



## Duval County Public Schools

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September 20, 2011, Board Workshop

Mr. 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, was also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes:

The Chairman called the Board Workshop to order at 10:06 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

[1. REVIEW OF OCTOBER 4, 2011, DRAFT AGENDA](#)

Minutes:

Staff reviewed the October 4th Draft Agenda with the Board. The following information was requested:

- Academics Item 1 - Course Title additions - highlight this at Board meeting on Consent with Comments.
- Academics Item 2- PreK & Title I - before Board meeting, provide current gaps in each Title I school and expected outcomes of this program.
- Staff to review staffing concerns at Waterleaf
- Teach For America agenda item - Board members expressed concern over teacher retention from this program and asked that staff track students who have TFA teachers. Board members requested data on TFA teacher retention versus Duval County teacher retention.
- KIPP Charter School agenda items - provide Board with additional information on how KIPP plans to bring their current school up from an F this year.
- General Item 1 - JW Johnson renaming - remove from agenda for now and revisit this recommendation.

Speakers:

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 Ms. Betty Burney, Board Vice-Chairman  
 Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member  
 Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
 Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Member  
 Ms. Paula D. Wright, Board Member  
 Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief Academic Officer  
 Ms. Becki Couch, Board Member  
 Ms. Vicki R. Reynolds, Chief Human Resource Services Officer  
 Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer

2. BOARD - SUPERINTENDENT GOVERNANCE

Minutes:

Topics discussed included the following:

- Chairman Gentry asked that Board Members be provided with information or their speech packets on the achievements of our District; correct graduation rate information; career academy information, intervene school information, and, reading initiative information, as an examples.
- Board Members commented on the Lee High School construction and how great the school looks now.

3. ERS FINAL REPORT

Minutes:

Mr. Jonathan Travers, ERS, presented the final report on their study of the Duval County Public School system. A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes. The following points were made.

- The Superintendent shared that staff is forming action teams to discuss the major recommendations and should have information to share from those teams with the Board prior to the budget process for the coming year. He will share a list of the teams with the Board.
- Concern was expressed that there were no comparisons to other districts in Florida.
- Study was based on data from a year ago and a lot has changed since that time.

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Adjournment

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Minutes:

The Chairman adjourned the Board Workshop at 4:04 p.m.

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We Agree on this

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Superintendent

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Chairman