



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

May 9, 2017, Board Workshop

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 Board Member Scott Shine. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and 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 9:14 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[BUDGET](#)

Attachment: [Title III Final.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Title I and II Final.pdf](#)
Attachment: [JRF Final.pdf](#)
Attachment: [IDEA Final.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Digital Final.pdf](#)
Attachment: [General Revenue.pdf](#)
Attachment: [2017-18 One Pager. May 1 2017.pdf](#)
Attachment: [SAI Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Safe Schools Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [IM Final.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Grymes voiced her concern for Public Comment at last night's Regular Board Meeting. Her concern was that she feels the Board is setting a bad precedent. She felt the Chair was discouraging the people at the meeting from speaking. Chairman Wright indicated that it was not her intent to discourage anyone from speaking. Her intent was to provide factual information to the public that was very relevant.

Dr. Vitti, Superintendent, provided an update regarding the Budget. Discussion followed:

- General revenue regarding categorical for the most part are the same. The one-pager which is attached to the minutes is the same as previously proposed. The major change is related to Title I.
- Florida House Bill 7069 does not allow districts to retain any funds at the District level with the exception of Pre-K, Parent Involvement, Negligent Delinquent and 8% of administrative cost. This means that everything that was in the District-wide Title I budget would need to be cut, picked up at the school level, or moved to categorical connected to general revenue. Florida House Bill will not affect Reading Coaches. The following programs would not be funded:
 - City Year - \$1.2 million.
 - Community in Schools for the overage Bridge to Success - \$490,500.
 - STEAM Passport - \$1 million.
 - Graduation coaches - \$910,000.
 - Math Coaches - \$5 million.
 - Behavior Interventionists - \$272,000.
 - PITSCO positions - \$537,499.
 - New Leaders \$300,000.
 - Clinical Faculty Residency with UNF - \$410,000.
- Non-Title I schools could fund a Math Coach or a Graduation Coach in the school-based budget, but it is not likely because their focus is on reducing class size.
- The District will fund a Dean but not a Testing Coordinator. Secondary schools will be provided additional funds to help out during testing times. If the Board wants to fund a Dean and a Testing Coordinator, the Board would have to eliminate \$3 million from the budget.

Chairman Wright requested a distribution list of Title I schools.

- The District will not be able to sustain The Bridge. The District could look at this program through categorical to provide some of the support.
- Cultural Passport and STEAM programs can be sustained by individual elementary schools at some level at a cost of about \$12,000 each.

- Behavioral Interventionists could be provided through the school-level budget or through IDEA since Reading Coaches will not be funded through IDEA.
- The District hopes to bring a contract to the Board for New Leaders, but we would have to bump something from categorical to do this or reduce the number of participants.
- The only way to fund the Clinical Faculty Residency program with UNF would be to bump something from categorical.
- Title I principals may have the opportunity to fund Teach For America through individual contracts at the school level.
- Based on the information provided to the District, Title II funding will stay intact.
- Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez recommended eliminating Gallup and TNTP and some of the other survey tools the District is using.

The Superintendent will send the Board information concerning what was funded last year at each school.

- Contractors will have to understand that the District cannot pay for an increase in contracts. The District will not be able to commit beyond a year. The District will have to negotiate due to our financial position.

Board Member Grymes left the meeting at 11:29 a.m. and did not return.

- Board Member Smith Juarez voiced concerns over organizations having the flexibility to lobby the school principals for programs not being funded by the entire District. The District negotiates contracts and looks at the needs of the entire District. She does not want to put principals in a position to choose partner contracts.
- Chairman Wright stated the Board will move forward with having a Reading Coach and a Dean at every school.
- The current Teach For America (TFA) contract obligates the District for a second year at a cost of about \$150,000. The exception is if the District has financial restraints. The second year teachers could continue with the District or TFA could be offered an opportunity to go to other Districts. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, was asked to review the TFA contract. The Superintendent stated the \$150,000 for TFA has not been budgeted.

Speakers

Ms. Paula Wright - Chairman
 Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez - Vice-Chairman
 Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
 Ms. Cheryl Grymes - Board Member
 Ms. Lori Hershey - Board Member
 Mr. Warren Jones - Board Member
 Mr. Scott Shine, Board Member

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman