



## Duval County Public Schools

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January 30, 2013, Duval County School Board - Duval Delegation Joint 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 JOINT MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND DUVAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION: All Board Members were present, with the exception of Board Members Constance Hall and Paula D. Wright, who were out of town. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, were also present. The following Duval Delegation Members were present: Representatives Dan Davis, Charles McBurney, Lake Ray, Reggie Fullwood, and Mia Jones; Senators Aaron Bean, and Audrey Gibson.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Joint Meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[LEGISLATIVE ISSUES](#)

Minutes:

Members of the Duval County School Board, the Superintendent, and members of the Duval Delegation met to discuss the upcoming Legislative Session. A copy of the agenda for the day, along with our Legislative Agenda, is attached to the Minutes.

Discussion included the following:

- Priorities
  - Capital Funding
  - Instructional Materials
  - Class Size Amendment
  - End of Course Exams
  - Special Diploma Students/Graduation
- Awareness Items
  - Safety
  - English Language Learners (ELL)
  - Exceptional Student Education (ESE)
- Take Aways
  - Charter Schools - provide Delegation with information on services/funding already being provided to Charter schools
  - Instructional materials - provide Delegation with our plan for implementing digital content
  - Class Size - consider sharing data that shows impact or lack of on class size
  - Provide Delegation with data on impact of EOC on graduation - especially A/B students - provide white paper to defend why this is a priority
  - Schedule more meetings with Delegation - have first meeting in Fall instead of after session planning starts
  - Provide information on what we are currently doing as far as safety in schools - include definition of safety
  - Work with Charles McBurney, Aaron Bean, and Audrey Gibson to arrange meetings with Education Committee, Appropriations, and Policy Chairs for both House and Senate - Superintendent and a couple of Board Members
  - Go to Tallahassee in February to meet with Legislators - don't wait until FSBA days in March
  - Representative Mia Jones will have her staff check for bills already being written that relate to our issues
  - Provide information on what we do now for mental health for students
  - Legislative side - provide which groups currently support our stance on priorities - i.e., FADSS, FSBA, Chamber, etc.
  - Special Diplomas issue; Class Size; Instructional Materials - consensus of Delegation Members present was to support these items and work toward resolutions
  - Senator Audrey Gibson requested we dialog before adding more SRO's in schools
  - Provide Senator Aaron Bean with information on our policy regarding refurbished computers - i.e., do we have a policy, and, if so, provide reasoning behind our position

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Joint Meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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We Agree on this

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Superintendent

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Chairman