



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

July 9, 2015, Board Workshop

Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Chairman
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Becki Couch
Mr. Jason Fischer
Dr. Constance S. Hall
Mr. Scott Shine
Ms. Paula D. Wright
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members present with exception of Chairman Cheryl Grymes and Board Member Jason Fischer. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, was also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[BUDGET](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent review the changes to the budget.
Discussion included the following:

- Dr. Vitti is recommending the following changes to the budget:

- Keep the extra hour at Pinedale and Hyde Grove Elementary Schools at a cost of \$300,000.
 - Add Reading Interventionists at Wolfson, Westside, Lee, Ed White, Southside Middle, JEB Stuart, and Jefferson Davis Middle.
 - Add K-2 Reading Interventionists at Pine Estates, Hyde Park, Oak Hill, Kings Trail, Hyde Grove, Normandy Village, Jax Heights, Arlington Heights and Ramona Blvd.
- Schools which were selected for reading interventionists were chosen based on the percentage of reading proficiency at each school. Each school will receive one interventionist regardless of enrollment.
- A rollover of \$9.5 million came from lapse salaries and vacant positions at the school level.
- Board Member Constance Hall indicated that professional development is a big concern. We will have summer training for teachers in K-5 but this is short-term. She believes we need to hire a researcher.
- The Superintendent said we could create a small team to look at data which would lead to better decision making. The challenges are as follows:
 - Retention of employees.
 - Recruitment of staff.
 - Alignment related to literacy.
- Mystery Shoppers will be provided to give feedback for each school.
- Board Member Paula Wright asked for the Superintendent to provide information on the impact of Alternative to Truancy and Out-of-School Suspension Program (ATOSS) at the next meeting.
- Board Member Constance Hall requested the Superintendent look into a Spring registration for Kindergarten students.
- The district is shifting from Genesis to Focus. Genesis is outdated and Focus will be more user-friendly.
- The consensus of the Board was to not fund the extra hour at Pinedale and Hyde Grove Elementary. The Board felt giving these funds to only two schools is not equitable.
- Dr. Vitti, Superintendent, would like the Board to look at mandatory summer school for students that have been identified for retention and or below grade level in KG-2 grades for the next school year. The Superintendent said the district could pay for this with the roll-over funds from this year. He will look into a way of surveying the parents concerning summer school.
- The Board agreed to fund limited Math Interventionists for the schools listed above.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Minutes: Student Achievement was not discussed.

Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman