



Duval County Public Schools

November 15, 2012, 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 Dr. Constance S. Hall, who was out of town. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 9:12 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. REVIEW OF DECEMBER 4, 2012, DRAFT AGENDA](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent reviewed the December 4, 2012, Draft Agenda with the Board. Discussion included the following:

- The Superintendent shared that from this point forward, common concerns regarding agenda items will be addressed in staff agenda review, so that items will be clean when they come to the Board.
- Academic Services Field trip items will be withdrawn pending further review
- Academics Item 3 - VyStar agreement - review Right of Refusal clause in agreement and provide Board with information on how it would impact other banking institutions who would like to participate in our schools.
- Agreement with Edward Waters College will be withdrawn for additional work on contract details.
- Instructional materials adoption item withdrawn in order to review options of digital and virtual platforms prior to approval.
- HRS Transactions - Karen Chastain to review Florida Statutes to ascertain which items require approval by the Board each month. If removed from the agenda, the Board requested a periodic report. The Superintendent indicated that he would provide the Board with a report on the issue of diversity across the district. The report will include stability (staff turnover). The Board requested they be provided with the Chief of Staff job description, along with a list of all positions which have approved job descriptions that are not being utilized or funded.
- The topic of Charter schools and how we will handle going forward will be discussed at a future Workshop. Board members who have questions on any of the Charter items on the agenda should contact the Superintendent. The two applications denied at a recent Board meeting will be brought back to the Board at the December 4, 2012, Meeting.
- The building addition at Douglas Anderson agenda item will be withdrawn pending a Workshop on the 5-Year Plan and Capital dollars review.

Speakers

Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Chairman
 Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent
 Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Board Member
 Ms. Sonita Young, Chief Human Resource Officer
 Ms. Becki Couch, Board Vice-Chairman
 Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member
 Dr. Sally Hague, Board Member
 Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services
 Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
 Mr. Jason Fischer, Board Member
 Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Board Member

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 11:10 a.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman