



Duval County Public Schools

May 8, 2013, Board Workshop

Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Chairman
Ms. Becki Couch, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Jacon Fischer
Ms. Cheryl Grymes
Dr. Constance S. Hall
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez
Mr. Ms. Paula D. Wright
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS WORKSHOP OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present, with the exception of Mr. Jason Fischer and Ms. Cheryl Grymes. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent was also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 1:09 p.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. GOVERNANCE](#)

Minutes:

The following items were discussed:

- Board Member Wright asked about our agreement at the Board Development meeting earlier in the month regarding Board members receiving a call when something happened at the schools. There was an attempted abduction and notification was not given. The Superintendent said his understanding was that it depended on the issue and he would use his judgment on calling or e-mailing. It was not an actual abduction and he did not believe it warranted a call to every Board member, only the member whose district the school was in. The Chairman reviewed his notes from the Board Development meeting which indicated that the Board would trust the judgment of the Superintendent on when to notify. Vice-Chairman Couch said it was her district, and she received the e-mail before the call, and the call should come first. It was suggested that a text blast could go out to all of the Board members at one time. The Superintendent asked for examples of issues the Board thought would be more important. The responses included the following:
 - Attempted abduction or rape
 - Abduction or rape
 - Code yellow or red
 - Guns
 - Missing child

The Superintendent indicated that on a missing child he thought only the Board member whose district it is in should be notified, and not until 9:00 pm the same day. Vice Chairman Couch indicated that the Board member should know before the media.

The Chairman summarized that the Superintendent will send a text blast to the Board and include information on who to call for additional information. A follow up e-mail with additional information should also be sent to the Board.

Speakers:

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2. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA DISCUSSION

Minutes:

The Superintendent explained the handouts, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes. Discussion included the following:

- The handouts include interim benchmark data and information on each school, along with any additional strategies provided.

- Another document will be provided to the Board at a later ate with qualitative information.
- Data has been used throughout the year. Assessments have not always been aligned to what is being taught.
- Vice-Chairman Couch asked what directions were given to schools regarding testing. The Superintendent indicated that the requirement was clear that everyone had to continue taking the FAIR test. Use of LSA's varied by Cluster Chief. FAIR will not be used next year. DAR will be used for K-2 and 3-10 next year for students below grade level and 3's that have declined.
- Board Member Wright asked about Algebra I data for the current year, and who is responsible to make sure all schools took the Spring test. The Superintendent shared that all of the Educational Directions schools took the test. Board Member Wright shared that only 3 schools took the test. The Superintendent will look into this and get back to the Board.
- Board Member Juarez asked that the Superintendent get clarity from whomever prepared the documents because some of the numbers do not compute.
- Chairman Lee asked why there was no data for Spring. The Superintendent will look into this.
- The Chairman asked if these reports were already in the system or if they were created. The Superintendent indicated they had been created for today's meeting.
- Board Member Wright asked that a legend be added to the information so that anyone would know how to read the data. She also requested information on how many students took each test.
- Chairman Lee requested an update on the 2012-2013 Strategic Plan and Data Dashboard - 3rd Quarter and 4th Quarter when done. We would then need the 1st Quarter of the new school year. The Board will then get together and discuss.
- Board Member Hall felt this was a conversation we should have had shortly after the new Superintendent came on Board, and she did not feel this information told us anything.
- Board Member Wright did not support the idea that this was a planning year. She and Vice-Chairman Couch recalled the Superintendent stating at the recent Board Development meeting that nothing going on in these schools. The Chairman asked the Superintendent to clarify. The Superintendent indicated that the information distributed today should clarify what was being done.

The Chairman shared the following take aways from the discussion:

- The Superintendent will review and research Algebra I concerns - Spring 2013.
- As oversight information is developed, we need user friendly format with legends and explanations.
- Staff will provide a Data Dashboard for 2012-2013 Strategic Plan for 3rd Quarter, with an update and 4th Quarter once it ends.
- As soon as FCAT information is released for elementary and middle schools, staff will provide predictions.
- Provide Board with information on how many students tested on data provided today - include percentages.

Vice-Chairman Couch asked that the plan would be if our scores dip. The Superintendent indicated that he would have to look at the data for the individual

schools, district level, and across the state with the big seven. If scores decline, then he would make goals to account for the dip and make up for the loss and supersede. The Vice-Chairman indicated that it would be better to have the conversation before instead of having to react.

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Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 3:09 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman