



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

March 22, 2017, Special Board 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. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present with the exception of Vice-Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez who participated via telephone. Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief Officer of Legal Services, was also present.

Call Meeting to Order

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Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m.

Board

[PUBLIC COMMENT](#)

Minutes: No public comment was given.

[GOVERNANCE](#)

Minutes:

Chairman Wright asked if Board Members had any objections to Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez participating by telephone. There were no objections.

Chairman Wright stated the reason for the meeting today is because she has been through this process before and "if needed", we must understand the power that is in us, not in one of us, but all of us. If needed, we will have to make sure our schedules are flexible. We must move forward and do what we are charged to do to secure another superintendent.

Dr. Vitti, Superintendent, told the Board through email he will be going to Detroit for his interview on April 3, 2017. The Detroit School Board plans to make its final decision on April 5, 2017, but this could change.

Chairman Wright addressed the Florida Times Union article. She clarified her statement, which was not that "we move forward regardless of whether the Superintendent leaves or not" but to move forward if needed. She provided copies of the Board Members schedule to everyone to view if the Superintendent is named on April 5, 2017. She asked if everyone could meet on April 7, 2017.

Board Member Grymes inquired about the Master Board Training which will take place April 5-7, 2017. Chairman Wright recommended the Board attend as planned.

Board Member Grymes stated in reality nothing has changed and the Superintendent is still doing the work. She was bothered that the Superintendent was not invited to this meeting today. The Chairman did not want to interrupt his interview which was thought to happen this week. He is on leave and trying to achieve and create a different opportunity.

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Minutes:

Board Member Couch stated selecting a superintendent is the number one job of the school board.

Board Member Jones indicated that we are fortunate to have three Board Members that have been through this process before.

Board Member Hershey is excited for the Superintendent. She thanked the Chairman for her leadership.

Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez agreed that the Master Board Training will be a great opportunity for the Board. She suggested we schedule a meeting

for April 5, 2017, before we go to Master Board Training. She also thanked the Chairman for calling the meeting today.

Chairman Wright will pull together the last two searches and the last couple of interim contracts so we have a basis for a start. All Board Members will receive copies. This is about us coming together, understanding our schedule may become a little hectic.

Board Member Grymes asked the Board to be sure we gave accolades and appreciation for what the Superintendent has done. Chairman Wright stated if we get to that point we can discuss it.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

CSM

Superintendent

Chairman