



# Florida A & M University Developmental Research School

## School Board Meeting

Thursday,  
February 16, 2012  
6:00 p.m.  
FAMU DRS Media Center

### MINUTES

- Welcome & Introductions Terry Watson, Board Chair
  - Meeting called to order by Mr. Watson at 6:07pm.
- Board Minutes Approval Terry Watson, Board Chair
  - No quorum review minutes to next meeting
- DRS Administration Update Dr. Patricia Hodge, Superintendent
  - Forecast for FAMU DRS
    - Revise schedule for Elementary and Middle School (See Attached Schedule)
      - Current Schedule
        - Elementary : 8:15-3:00 pm
        - Middle School: 8:15am -3:15pm
        - High School: 8:15am-3:15pm
      - Middle school needs a little head start for the day
      - Question: Can this be structured as research?
        - Dr. Hodge- This definitely is one piece to the entire proposed program. Middle School will be an academy. Middle school students are struggling. The curriculum will change to common core standards across the board. We are also looking at offering AICE program. Tallahassee Leon county does not have the program. They are college credit classes that can be used for Bright Futures upon completion. Middle School will be contained in one building with one schedule. example schedule:
          - English, math, science, social studies, reading, P.E., and computer/technology education.
  - DRS Parental Involvement Plan
    - Required through the district to be submitted. Plan was discussed by the Board. We will send it to the entire Board via email for all members to vote on the Policy.
  - 2011-2012 DRS FCAT Preparation Update
    - Classes on Saturday, Science, Reading, Math, and ACT/SAT preparatory. Writing test will be held February 28-29, 2012 and March 1, 2012.
    - Testing Session- a mediator will be present, etc.

- New Board Members & Board Retreat Terry Watson, Board Chairs
  - Mr. Watson spoke to the University Liaison today, Rosalind Fuse-Hall, concerning the Board retreat. It is scheduled for May 21, 2012.
  - Dr. Hodge would like to talk about policy. The district needs policies to function adequately. All policies will be created beforehand.
  - The Board is in need of new members. The president appoints new members. Several school, university, and community members have expressed an interest in being a Board member.
    - Rosalind Fuse-Hall states the retreat must be open to the public. Board policies must be approved at a Board meeting and not the treat.
    - Are there any parents interested in becoming a Board member? Responses should be done no later than March. All interested parties should contact Mrs. West or Dr. Hodge. It was suggested to incorporate the membership information into the newsletter and on the school website.
  
- Board Member Comments Terry Watson, Board Chair
  - Mr. Lowery suggests requiring all parents to attend at a minimum 2 board mtgs.
    - We are not sure if this can be done but we can offer incentives to parents and students for attendance.
  
- Public Comments ( Limited to Two Minutes) Terry Watson, Board Chair
  - Rosalind Fuse-Hall was impressed with Dr. Hodge at a meeting and pledged to attend all meetings from now on. Kudos to Dr. Hodge
  
- Meeting Adjourned Terry Watson, Board Chair
  - Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.