



Duval County Public Schools

September 15, 2009, Board Workshop

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Chairman
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Nancy Broner
Ms. Betty Burney
Ms. Vicki Drake
Mr. W. C. Gentry
Mr. Stan Jordan
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS WORKSHOP OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present with the exception of Ms. Betty Burney, who was out of town. Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Assistant General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes: The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 10:13 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

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

Minutes:

The following topics were discussed:

- The Superintendent distributed an addendum to the Annual Financial Report.

- The Superintendent will ask to postpone the proposed November 3, 2009, meeting requested by the Florida State College Board. He will create a list of 3-4 topics for discussion for the next joint meeting.
- The high school grading criteria was discussed. Changes include participation points and performance and could lower several schools grades.
- Chairman Hazouri provided the Board with an update on a recent meeting of the Charter Revision Commission.
- The Superintendent will update the Board after his next discussion with the Parthenon Group.
- The Superintendent is proposing the Board work toward scheduling Workshop topics 3 months in advance. He will work on this list and provide a schedule to the Board for their input. All acknowledged that there is still room to change topics as needed.
- The Superintendent shared that the Jacksonville Public Education Foundation contacted him about joint funding for ERS to come in and take a look at the entire District and make recommendations. Consensus was that we would need more information about the group; how it would fit with our Strategic Plan and accreditation; how it is different than CTAC or the Council of Great City School studies which have been done in the past, along with the pros and cons, prior to making any decision.
- The Chairman distributed packets of information to the Board regarding the Superintendent's evaluation. Board members will be contacted and dates set for the individual evaluation appointments.
- Board Members Gentry and Drake provided the Board with an update on the FSBA meeting they attended last week. The economy was a major topic of discussion. There is an expected budget shortfall of about \$2 billion, of which

approximately 40% will impact education. The Special Legislative Session which was scheduled for this October is on hold at this time.

2. OCTOBER 6, 2009, DRAFT AGENDA

Minutes:

Staff reviewed the October 6, 2009, Draft Agenda with the Board.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent
Ms. Kathy Leroy, Chief Academic Officer
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Mr. Ken Sutton, Director, Exceptional Student Education
Ms. Sonita Young, Policy & Compliance Officer
Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Human Resource Services Officer
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Paul Soares, Chief of Operations Support
Dr. Sally Hague, Director, School Choice

3. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Minutes:

The Superintendent provided the Board with an update on the Strategic Plan. Ms. Kathy Leroy, Chief Academic Officer, also provided an update on our reading initiatives. Mr. Preston Haskell was present and told the Board he was delighted to see progress in many of the areas of our Strategic Plan, and that we included our intentions on how to handle those areas where we did not meet our goals. Mr. Haskell said that was what a workable Strategic Plan should do.

Chairman Hazouri indicated that he and the Superintendent had discussed the need for a State of the School System report and that the Superintendent would provide such a report at our October 6, 2009, Board Meeting.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Human Resource Services Officer
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Vice-Chairman
Mr. Preston Haskell

4. ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

Minutes:

Ms. Sonita Young reviewed the proposed Zero Tolerance policy with the Board.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Ms. Sonita Young, Director, Policy & Compliance
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

5. TRUANCY MODEL REVIEW

Minutes:

Staff reviewed the Truancy program with the Board. Quarterly status reports will be provided to the Board. The Board and staff discussed the challenges involved with making this program work.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Dana Krizner, Executive Director, Alternative Education
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Vice-Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member

6. SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY DISCUSSION

Minutes:

Board Member Gentry discussed a proposed agenda item for the October 6, 2009, Board meeting to rescind the recent action taken to suspend Michael Brown for 15 days without pay.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Vice-Chairman
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 5:00 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman