



Duval County Public Schools

January 4, 2010, Board Workshop

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Chairman
Ms. Nancy Broner, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Martha Barrett
Ms. Betty Burney
Ms. Vicki Drake
Mr. W. C. Gentry
Mr. Tommy Hazouri
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, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant 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 4:34 p.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. RACE TO THE TOP FUNDS](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent and Board reviewed the questions to be used when Education Commissioner Eric Smith arrives at the meeting to discuss the Race to the Top Funds. A list of the questions is attached to the Minutes.

Commissioner Smith arrived and the following were the results of the discussion with the Board.

1. If the grant proceeds to the LEA for its Final Work Plan are reduced at any time (whether upon initial award or thereafter during the term of the grant), the LEA may at its option: (a) amend its Final Work Plan commensurate to the then-level of grant proceeds, or (b) terminate its participation in this MOU or the ensuing grant without prejudice to the LEA (whether for this MOU, or any other applications made by the LEA for this grant, or other grants or related programs). In all events and circumstances, the LEA shall not be required to expend funds (from whatever source whether local, state, or federal) in excess of Race to the Top grant award proceeds to implement the Final Work Plan, except those funds that the LEA has previously prioritized and budgeted for requirements now found in Race to the Top.
2. Notwithstanding any predetermined schedule imposed by the Department or otherwise, the LEA is permitted to include in its Final Work Plan its reasonable determination of sufficient time for the academic improvement of its four (4) "Intervene" schools and its eleven (11) lowest performing schools after implementing one of the four federal models. In addition to the foregoing, the LEA and the Department agree to collaborate in good faith in defining and implementing the standards for sufficient yearly progress for each school level, and to permit the LEA to continue with the LEA's chosen federal model for each applicable school.
3. The LEA is permitted to include in its Final Work Plan the ability to develop and implement pilot programs for certain agreed-upon high-need schools in order to concentrate the LEA's limited resources and to test new models in order to ensure the pilot programs provide the intended results, especially related to attracting and retaining high-quality teachers and principals in low-performing schools.
4. The Department agrees to use its best efforts to cause the alignment (whether by rule-making or statutory modification) of Department and statutory requirements with RTTT mandates.
5. The Department agrees to use its best efforts (whether by initiating statutory changes, rule-making, or otherwise) to cause the alignment of the LEA's present compensation models (including but not limited to School Recognition funds and Merit Award Program funds) with similar RTTT requirements.
6. Notwithstanding the provisions of D(2)(ii) of Exhibit I of this MOU, the Department will negotiate with the LEA regarding a student growth component that is at least 40% of the evaluation and is greater than any other single component on the evaluation.

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda A. Priestly Jackson, Board Chairman
Dr. Eric Smith, Commissioner of Education
Dr. Frances Haithcock, Chancellor, DOE
Ms. Deborah Kearney, General Counsel, DOE
Ms. Judy Bone, Assistant General Counsel, DOE
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Terrie Brady, President, Duval Teachers United
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Vice-Chairman
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member

Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 7:43 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman