



Duval County Public Schools

November 17, 2011, Board Workshop

Ms. W. C. Gentry, Chairman
Ms. Betty Burney, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Martha Barrett
Ms. Ms. Becki Couch
Ms. Mr. Tommy Hazouri
Mr. Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee
Mr. Ms. Paula D. Wright
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS WORKSHOP OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 12:30 p.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT GOVERNANCE/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS](#)

Minutes:

Board Members discussed succession planning for the Board. Vice-Chairman Burney expressed an interest in becoming Chairman for the coming year. Board Member Lee

expressed an interest in becoming Vice-Chairman for the coming year. All discussed the importance of working together and being a cohesive Board, as well as reaching out to all aspects of the community. The Board will vote on these positions at the annual Organizational Meeting on November 22, 2011.

Committee Reports:

- Sale of Administration Building - Board Member Hazouri provided an update on this topic. He has worked with Doug Ayars and his staff on this project. They have visited several sites around the City, but none have met our needs to date. We will need to find a location that would not cost us more than we can sell our building for. There are no interested buyers in our property at this time. He will continue to work with staff on this project.
- Mentors - Board Member Wright shared with the Board that she has met with appropriate staff members. There has been more momentum in the Community Engagement office, and they have talked to the local library to get some of their programs into the schools. Schools being wireless will also help with this program. Staff is looking at how they can make high schools more available after hours also.
- Teacher Paperwork - Board Member Couch updated the Board on the work she has done in this area. Some of what we are doing is not required. We need better communication with teachers on what they are required to do and why it is important. She also met with DOE staff and got a better understanding on what is and is not required. She gave examples of reports that are entered electronically, but Principals also require hard copies.

Governance Topics:

Chairman Gentry reviewed the schedule for November 22, 2011, with the Board.

The Superintendent shared that the insurance staff has done a good job verifying marriage and dependency of staff. Some have not been able to do so during enrollment. One last opportunity will be given November 16-22, 2011.

The Superintendent is meeting with Board Members Wright, Burney, and Couch to keep them updated on their Intervene schools. He will provide monthly updates to the Board.

The Superintendent will have copies of the new Board Member districts today to share. The Mayor signed the redistricting legislation and back dated it to November 9, 2011. The Council may take up legislation to allow the School Board to draw their own lines. After discussion, it was decided that the Chairman would convey to the City Council that we did not want to change the process at this time.

The Superintendent shared that the Mayor has committed to work with us on mentoring.

The Superintendent asked for guidance on going forward with due diligence on City Year. Consensus was to look at this program and come back to the Board on how this

would work with existing programs, costs, and impact on students.

Speakers:

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Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
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[2. DECEMBER 6, 2011, DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW](#)

Minutes:

Staff reviewed the December 6, 2011, Draft Agenda with the Board.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent
Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief Academic Officer
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member
Mr. Kris Larsen, Director, Alternative Education
Dr. Terri Stahlman, Chief Technology Officer
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Human Resource Services Officer
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Paul Soares, Chief of Operations

[3. MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT - SCHOOL CLUSTERS](#)

Minutes:

This topic was not discussed.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 4:02 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman