Meeting at 12:31 p.m.

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We Agree on this

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Superintendent

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Chairman