



Board of Juvenile Justice
Thursday, January 23, 2014
10:00 AM

Department of Juvenile Justice
3408 Covington Highway
Decatur, GA 30032

Opening Remarks

Chair Elaine Snow called to order the meeting of the Board of Juvenile Justice and DJJ Board of Education at 10:02 AM.

DJJ Staff Present: Commissioner Avery D. Niles; Sharon Starks; Director Jim Shuler; Janssen Robinson; Assistant Commissioner J. Mark Sexton; Deputy Commissioner Sarah Draper; Director John T. Smith; CFO Sonja R. Allen; Deputy Commissioner Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb; Deputy Commissioner Carl Brown; Deputy Commissioner Clay Seabolt; Director Keisha Douglas; Regional Principal Rufus Johnson; Regional Principal Dr. Muriel Horne; Regional Principal Dr. Letunya Walker; Area Supervisor Gregg Maybin; Regional Principal Jerry Jones; Director Dr. Kimberly Gore; Associate Superintendent Dr. Audrey Armistad; Director Nadine Crocker; Director David Schwartz; Assistant Deputy Commissioner Miguel Fernandez; Jeffrey Coleman; Julie Kisaka; Teri Stripling and Edith Guilford.

Others Present: Mike Klein, Georgia Public Policy Foundation; Jody Bradham, Talentquest; Amy Radley, Attorney General's Office; Andrew Laarhaven, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget; Jeff Luce, Washington Group; Daniel Moore, Concerned Parent; LaClar T. DeLoatch, Concerned Parent and Mindy Park, Attorney General's Office.

Secretary's Report

Chair Snow asked Vice Chair Taylor to conduct the Roll Call. Board Members present were: Willie Bolton, Angie Holt, Secretary Adam Kennedy, Danny Porter, Chair Elaine Snow; Kelly Stewart, Vice Chair Sandra Taylor and Dick Yarbrough. Also present was Advisory Council Member Judge Steve Teske.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the current meeting. A motion was made by Vice Chair Taylor and seconded by Board Member Bolton. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2013 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Board Member Holt and seconded by Board Member Yarbrough. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Report

During the Commissioner's Report, the following topics were discussed:

- Commissioner Niles updated the Board on his trip to Washington, DC to testify before the Department of Justice
- The beginning of the 2014 Legislative Season
- Juvenile Justice Reform
- CFO Sonja R. Allen updated the Board on the FY2014 and FY2015 Budgets and the 2013 Financial Audit. For additional details, please see Addendum A.

Judge Teske stated that a recommendation has been made to the Governor that Georgia to join the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. Commissioner Niles stated this is a topic that is being discussed during the current Legislative Session and Director John T. Smith is following this issue closely.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to adjourn from the Regular DJJ Board Meeting and reconvene into the DJJ School Board Meeting. A motion was made by Secretary Kennedy and seconded by Board Member Bolton. The motion carried unanimously.

Board of Education

Associate Superintendent Armistad updated the Board on the following topics:

- Governor's Initiative to Spotlight Teachers Across the State
- Adult and Technical Education
- Realignment of Regional Administrators (Addendum B)
- Technology Updates
- Credit Recovery Project Planning (Addendum C)

At the request of Commissioner Niles, Associate Superintendent Armistad also gave an update of the Provost Academy Program.

For additional details, please see Addendums B and C.

Chair Snow commended Associate Superintendent Armistad on the great job the Office of Education is doing to educate the youth we serve. She stated the Board appreciates every

update on successes as well as challenges as it gives the Board a better view of DJJ's Education Services.

Chair Snow asked for a motion to adjourn from the DJJ School Board Meeting and reconvene into the Regular DJJ Board Meeting. A motion was made by Vice Chair Taylor and seconded by Secretary Kennedy. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Comment

Chair Snow encouraged the Board Members to closely follow the current Legislative Session. She also reminded the Members that the Financial Disclosures Statements were due by January 31, 2014.

Old Business

There was no new business before the Board.

New Business

Commissioner Niles stated the Blessing of the Badges Ceremony would take place on February 6, 2014 at the DJJ Central Office at 1:30PM.

Chair Snow stated the next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 10:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned.

Elaine P. Snow, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice

Avery D. Niles
Commissioner

Adam Kennedy, Secretary
Board of Juvenile Justice