



E-AGENDA MANAGER

## Duval County Public Schools

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July 18, 2017, Board Workshop and Committee Meeting

Ms. Paula D. Wright, Chairman  
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Vice-Chairman  
Ms. Becki Couch  
Ms. Cheryl Grymes  
Ms. Lori Hershey  
Mr. Warren A. Jones  
Mr. Scott Shine  
Dr. Patricia Willis, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Dr. Patricia S. Willis, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 10:19 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[DRAFT AGENDA - AUGUST 1, 2017](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent reviewed the August 1, 2017, Draft Agenda with the Board. Discussion included the following:

Dual Enrollment Textbooks Fall 2017 and Spring 2018

- The textbooks were budgeted and purchased with SAI funds.
- Board Member Couch asked about the tracking of the textbooks and what happens when they are no longer used. Dr. Kelly Coker-Daniel, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Assessment, stated there is an inventory of all the textbooks and they are not sold back at the end of the year but staff can look into that option. Early College students who are on campus have an account in the Follett system for textbooks that is monitored by the District. Florida State College of Jacksonville completes a three year rotation review of textbooks.
- Dr. Kelly Coker-Daniel stated staff is hopeful the textbooks will be in prior to the start of the school year and there has not been any notification of any issues with the order.
- The textbooks fall under Follett and this is the time frame when they are ordered.
- Board Member Grymes asked about the remaining dollars and if they could be spent elsewhere. Dr. Kelly Coker-Daniel stated they anticipate an increase in cost with the additional courses being offered through the dual enrollment program.
- Board Member Couch stated if staff is reviewing the effectiveness of the acceleration programs, if students are choosing dual enrollment and the possibility of eliminating the IB program. The Superintendent stated they will start to review IB versus Dual Enrollment. Dr. Kelly Coker Daniel stated there has been a deeper dive in to this with the Strategic Abandonment Process and staff welcomes the opportunity to look further. Parents see more value with the dual enrollment program. Chairman Wright will add the topic to a workshop for further discussion.

#### Florida State College Tuition - Dual Enrollment Fall 2017 and Spring 2018

- There is a dual enrollment program with Edward Waters College. The contract amount is under \$75,000 and has not gone to the Board for approval but once the new contract is drafted, it will go before the Board for approval due to the current cap being at \$50,000.
- There is funding from the State for the dual enrollment programs. Ron Fagan, Executive Director of Budget Services, stated when a student is enrolled in a class it is tagged in FOCUS and there is extra FTE which comes through the normal revenue.
- Chairman Wright wanted to remind the Board and Superintendent when advancing programs and increasing enrollment, they need to be planned and prepared financially.
- Students who are considered Early College students are still District students in FOCUS and additional FTE is received.

#### Embry Riddle Aeronautical University - Dual Enrollment Fees (Fall 2017 and Spring 2018)

- Board Member Grymes stated the cost for the program is a bargain.
- Dr. Kelly Coker-Daniel stated there are 5 adjunct professors and depending on the schedule, if they are on the A or B schedule,

- determines how much time is spent at each school.
- Services for the program will remain the same. There is a decrease in the number of students which reflects in the amount of the contract. Professors are eager to be involved with the simulator at Ribault High School.

#### District Assessment Calendar

- Charter Schools follow the calendar for State assessments but not in regards to District or local assessments.
- The Superintendent will update the copies of the assessment calendar to make them more readable and forward to the Board.
- The calendar is still in draft form. The State has not released the final calendar so dates may shift. Staff communicates with the State weekly on finalization of the calendar. Final approval may not be until September.
- Board Member Couch expressed concerns about the discussion at the State level to eliminate PERT and replace with PSAT. PSAT is offered only once a year unlike PERT which is given multiple times a year. This will eliminate the opportunity for students who need it the most to graduate high school. Dr. Kelly Coker-Daniel stated the College Board is not entertaining changing how many times the PSAT can be offered in a year. Feedback has been given to the State from principals and parents. The item is not on the agenda at the State level, they are reviewing feedback.
- Board Member Couch requested to see the proposed changes at the State level. The Superintendent will forward the update from the State to the Board. Board Member Couch stated this will have an impact on students. The cut score for SAT is higher than a 10th grade level but the FSA is a 10th grade level test. It will impact the number of students who will not graduate on time which will impact high school grades which will increase the number of schools of hope. She suggested a resolution be done for the Board meeting since the State is reviewing feedback.
- Chairman Wright will follow-up with the Superintendent and send something to the State.
- Board Member Shine asked if charter schools will have the same set of rules. There are not that many charter high schools.

#### Districtwide Instructional Leadership Development and Instructional Support for Hybrid Turnaround Model

- The cost for the program last year with three schools was \$330,000. The cost will go down for two schools. Staff is awaiting the amount from the vendor.
- There has not been any guidance with regards to HB 7069 and the legislative rules and how it will affect the schools. Ribault Middle should not be impacted due to the school receiving a C grade. The last guidance received from the State was to continue with the turnaround plans for Matthew Gilbert and Northwestern middle schools. The State met on July 17, 2017, to discuss the schools and

- any other schools that may be impacted based on scores.
  - Chairman Wright will meet with the Superintendent to discuss the schools in detail and bring information back to the Board.
- Renewal of CT3 Contract
- The contract is not a new agreement. In the past, the amount did not require Board approval due to it being on a smaller scale with 2 coaches and 6 schools. The contract is being expanded to adopt a coaching model and to strengthen Tier I of the multi-tiered system of support.
  - Board Member Shine received a call from an attorney with regards to their contract not being renewed. The attorney made the allegation the contract was canceled and replaced. The Superintendent stated she does not believe that this is related to the CT3 contract but HERO. The Superintendent did meet with the attorney and reviewed the Strategic Abandonment information. The prior Superintendent did not recommend the vendor so they did not move forward with a new contract.
  - Chairman Wright stated she spoke with the vendor representing HERO and she informed them they were not a part of the budget in light of the shortfalls for the school year. She has concerns if they are representing two companies and did not share the information. They had an opportunity to be transparent and share that information.
  - Board Member Shine requested an investigation analysis to document what transpired during the process.
  - Dr. Kriznar stated HERO is not affiliated with the STRIVE grant. They are two different companies. The contract was not submitted to the Board previously due to the renewal being under the \$75,000 threshold. CT3 was paid through grant dollars and HERO was paid out of General Revenue.
  - Chairman Wright requested clarification be sent in writing to all parties that there is no mixing of programs or dollars.
  - Board Member Couch requested to include the grade level in the final agenda item to show why there was an increase with dollars.
  - Board Member Grymes stated in the Previous Outcome section it is not readable. The Superintendent will make it legible and forward to the Board.
  - Anna Savitsky, Supervisor of School Culture and Climate, stated DOMO tracks coaching effectiveness on different rubrics around student engagement and time on task. She will follow-up with the meaning of the acronym DOMO.

#### Human Resource Services Employee Transaction

- Board Member Shine brought up the cases that have been in the press. He would like to know when the Board will receive reports and when it will be on the Agenda. Sonita Young, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resource Services, stated she is following up with the Superintendent and the concerns are noted. Employees have to be supplied sufficiently notice of any Board action so the employee has due process. The incident occurred at the end of the

school year and there was not enough time to bring a recommendation to the Board prior to school ending. Ms. Young's recommendation is not to bring the report to the August agenda.

- Board Member Grymes expressed concerns about the emails the Board has been receiving regarding RL Brown Elementary. Chairman Wright stated there would need to be discussion on every Principal change the Superintendent recommends and she does not want to take up committee time to discuss a specific school. A better time to discuss the topic would be during Governance or with the Superintendent one on one. A site analysis for RL Brown will be held on July 19, 2017. The Superintendent will be happy to discuss her rationale for the decision during a one on one or Governance. Chairman Wright reminded the Board that when the conversation starts, if another Board Member wants to discuss individual Principal changes, everyone will be subjected.

#### People Admin - Talent Management Solution

- Ms. Young stated the current systems used are NeoGov for applicant software and CAST is used as the evaluation portal. The proposed system will replace both of the current software systems. NeoGov was approved last year but the system did not integrate and a refund was received due to promises not fulfilled. The system is more sophisticated than anything currently. The evaluation portal no longer has the ability to meet the technological needs for the evaluation portal of the District.
- The two systems cost \$100,000 annually. The new contract would be an increase of \$220,000. The contract is being negotiated. The District is asking for an amount not to increase 1% to 5% over the 5 year annual agreement for renewals.
- The agenda item was included in the HR Budget.
- Board Member Couch asked if the new software will help resolve the issue of paying individuals who are separating from the District. Ms. Young stated this system will not safeguard that issue. There are safeguards in place to prevent that particular issue. Board Member Couch would like to see those cost savings reduced to resolve the issue. The Superintendent will follow-up with staff.

#### Health Plan Services (RFP No. 04-17/TW)

- Board Member Jones asked if the contract was newly awarded. Ms. Young stated the contract is standard and is a renewal. The previous contract was for one year which is unusual. The current contract is an annual contract with subsequent renewals.
- The rates listed are for an annual membership per person at a rate of \$33.25 and does not reflect an increase.
- Board Member Shine asked for data and the trend on the claims cost. Ms. Young will provide the Board updated data.
- Staff does have projections for claim costs for the next ten years. Board Member Shine requested to look into details with the cost. Ms. Young will provide the details to the Board. Chairman Wright will add this topic to a workshop to discuss in detail along with

Districtwide Instructional Leadership Development and Instructional Support for Hybrid Turnaround Model.

- Board Member Grymes asked for the administrative cost to pay for self insurance that would pay the claim for all employees. Ms. Young will bring the information back to the Board in the workshop.
- There were no planned rate changes for next year.

#### Monthly Financial Statements

- Board Member Shine believes a peer review process regarding the budget should be completed. He stated the Board Auditor reviews the documents and thinks they are correct but may not know if items are missing. An additional set of eyes from a critical standpoint on the budget is necessary. This can be done with a specific role in the Board office where staff audits the findings or by creating an auditor general function which allows fail-safes in the system.
- Chairman Wright stated Michelle Begley, Board Internal Auditor, shared with the Board in September of a \$19,000,000 shortage.
- Board Member Couch agreed with Board Member Shine regarding more fail-safes in the system throughout the year. She would like to know the cost of doing a form of an audit to see where the 2016-2017 money was spent. There have been multiple conversations at the table regarding lapse salaries. Board Member Couch is unclear if the deficit was paid for in 2016-2017 or is it being rolled forward into 2017-2018. If so, it will have to be paid out of the revenues that we had, which probably will be out of lapse salaries. This will put the District into another year of spending money that will not average at the end of the school year. The Superintendent stated speech contracts not received at the end of the year did roll into this year. Advanced programs will also rollover. Dollars moved from maintenance or technology were included in order to balance the budget and pay what was not paid for last year.
- Board Member Couch asked if this is borrowing and then payback at the end of the year with the approval of a roll throughout the year or is it a cut in those departments. Ron Fagan, Executive Director of Budget Services, stated yes, there were items cut in the budget and will have to use lapse salaries to cover at the end of the year. Board Member Couch requested an amount to have a better understanding of what that will look like.
- Mr. Fagan stated \$9,000,000 from maintenance, \$8,000,000 from technology and \$4,000,000 from energy was cut for a total of \$21,000,000. This will be borrowed from 2017-2018 and paid at the end of the year from lapse salaries to balance the budget. The items were cut on paper but the cost was not removed and will come before the District.
- Board Member Couch stated the \$21,000,000 includes the lack of the \$11,000,000 roll forward that was presented in previous meetings. There is a \$10,000,000 shortage because of the items that will need to be paid.
- Board Member Couch asked is there a plan to ensure this will be feasible and not be in the same situation with next year's roll and rolling debt into the next year's budget. She expressed concerns that

the Federal Government will make cuts and at the State level they are considering universal vouchers for next year.

- Board Member Jones requested the number of the lapse salaries for the last five years. There needs to be anticipation of the dollars and knowing what number to look at realistically so the \$21,000,000 can be absorbed. Chairman Wright requested to include non-recurring unassigned fund balance above the requirement for the last five years.
- Board Member Shine requested a report on the cause of the deficit. Chairman Wright agrees it deserves a deeper dive, with having \$0 rollover and \$11,000,000 in the red, needs explanation on how it occurred and what happened to the spending.
- Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez asked from a high level, how did we arrive at the deficit. The Superintendent stated from a high level there were expenditures that were not budgeted and those dollars were not planned for. There were expectations these additional dollars would be covered as well and it did not happen. Expenditures that happened during the year did not match the revenue. At the workshop, the Superintendent will bring forward a plan on anticipation of the payback and details on how they arrived at the deficit. Her anticipation is to bring back the 5% that was borrowed.

Board Member Grymes left at 11:43 a.m. and did not return.

- Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez asked if all the PO's and funds encumbered been reconciled to know the end number as of June 30, 2017. Mr. Fagan stated there are a few items that are not encumbered and will need to be covered by budget. They are 2017-2018 bills and have to be expensed in the prior year and there is no budget. Money will be taken from the funding source to pay them. There are a couple items that are due to be paid, they were due to be paid last year. There may be a few other items that were not budgeted items that did not have a budget that will have to come out of a funding source this year to pay for last year. Reconciliation is still in process and should be complete by July 31, 2017.
- Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez recommended another budget meeting to review in detail and ensure comfort financially for ending 2016-2017 and moving into 2017-2018. Chairman Wright stated she will meet with the Superintendent and present the plan that will be comprehensive to include all the information and have one meeting. The meeting will include the deficit for 2016-2017, the rollover deficit for 2017-2018, how it became a deficit, some of the stop gaps and a plan to meet the deficit for 2017-2018. Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez wants to include controls in place to prevent a repeat.
- Board Member Shine stated the Superintendent was strong, decisive and he appreciates how she and staff handled the situation with this landing in her lap.
- Chairman Wright looks forward to a complete understanding of how it happened, so as a Board we make certain measurable efforts are in place, even via policy if necessary so we are not placed with this deficit again. She agrees with Board Member Shine regarding the comments regarding the Superintendent and staff.

## Periodic Report of Substantial Completions and Final Inspections of Major Maintenance and Minor Capital Projects under \$1,000,000

- Board Member Shine stated there are about 20,000 open seats, this is bigger than Baker and Nassau districts combined. He stated the reality is schools will need to close, build new schools and consolidate. He has concerns about maintenance and capital projects in the system, where as in a couple of years these buildings may not exist. Chairman Wright met with Don Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, at Andrew Jackson High School with a reporter from WJCT to discuss the impact of HB 7069. Mr. Nelson suggested Andrew Jackson because it requires the most dollars to maintain. The conversation was great regarding HB 7069 and how it will impact the budget and the inability to collapse schools and build schools. Once we review where the District stands budgetarily and decide about facilities and maintenance we can only repair and not replace as long as students are in those buildings.
- Board Member Shine stated ultimately we will be responsible for funding the City of Jacksonville. He thinks there are opportunities to yield competitively with some of the challenges with bills like HB 7069. He reminded the Board if something is done through Charter, Charter is Constitutional and it can override Statute Law in some cases. At some point, we will need to move forward, the climate on the bond rate will not be this low again. Chairman Wright stated the discussion tomorrow and the possibility of legally challenging HB 7069 is all a part of considerations and processes.

Board Member Shine left at 11:58 a.m.

## Substantial Completions and Certificate of Final Inspection of Capital Projects over \$1,000,000; IB/STEAM Classroom Renovations-Part A at Fort Caroline Middle School No. 238/DCSB Project No. C-91620

- Board Member Hershey asked what is the projection for success as we pour money into something that could be at risk in the future with HB 7069 and have ratifications. She supports the item but is this investing in something if the school is not successful. Chairman Wright stated the school made a C grade but according to HB 7069 they will have to make a C next year. There will be discussion at the meeting on July 19, 2017, regarding those 23 schools.

## June 2017 Purchase Report

- Board Member Couch asked what is the life of the vehicles, how often are they rotated to purchase new and what is done with the old vehicles. Mr. Nelson stated there is a ten-year rotation, but there are some beyond ten years. The Capital budget for vehicle purchases has been cut from \$1,500,000 to \$1,000,000 over the last few years. It is a challenge to meet the ten-year requirement. Vehicles are sold and vehicles that go beyond the ten year are taken to auctions and dollars go back to the General Fund. Last year the amount of

about \$135,000 went to the General Fund from vehicles that were auctioned off.

- Mr. Nelson made a request to have the dollars go to Operations to purchase additional vehicles because of the cut in the budget 3-4 months ago, but it was denied.
- Mr. Legutko would question that practice given the fiscal situation and you can not afford an unbalanced budget. When you make an exception for one department you have to do it for all. The Superintendent will review and include as part of the report for budget follow-up.

#### Public Hearing and Approval of Revisions to the 2017-2018 Code of Student Conduct

Jackie Simmons, Executive Director of Academic Services, gave an overview of the workgroup proposed changes to the Code of Student Conduct (see attached). Discussion included the following:

Board Member Shine returned at 12:05 p.m.

- The workshops and workgroups included students, teachers, administrators, principals and two focus sessions where the community at large were invited to give feedback on ways to improve the Code of Student Conduct.
- ATOSS was approved to end out 2016-2017 and close out the year as of June 30, 2017.
- Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez wanted to be sure that removing students from using the Teen Court option would not be because of an adult's action. Mr. Simmons assured that every child is given the best option available. If a student or guardian do not agree to the infraction, they can not use Teen Court as an option. Byron Copeland, Hearing Office Supervisor, stated there are other interventions in place at schools to address students if Teen Court is not an option. Mr. Simmons will follow-up with the request from Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez regarding students not being able to use the Teen Court option because of an adult's actions.
- Board Member Shine expressed concerns with students not being able to have access to their phones after school. He does not believe any student should be on a bus without a cell phone it could be a safety factor or a liability issue. Students may be victimized, have health issues or they are watching siblings and need access. Mr. Simmons stated they review the process on how parents are engaged. Chairman Wright stated something has to be done with cell phones, but to make certain students are safe. Mr. Copeland stated each school has discretion due to some of the reasons mentioned by Board Member Shine.
- Board Member Couch expressed concerns heard from schools who followed the point system and they were told there is no room in the alternative program. Mr. Copeland stated typically documentation may not be completed or is missing in the packet. Schools are given a chance to reproduce packet documentation.

Board Member Shine left at 12:28 p.m.

- Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez asked if a student has been charged but not yet tried, what is the authority of the District, especially off campus. Mr. Simmons stated what was communicated to him that nothing would violate the student's rights. Ms. Chastain will verify the authority and bring back to the Board. The language has always been in the Code of Conduct. It is just being added to the section, Note VII: Forfeiture of Senior Privileges.

Board Member Shine returned 12:41 p.m.

- Board Member Shine asked if the student has caused trouble in the school, can the vehicle be searched or do they have to be in the vehicle. He has concerns with searching someone else's vehicle not owned by the student. Mr. Simmons stated they operate under reasonable suspicion. Ms. Chastain stated this stems from case law precedent 1985; there is different standard in a school setting. Ms. Chastain will follow-up and bring back to the Board. A vehicle parked off campus can not be searched.
- Board Member Hershey wanted to be certain these changes are not just words on paper and that principals feel supported and we stand by our policy.
- Board Member Couch has concerns with parents shadowing their students, some parents will have the intent to intimidate and fight victims as a form of revenge. Mr. Simmons stated the rationale behind the practice is the focus groups brought up and have been implanted with safeguards; and it is the alternative to suspending the students. There are procedural safeguards, systems, polices and practices in place when a parent shadows their student. Mr. Simmons will assure the matrix of services for certain occurrences are not included for parent shadowing such as bullying, fighting or multiple infractions. Ms. Chastain stated they will clarify and make clear that standards are articulated that will guide principals discretion.
- Once there is Board approval for the changes to the Code of Student Conduct, there will be a required principal meeting and training. The training will include assistant principals, deans and also looking at other opportunities to engage staff. There is reoccurring training with deans throughout the school year. Principals can also call and have Mr. Copeland come to the school.
- Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez expressed concerns with the discipline data from the previous school year and the disproportionate number of referrals for African-American students. There has to be diligence and persistence about giving teachers and principals the tools they need and understanding they need to best serve all students. The Superintendent stated the data is alarming and they will schedule and follow-up on the data and how it looks.

[PUBLIC COMMENT](#)

Minutes: There were no public comment.

## GOVERNANCE

Minutes:

### Budget

Board Member Shine had notes with the Superintendent with regards to the budget for next year. He thinks it is wise to start conversations with Legislatures in Tallahassee and come up with a number of what is needed to start early in the session process. The Superintendent has agreed to assist with the conversations.

### Resolution

There was a resolution done for HB 7069 when it was in the House as 5.05.

### Gifted Program

Board Member Hershey inquired about the report for the gifted program and when it would be complete. The Superintendent spoke with Ms. Pearl Roziers, former Assistant Superintendent of School Choice. She shared the progress of the report, but she will need to follow-up with Dr. Kelly Coker-Daniel, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Assessment, and Paula Renfro, Executive Director of Professional Development. It will be part of the ESE plan in October.

### Concurrency

Board Member Jones would like to workshop concurrency and give direction to Don Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, and staff with regards to how to move forward with City Council. The committee does not want to make any recommendations to change any concurrency if the Board opposes. The City Council and Board must agree. The next meeting will be August 7, 2017. If the Board is not ready at that point then we should consider tabling the item. He would like to meet with District staff prior to a joint meeting with City Council.

### QEA Board

Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez spoke in regards to the letter from the QEA Board and the mention of the Jacksonville Teacher Residency (JTR) as needing funding. After speaking with the Superintendent, it was determined the JTR program is fully funded. The Superintendent stated the cohort has launched. The Superintendent had conversations with Dr. Christian White, District employee. Funding for the incentive has started to be paid for the first year. There is a plan to continue the incentive because it was launched. There are 7 individuals in the cohort. The Superintendent had conversations with Trey Csar, President of Jacksonville Public Education Fund, and there is still an ask of the Board if there is a way to support a portion moving forward but if not, the program is going forward. The National Science Foundation gave grant dollars for 15

individuals in the program but will allow them to use funding next year to add the remaining individuals to have a total of 15.

#### Superintendent Search

The Vice-Chairman will be glad to assist in any way and move forward with the planning process. She communicated with Dr. Cathy Mincberg, President and CEO of Center for Reform of School Systems, with regards to her coming to do pre-work and profile what the Board is looking for. Dr. Mincberg suggested a preliminary call with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and any other Board Members who are interested prior to meeting with the Board. Board Member Shine mentioned he has been receiving feedback from constituents regarding community input with the Superintendent search.

#### QEA

Chairman Wright asked the Board to agree to have a Board-to-Board meeting with QEA to address concerns face to face and not in the media. She does not want to discuss funds given to another entity and would like to send a letter with the Superintendent to address the issues with funds given to the District. This will help them understand where we are financially and moving forward. The consensus of the Board is to meet with the QEA Board. Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez stated the letter was sent prior to the close of the 2016-2017 year and having a better understanding of the financial situation going forward. The letter was sent to the Superintendent and copied to the Board. The Superintendent stated it was sent directly and signed by the entire QEA Board and will work together with the Board for a response.

#### Unification

Chairman Wright had an ask of Board Member Shine to walk as unified as possible. Comments about the QEA letter at the Board meeting would have been better communicated if the Board were addressed with the issue first. She asked that items are brought before the Board first so they can approach as a unit and be more effective. She is not trying to deter him from sharing his opinions. Board Member Shine appreciated her comments.

#### Grasp Academy

Chairman Wright expressed concerns with HB 7069 and Grasp Academy because, if they make another D or F, they would spin into the Schools of Hope. After inquiring why they did not receive a grade, was the Board informed the school grading rate was changed and it was not brought before the Board. She is not certain if the District or the previous Superintendent requested the rating be changed. She asked the Board if they had received the request and it was an oversight for her. Board Members stated no, there was discussion regarding Oak Hill. She has concerns and brought it before the Board because she wants an investigation on how it happened and why the Board was not notified. There were many dollars, energy and effort to make certain the District serve the dyslexia community and the Board should know if it was changed to an alternative school. Board Member Shine asked if this is the Superintendent's discretion. Chairman Wright is not wanting to change

the status, she is suggesting to find out if it is in the realm of the Superintendent's sole discretion to write to the State on behalf of Duval County Public Schools to change a school's rating system. Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez asked how will this affect the articulation of students going into middle school or out of GRASP during elementary school.

Board Member Couch left at 1:25 p.m. and did not return.

Mr. Mason Davis stated there would not be an impact on the student. The programming will be due to how the student is scheduled regardless of the school they attend. Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez stated GRASP was designed to use alternative methods to have students with specific learning needs or styles perform at grade level. This is different from some of the other ESE alternative schools in terms of what the Board's expectation of the educational delivery to the students would be moving forward.

RL Brown

The Superintendent will follow-up with Board Member Grymes regarding her questions on RL Brown Elementary.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman