



## Duval County Public Schools

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September 11, 2012, Board Workshop

Ms. Betty Burney, Chairman  
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Vice-Chairman  
Ms. Martha Barrett  
Ms. Ms. Becki Couch  
Mr. W. C. Gentry  
Ms. Mr. Tommy Hazouri  
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, was also present.

Call Meeting To Order

### [CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 10:11 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

### [1. BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT GOVERNANCE](#)

Minutes:

The following topics were discussed during Governance.

- Board Member Couch shared information from the FSBA Board of Directors

meeting.

- Amendment 8 regarding religious funding was discussed.
- The thinking is that there may be a 3% increase in funding this year, however, it may be a wash if districts have to pay back the 3% employees paid in for their retirement.
- There will be 50-55 new Board members this year, and 18 new Superintendents.
- There is a task force on Charter school funding. It appears they are leaning toward legislation that would force local school districts to share their Capital dollars with Charter schools.
- Board Member Barrett attended the Chamber Trustee meeting and shared that they had established a scholarship at UNF in his honor.
- Board Member Hazouri asked when the contract with Educational Directions, LLC, would be finalized so that they could begin their work in our schools. The Superintendent indicated they were close to having a completed contract.
- Board Member Wright expressed concerns with the recent visit by the Governor, and their attempt to control which Board members could and could not attend the function.
- Board Member Gentry shared that he had sent out e-mails to nine different community groups asking that they gather input from their peer groups in the three districts our Superintendent finalists are from.
- Chairman Burney provided an update on the internal and external groups being formed for the final Superintendent interview sessions.
- Board Member Wright requested an update on the status of Ready For Tomorrow.

The Superintendent shared the following items:

- A Strategic Plan update will be provided in Friday's Board run.
- An update on creative ways to pursue Capital funding will be provided in the next few days.
- A community meeting regarding John E. Ford is planned for September 20, 2012. He is working with Chairman Burney and Board Member Wright on the meeting.
- Pay student - have options but will wait until a new Superintendent is on board to pursue.
- Staff is finalizing a report on McKay scholarships for the Board.

Speakers:

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

## 2. POLICY REVIEW

### Minutes:

Staff reviewed several policy revisions with the Board. The following sections were discussed. A copy of the changes is attached to the Minutes.

- 6.23 - Reemployment of Personnel
- 6.27 - Contracts: Instructional and Administrative Personnel
- 6.28 - Probational Status for Educational Support Personnel
- 6.52 - Leave Application
- 6.53 - Approval of Leaves
- 6.60 - Illness or Injury in the Line of Duty
- 6.63 - Military Leave
- 6.94 - Group Health and Hospitalization Insurance
- 6.99 - Nursing Mothers (New)
- 7.31 - School Food Service Funds
- 7.36 - Investment of Temporary Idle FUnDs
- 7.37 - Investment Management
- 7.41 - Authority to Sign Contracts, Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding
- 7.46 - Sale of Supplies to Other Agencies
- 7.67 - Anti fraud
- 7.70 - Purchasing
- 7.90 - Risk Management Insurance
- 8.33 - Bus Evacuation Drills
- 8.45 - Wellness Policy
- 9.40 - Advertising in Schools
- 9.60 - Visitors

### Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman  
Mr. Ed Pratt Dannals, Superintendent  
Mr. Andy McCrimmon, Director, Human Resource Services  
Mr. David Ford, Director, Risk Management  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
Mr. Steve Bright, Director, Business Services  
Mr. Paul Soares, Chief of Operations  
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Vice-Chairman  
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member  
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

### 3. 2012-2013 FINAL BUDGET

Minutes:

Staff reviewed the 2012-2013 Final Budget with the Board. A copy of the presentation is attached to the Minutes. Points made include the following.

- Decrease in Virtual school funding and do we monitor.
- Market schools better so that we can attract students back to their neighborhood schools.
- Impact of the loss of EduJob dollars
- Title I audit requirements have been addressed.
- Board did not give direction for teacher layoffs, but understand it has happened. The Superintendent indicated that is it has occurred, it was only in select areas.
- Chairman Burney questioned the need for a K-8 so close to Atlantic Coast High School. She cannot support this project. The Superintendent indicated that he did not see it moving forward, and would remove it from the list.
- Board Member Wright asked that we set up Workshops around the budget so we can make certain we have information needed prior to the Legislative session.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent  
Mr. Lee Legutko, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member  
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

### 4. FCAT RESOLUTION DISCUSSION

Minutes:

This item was not discussed.

### 5. MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Minutes:

Dr. Terri Stahlman, Chief Technology Officer, provided the Board with a Management Oversight Presentation on Information Technology. A copy of the presentation is attached to the Minutes. The following points were made.

- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) is a good idea.
- Look at bringing an outside group in to discuss technology needs.
- Some schools still need updated technology.
- Increase training for teachers on how to use technology to increase academic achievement.
- Need to provide students with proper instruction on use of computers if they are to use them for testing.
- Make sure all schools have hotspots for use by staff and students.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman  
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Dr. Terri Stahlman, Chief Technology Officer  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Vice-Chairman  
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
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Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 4:37 p.m.

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We Agree on this

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Superintendent

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Chairman