



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

May 18, 2017, Special Board Meeting Continuation 2

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. Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief Officer of Legal Services, was also present.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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Minutes: The meeting was reconvened at 11:03 a.m.

Topics To Be Discussed

[APPROVAL OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT](#)

Attachment: [Dr. Patricia S. Willis Superintendent Employment Agreement.pdf](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman reviewed the terms of the contract for the Interim Superintendent. The term of the agreement ends January 31, 2018, or with 30 days prior written notice. The Board can also request an extension beyond January 31, 2018, if needed. In Article IV and throughout the

agreement, all references to the self-appraisal, formal and informal evaluation have been deleted due to the short term of the agreement. Article V updates the cell phone language to offer a District cell phone, updated the retirement compensation to offer a sheltered annuity at the same rate as FRS, deleted moving expense and temporary living expenses because these provisions are not applicable. Article VII provides for 30 days notice to terminate this agreement and recognizes this special circumstance while the Board conducts a search for a successor superintendent. The language was updated concerning termination due to disability to fit within the term of this agreement and provide for no severance pay due to the short term of this agreement.

Each Board Member recognized Dr. Vitti, Superintendent, for the work he had done in our District and the difference he has made. Everyone wished him and his family the very best.

The Chairman and Dr. Patricia S. Willis, will meet with Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, to sign the contract, effective May 21, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. Chairman Wright thanked Karen Chastain for all her work in completing the contract in such a short time.

Dr. Patricia S. Willis thanked the Board for the trust that has been placed in her. It is for a short period of time "but, when it comes to our children's life's and the work that has to be done to ensure that they have a high quality education, every minute counts." She will give her all to ensure that it happens every day for our children.

Chairman Wright welcomed her as Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools. We did not have 60 to 90 days, but we got the job done. She thanked the Board for their time and tough conversation. We made history in Jacksonville today in terms of having the first African-American female Superintendent. "We will work side by side with Dr. Willis so the children of Duval County continue to see the best opportunities, the best resources, the best teachers to determine what their path in life will be."

Motions:

That The Duval County School Board
accept the Resignation of Dr. Vitti,
Superintendent, Effective May 21,
2017, at 11:59 a.m. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Lori Hershey

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Lori Hershey	- Aye
Warren Jones	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Not Present
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Motions:

That The Duval County School Board approve the Contract for the Interim Superintendent.	- PASS
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Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Lori Hershey	- Aye
Warren Jones	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Not Present
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman