



Duval County Public Schools

April 7, 2009, Regular Board Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD with Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel, Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman, Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman and Board members: Ms. Nancy Broner, Ms. Betty Burney, Ms. Vicki Drake, Mr. W. C. Gentry, and Mr. Stan Jordan, present.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Vicki Drake gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Presentations

[1. SERVICE EXCELLENCE PROJECT](#)

Minutes:

--As a result of Goal 5 in the District Strategic Plan, which is to engage family and community support, the Service Excellence Project, a component of the Community and Family Engagement Office, was launched at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

--The purpose of this initiative is to create a welcoming and culturally respectful environment in order to establish positive and collaborative relationships between Duval County Public Schools and our stakeholders.

-- When a department, school, or other worksite completes three specific service excellence trainings, they receive a Service Excellence certificate.

--Within the first five months of its inception, more than five schools and/or departments have successfully completed Service Excellence training.

--Tonight, I would like to recognize four elementary schools that have completed the project:

--Principals, as your school's name is called, please come forward and receive your trophy:

- * Crystal Springs Elementary
- * Henry F. Kite Elementary
- * Atlantic Beach Elementary
- * Mandarin Oaks Elementary

--Your early participation in this initiative serves as an example for other Duval County schools and departments.

[2. 2008/2009 CUSTODIAL SCHOOLS AND CUSTODIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR](#)

Minutes:

--Our next presentation recognizes three Duval County schools that were selected as 2008/2009 Custodial Schools of the Year by Duval County Public Schools and GCA Services Group, Inc., which oversees the custodial management of our schools.

--Joining us tonight to help present certificates of recognition is Steve Gritzuk, GCA's District Manager for Duval County Public Schools.

--This award is given to schools for outstanding custodial performance, management and cleanliness, and for maintaining the highest average score on evaluation throughout the school year.

--From Seabreeze Elementary, we have Principal William Dutter along with his custodial team.

--From Matthew Gilbert, we have the custodial team and principal Jackie Simmons, Jr.

--And from Mount Herman, we have Principal Mark Cashen, along with his custodial team.

--We would also like to recognize Tommy Durham, the lead custodian at Rutledge Pearson Elementary School, who was named this year's Custodial Employee of the Year.

--Joining Mr. Durham tonight is his school's principal, Debbie Crotty.

--Also in attendance tonight are several GCA zone managers. As your names are called, please stand in front of your seats:

- * Steve Crist
- * Melodie Tripp
- * Don Clark
- * Jorge Navarro
- * Willie Suggs

--Congratulations to each of you for a job well done. Your hard provides a positive and clean learning environment for our students, and a productive working environment for our staff.

[3. ROBERT E. LEE BOTBALL TEAM RECOGNITION](#)

Minutes:

--Last month, Robert E. Lee High School's robotics team competed in the 12th annual Botball Robotics Southeast Regional Double Elimination

Tournament at the University of North Florida.

--During the competition, the team went undefeated.

--This is the latest in a long string of successes for the team. In the past four years, they were named regional finalists twice. In 2007, the team received International Finalist honors at the Global Conference on Educational Robotics held in Honolulu.

--Joining us tonight from Lee is Denise Hall, the school's principal, robotics team coach Jeff Cumber and several members of the undefeated team:

- Andrew Dobson
- Preston Delp
- Alexander Hoffmann
- Taylor Holmes
- Preston Johnson
- Jonathan Frias
- Caddi Locke
- D'Andrea Haynes
- Amanda Duemmel
- Micah Hall
- Sam Belton
- Panquat Kyesmu
- Jacob Bruinsma
- Robert Lane

--Congratulations on your recent success and best wishes as you participate in this year's Global Conference on Educational Robotics International Botball tournament in July.

[4. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - RAY AND JAN MOORE](#)

Minutes:

--Tonight, I would like to take the time to recognize an outstanding couple for their support of and dedication to Duval County Public Schools and the Jacksonville community.

--Would Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moore please come forward?

--First, I would like to recognize Jan Moore for providing the students of Duval County with almost four decades of faithful service.

--Mrs. Moore began her teaching career 39 years ago at Sherwood Forest Elementary School, and this June, she will retire from Sheffield Elementary School, where she has provided 37 years of dedicated service.

--Throughout her many years at Sheffield, Mrs. Moore has taught more than 1,500 students, been named "Who's Who of American Teachers" nine, as well as Sheffield's Teacher of the Year on four separate occasions, and the list

goes on.

--Next, I would like to honor Jan's husband, Ray Moore. Mr. Moore is a product of Duval County Public Schools, having graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1962.

--After high school, Mr. Moore pursued his post-secondary education at the University of Tennessee, where he received his bachelor and master degrees. After college, he returned to his alma mater to become a physical education instructor.

--Mr. Moore's teaching career spanned more than 15 years. In addition to being a teacher, Mr. Moore also served as a track, basketball and football coach at both Andrew Jackson and Ed White high schools.

--Mr. Moore has also been the brainchild of two big initiatives that have impacted the Jacksonville community.

--A huge advocate for Jacksonville residents who were killed during their service to the military, Mr. Moore is behind the Jacksonville Veteran Memorial Wall.

--Each year, Mr. Moore, chairman of the Veterans Memorial Wall committee, researches names to be added to the wall during an annual ceremony. The wall is the only one in the country that has names categorized by high school.

--In 2003, the couple, both graduates of Andrew Jackson, organized an all-class high school reunion for the school. This reunion had an estimated 6,000 graduates in attendance.

--Last year, on the 80th anniversary of the school's first graduation, the Moores planned another reunion, which had an attendance of more than 9,000.

--This couple has done so much for the Jacksonville community, and I, along with members of the board would like to say, "thank you." It is through your commitment to the students of Duval County, both past and present, that provide us with a brighter future.

Comments From Audience

[COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Robert Turner said his son currently attends Robert E. Lee High School for the Math, Science and Engineering magnet program. His goal is to attend MIT but now, with the possible cancellation of the busing to the school, he will no longer be able to attend. This situation irritates both my son and myself. My son and many others will suffer and will have to attend a substandard school that will serve no purpose to his future. It's a shame that society and the state spends twice as much money on convicted inmates than they do on education for our children. This is wrong. I urge you to reconsider your decision.

Mr. Scott Schneider from Lee High School and spoke about some proposals and decisions to be made that will impact Robert E. Lee High School. The proposal I'd like to discuss is the one that would reduce our school's population. The proposal to mandate schools that comes down to approximately 105% capacity is a great concern to Lee which is currently at 123% capacity. If this proposal is put into place, we will have to reduce our school population by 18% which represents approximately 324 students. Lee has two tremendously successful magnet programs: the Math, Science and Engineering Academy which has about 550 students and the Early College Program which has about 250 students. You see tonight what the potential of our students is...we take much pride in both of these programs. Which one of these two programs would you like to eliminate if we had to reduce our population by 18%? By reducing our population, the number would have to come out of our magnet programs since the other students that fill our school are community/neighborhood and ESOL students which we welcome to Lee, as well. We know that if you limit something and no allow it to grow, it will eventually die. By eliminating our successful programs, the success of our students could potentially die.

Ms. Lucretia D. Miller, Duval County's current Teacher of the Year and a school library media specialist. We are here to raise awareness on the impact of the proposal to cut school media funding to 1 1/2 days per week. There is great impact on student achievement by maintaining school libraries. We are information specialists and we teach the learning process. Our job description is what the Duval County Public Schools mission consists of.

Mr. Stanley Scott spoke about 6th graders and said the Board should look into returned 6th grade to the elementary schools. Most failing schools and students reading below the 8th grade level are in the northside of the city. Mr. Scott addressed the murder rate in Jacksonville, drop outs, the Board not ringing the bell and getting involved; the lack of African American leadership. Duval County has some of the best schools in the country but yet not everyone can read; we also have a trade school on Golfair. There is a lack of leadership on the School Board but you continue to play the game.

Ms. Barbara Smith said her son attends Lee High School and he is very intelligent. He wants to attend college but won't be able to continue if you stop busing to Lee. He's a top "A" student and he wants to continue his education. Please look at Lee High School and allow the program and transportation to remain for these successful students.

Mr. Milton Miles, represents ROTC at Lee High School, said we are very disciplined and we perform many activities at the school and the surrounding neighborhood. It teaches us responsibility. The band and engineering groups are very cooperative and they help tutor other students. Please believe in us so we can reach our goals in life.

Ms. Colleen Hartnett and I'm a school library media specialist at Beauclerc Elementary

School. I have over 30 years of experience and I'm a National Board Certified teacher. I'm currently Secretary of our media organization. I want to share with you my concern about the funding for library media specialists and our district's budget. I'm willing to do my part to tighten the belt but I can't understand why library media specialists are funding only 1.5 days by the district no matter what the school size. My school has nearly 1,300 students yet we receive the same 1.5 funding as schools that have 400-500 students. To me, this sends a message that library media specialists are valued less. Literacy for students and adults is one of the top problems in our county. One in five adults in Jacksonville can't read while 85% of juvenile offenders struggle to read. The emphasis on literacy in our schools not only provides our students with reading skills but also develops life long users of information. Students become critical thinkers and problems solvers with access to a wide variety of resources. All students are affected by reducing the media center/teacher.

Ms. Harriet Moulton, media specialists at LaVilla School of the Arts and past president of the media group. I'd like to tell you something about the students at my school this year and how they would be affected by the cuts in media. One young man in February, checked out 30 books as he reads constantly non-fiction. He's a child where libraries have really helped him succeed. What would happen if he sped up to the door and the library was closed and locked? Another student comes to the library every time we have an afternoon session to use the computers as she doesn't have one at home. She works on homework, projects and grade recovery. What would happen to her academic achievement if the library was not available and the media specialist was not there to provide the computers, etc.? One of our history teachers started a project and her class needed books. We loaded up carts of books from all the shelves. Her students wouldn't have access to these resources if the library wasn't open. We must fund library media centers at all schools. Please don't turn out the lights on the hub of the school.

Mr. Jeffrey Cumber said students at Lee High School actually want to come to school, especially those involved in the robotics competition. Our students are being accepted into the top colleges in our country. These students have opportunities at Lee High that they don't have at their neighborhood schools. Most of our magnet students live outside our attendance zone. These students would have to leave the magnet program and return to their neighborhood school and not be able to pursue their goals in life. We try to prepare them for college so please do what is in the best interest of the students and not dollars and cents. The students are our priority.

Mr. Charlie Calizar, a student in ROTC and said that ROTC has given him alot of discipline and a position in leadership (with alot of pushups). Without the magnet buses, I would have this because the teachers give me discipline and they are good role models to me and other students. At Lee, we have a very diverse population. Please don't take this away from us.

Mr. Hunter Lampp, a student in the Engineering magnet program at Lee which was the best choice for me. I can't walk to Lee from 103rd Street from where I live if you take away the magnet buses. I want to go into the Navy and I'm currently in ROTC. Please allow me to continue my goal and apply to Annapolis before I graduate. I'm also an Eagle Scout, as well.

Mr. Howard Denson, a retiree, with ACE (Arts with Continuing Education) and I'm still teaching courses at FCCJ. I like to go online and look at the newspapers from the town I

once lived in over the years and so often I'll see stories that say they will have to cut art, music and physical education. There is a connection and our students need a bit of everything. Please reconsider eliminating any of these subjects.

Ms. Martha McManus and Allison Graff, representing the Cultural Council and ACE Coalition said we appreciate the hard work you're doing and we know it's very difficult. We know it's not just about saving the arts, but saving education. They displayed numerous pieces of educational materials. Spoke about the Tillie Fowler memorial; civic pride in our generations; teachers integrating subjects with science instruction with dynamic materials; curriculum kits integrating art and science. We sent 160 kits to all elementary schools in Duval County and we have sets for parents with home-schoolers and they are also available online. Additionally, a DVD is available.

Mr. John Turner spoke about the recent town meetings and cutting art, music and physical education and many layoffs. Florida is actually 34th in the state; not 50th which is very misleading. Jacksonville spends more per student than what the state does. The question is, "How is the School Board spending the money?" The Board continually refuses to do an independent audit. You say there is a 20% reduction at The Schultz Center but where? I urge you to call your legislators and tell them we need an audit.

Ms. Leslie Chamblin spoke about transportation and a former bus driver for six years. Transportation is so important to a student's development and his/her personality. I was a swimmer beginning at age 4 and I was on a swim team in junior high. I could not swim in high school because there was no bus to get me to and from school which squashed my swimming career. There are many students who need that opportunity as well. Many activities are held after school and should be utilized by the students along with athletics. I am a teacher at Lee High School and I teach Biology and Earth Space Sciences and I would hate to see our students lose this opportunity to stay after school for clubs, rehearsals, tutoring and athletics...all activities that help develop them - both neighborhood and magnet students. These students are very sincere.

Ms. Marian Conley and I applaud all the children who were brave enough to come here tonight. My concern is transportation. I have done an online listing of all the sexual offenders that are in our school districts and some districts have as many as 395 in a two mile radius. Now, we're telling our children to walk to and from school with that many offenders...that's not sending out a good message and we're putting our children in danger. I have six children in this school system and next year, I'll have seven and I don't want any of them harmed. I am a victim and don't want anyone else to be one. Please rethink the transportation concern. Thank you.

Mr. Derek Bermudez spoke about a story and I've learned this story has been going on for 45 years now and that is unacceptable and I want to know who is taking part of this conspiracy and to keep this shoved under the rug. I'm not worried about the 3-4 white men who gunned her down and they admitted to doing it, but it's those who are taking part and continue to be a conspirator. I'm a convicted felon because people told me I'm an accessory to being a bank robber when I was sitting at my desk at Sandalwood High School and had nothing to do with it. I was told that my ignorance of the law is no excuse for me. So, seeing people who are not ignorant of the law are still getting away with all that is going on. Ms. Priestly Jackson, I was watching a School Board meeting one time and you stated that it is in the Florida Constitution that every child is supposed to have an equal level of education, and is that right? And, what year did that law come about? I've

been reading a book entitled, "Acquired Revolution" and it's talking about the consolidation of Jacksonville and the city, and in 1968, all 15 public high schools in Jacksonville lost their accreditation. So, to see what has been going on for the past 40 years, history is still repeating itself with all the violence still going on. I want to get back to the Johnnie Mae story and I would love for you to name the new high school...I hope we can honor this family in the right way and get justice. I'd love to see your signature, Mr. Gentry, in this book.

Ms. Theresa Gage, parent of an 8th grader and I want to say thank you for having the Hospital Homebound and Vision Services. About two years ago my daughter became very sick and Hospital Homebound became a part of our life. About a year ago, my daughter lost her vision totally and then Vision Services became a big picture in our lives, as well. My daughter has successfully completed a great proportion of Braille in just about six months and she's been able to transition to Douglas Anderson School of the Arts next year where she's been accepted. She was able to get one-on-one attention from teachers who really care. I'm concerned about budget cuts but I'm hopeful you'll be able to maintain Hospital Homebound and Vision Services at the same capacity as they are right now. One never knows when these services will be needed and we're very fortunate to have these services in Duval County..

Ms. Shelly Gage, student, representing Hospital Homebound and Vision Services as about a year ago, I did lose my eye sight. I did learn Braille in six months and more opened up to me after a very rough period. Regarding budget cuts, kids need a passion and they need art, music and physical education...not just academics. I love being a good academic student but I also love playing piano which is what I got accepted to attend Douglas Anderson. If I didn't have that, I wouldn't have anything. I want to be a professional pianist and Hospital Homebound opened many doors for me. We really and truly need these programs. Thank you.

Comments From Parent Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

PTA - Frances Soper, First Vice President:

Good evening. My name is Frances Soper. I am First Vice President for Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs. I will be giving the PTA report tonight.

Again this year the Duval County Council of PTAs is participating in the Earth Day Celebration at the Landing on April 18th. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Chris Buckley at the Teachers Supply Depot 381-7480.

The next meeting of the Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs will be here, in the Cline Auditorium on April 21st beginning with hospitality at 9:30 AM. All PTA/PTSA Presidents and delegates are encouraged to attend. We will begin distributing tickets to the Annual Presidents and Principals Luncheon. This will be the last meeting of the year here at the School Board building and it is also the turn in date and location for all award applications and History Book entries. All PTAs/PTSAs have been notified of this date, location and time. They are aware that they must turn everything in at our PTA registration table at that meeting. They have been told that they may not leave things at the front desk of the building. If they need to make arrangements to drop off earlier, please call Annette Worthen at 349-5263.

It's not too late to purchase P&P tickets. If you are attending the general meeting on April 21st you may purchase them then or contact Lenelle Cruse at 363-1936.

The DCCPTA is hosting a reception on April 23rd at the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts atrium beginning at 6PM. This is a time when we honor and recognize all the Duval County finalists of the National PTA Reflections Program. The Reflections Program provides opportunities for students to express themselves, and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts. Students create and submit works of art in six areas: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts. This year the efforts of 12 Duval County students were recognized on the state level and Joseph Crayne from Neptune Beach Elementary is moving on to represent the State of Florida PTA at the national level in Film Production.

The Jacksonville Suns are partnering with Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs for a Family Night at the Suns on May 12. The PTAs receiving the Superintendents' Award will be recognized. Anyone carrying a current PTA membership card will get in for half price and all children under 14 will be admitted for \$1.50. Any volunteers who have volunteered 50 or more hours in their school will receive a voucher for free admission from their local PTA president. For more information contact our membership chair, Rachel Raneri at her email address: ranerir@duvalschools.org.

The Teacher Supply Depot is partnering with Books a Go-Go and will be giving away bags of 25 books to teachers of Title 1 schools at the next opening on April 16. These books are for children in need and will allow them to have a book of their own to take home. Between 350 to 400 teachers came to the last opening in March. The number of teachers using the depot this year surpasses all previous years.

On March 18 Florida PTA in conjunction with the Florida Education Association sponsored the Rally in Tally. More than 2500 people were present at the Rally with over 1000 being PTA members. The hallways were crowded with parents and students visiting their legislators. Florida PTA President Karin Brown opened the Rally. Past Florida PTA President Lenelle Cruse also spoke as did Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals, among others.

PTA is appreciative of the support of each of the School Board members, the Superintendent, and the District Staff. If there are any issues that the School Board or Superintendent would like PTA to address, please call on us.

District Advisory Council - Rachel Raneri, Chairman:

I hope that everyone had a relaxing Spring Break.

The District Advisory Council met on Monday, March 23rd. I would like to thank Mike Perrone for explaining what the budget shortfalls will mean to the district.

I would also like to thank Doug Ayars for the update on the timeline of the new schools openings and other operational issues. With the opening of new schools, I requested that the issue of Area feeder patterns that will be changing, which will affect the make up of the District Advisory Council, be reviewed. As Jimmy Johnson explained to me, the Areas were drawn up based on the governance of desegregation and were decided by the then "Regional Superintendents". I hope that the Board and staff will be mindful of the upcoming changes that will need to be made and that they will be made before the opening of the new schools so that they will be able to seat their own School Advisory Councils in a timely manner.

The Honorable Vicki Drake shared with us some unfortunate news from her trip to Tallahassee. I urge anyone who cares about public education to contact your legislators and let your voice be heard. My email address is on the front page of the district Tri-fold and I would be happy to share contact information for our legislators.

Ms. Elaine Mann gave us an in-depth report about the issues that were discussed at your workshop pertaining to secondary curriculum and scheduling times.

Mr. Dewitt Robinson gave us an update on the progress of the mentoring project within Duval Public Schools. If anyone in the audience is interested in becoming a mentor, please contact the Office of Family and Community Engagement.

Again, I would like to personally thank staff members who go out of their way to attend and educate the DAC members so that we can better disseminate information to the parents and community who are ALL stakeholders in Duval County Public Schools.

On a point of personal privilege, I would like to share with you and the public that the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) has opened a chapter here in Jacksonville. We will have a Walk of Awareness, called Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis, Jax. It will be on May 14th, 2 Days after the PTA night at the Sun's and I have given each of you a brochure about the event. Unfortunately, many school age children who have Inflammatory Bowel Disease miss many days of school and rely on the Hospital Home Bound program to keep up with their education.

The next meeting of the District Advisory Council will be on April 27 at 6:00 pm. We look forward to having the Honorable W.C. Gentry join us for that meeting.

I wish you all a happy and healthy Spring Holiday!

Comments From Employee Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes: No comments.

Student Achievement, Reform Activities, And Reports

[CHAIRMAN'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

CODE OF CONDUCT – EXPULSIONS:

GOAL FOUR OF THE DISTRICT'S STRATEGIC PLAN STATES THAT THE DISTRICT WILL "ESTABLISH SAFE, SECURE AND RESPECTFUL SCHOOLS WHERE ALL INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPECTED, VALUED AND FEEL SECURE." THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, SUPERINTENDENT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH SAFE SCHOOLS WHERE ALL INDIVIDUALS, ESPECIALLY OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ARE INDEED RESPECTED, VALUED, AND SAFE.

RECENTLY, THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING GUNS ON OUR CAMPUSES. AT ONE SCHOOL, A GUN WAS REPORTEDLY DISCHARGED. WE KNOW, WITHOUT A DOUBT, THAT SAFE AND ORDERLY SCHOOLS PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTS THAT FOSTER LEARNING AND HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL OF THE DISTRICT'S STUDENTS. THEREFORE, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE WORK TOGETHER AS A BOARD, ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL-BASED LEADERSHIP TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS ARE SAFE.

FLORIDA STATUTE 1006.13 REQUIRES EACH SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT TO ADOPT A POLICY OF ZERO TOLERANCE FOR STUDENTS WHO BRING "A FIREARM OR WEAPON, TO SCHOOL, TO ANY SCHOOL FUNCTION, OR ONTO ANY SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRANSPORTATION, OR POSSESSING A FIREARM AT SCHOOL". IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS STATUTE, THE SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTED POLICY 5.28, ZERO TOLERANCE FOR SCHOOL RELATED CRIMES, WHICH OUTLINES THE DISTRICT'S POLICIES AND

PROCEDURES FOR ZERO TOLERANCE OFFENSES. DUE TO THE RECENT INCREASE IN STUDENTS BRINGING FIREARMS ON CAMPUSES, TONIGHT, WE WANT TO REASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT FOLLOWING A PROPER DUE PROCESS HEARING, STUDENTS WHO COMMIT THESE OFFENSES SHALL RECEIVE THE MOST SEVERE OF DISCIPLINE ACTION AS OUTLINED IN OUR POLIICY - EXPULSION. CONSEQUENTLY, STUDENTS WHO BRING GUNS OR FIREARMS TO SCHOOL, TO ANY SCHOOL FUNCTION, OR ONTO ANY SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRANSPORATION OR POSSESS A FIREARM AT SCHOOL, MAY BE EXPELLED, WITH OR WITHOUT CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, FROM THE STUDENT'S REGULAR SCHOOL FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN ONE FULL YEAR AND WILL BE REFERRD TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE OR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

IN THE PAST, PARENTS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO WITHDRAW THEIR CHILD FROM THE DISTRICT WITHOUT AN EXPULSION HEARING BEING HELD BY THE SCHOOL BOARD. WHILE THE DISTRICT CANNOT PREVENT PARENTS FROM WITHDRAWING THEIR CHILD FROM SCHOOL, THE BOARD WILL STILL PROCEED WITH THE EXPULSION HEARING AND PROCESS OF EXPELLING THE STUDENT. THE EXPULSIION WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE CHILD'S SCHOOL RECORD. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE CHILD ATTEMPTS TO REGISTER WILL HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GUN VIOLATION AND THE EXPULSION RECOMMENDATION. THE DISTRICT'S 2009-10 CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT MANUAL WILL REFLECT THIS NEW LANGUAGE.

IT IS THE BOARD'S INTENT TO PROVIDE SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AT ALL OF OUR SCHOOLS FOR ALL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH STUDENTS, PARENTS, PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATIVE STAFFS AND THE COMMUNITY TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT ENSURE AND ESTABLISH SAFE, SECURE AND RESPECTFUL SCHOOLS AS STATED IN GOAL 4 OF OUR STRATEGIC PLAN. IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT THE ENFORCEMENT OF OUR ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY WILL DETER STUDENTS FROM MAKING INAPPROPRIATE CHOICES THAT IMPACT THE SAFETY OF OUR SCHOOLS AND ULTIMATELY THE EDUCATION OF THE YOUNG STUDENT WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE.

THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING THAT EVERY SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT IS ONE THAT IS SAFE AND SECURE. THE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY CAN BE ASSURED THAT THIS BOARD DOES NOT TAKE LIGHTLY THE THREAT OF VIOLENCE TO OUR STUDENTS OR IN OUR SCHOOLS. THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF OUR STUDENTS DEMAND THAT WE ACT IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT AND UNWAVERING. WE WILL NOT TOLERATE GUNS IN OUR SCHOOLS. STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO VIOLATE OUR POLICIES WILL RECEIVE THE MOST SEVERE PUNISHMENT ALLOWABLE BY LAW.

COREY THOMPKINS:

AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE COREY THOMPKINS TO THE BOARD MEETING. COREY IS ONE OF OUR INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAS BEEN PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE BOARD FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS AT OUR MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS. COREY IS A MEMBER OF THE ARMY RESERVE AND HAS JUST RETURNED FROM SERVING OVER A YEAR IN THE DESERT, OUTSIDE OF

KUWAIT CITY. THIS IS COREY'S 2ND TOUR DURING THE IRAQ CONFLICT. WELCOME HOME,COREY. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU FOR SERVING OUR COUNTRY.

ENGLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

AND NOW FOR OUR BOARD MEMBERS'S SCHOOL RECOGNITION FOR THE MONTH.

JACKSONVILLE'S BEST KEPT SECRET EDUCATIONALLY MAY VERY WELL BE ENGLEWOOD ELEMENTARY, A MAGNET SCHOOL FOR LITERACY AND TECHNOLOGY. IT IS AN AMAZING SCHOOL NESTLED BEHIND ENGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL. IT CAN BE FOUND AMONG THE TALL PINES ON SPRING PARK ROAD, LESS THAN A MILE FROM UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD. THE LOW PROFILE, RED BRICK SCHOOL, IS THE CLASSIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

ENGLEWOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS HAVE EARNED AN "A" FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS, AND AS A TITLE I SCHOOL THEY HAVE ACHIEVED AYP FOR 6 YEARS, AND EXPECT TO CONTINUE THIS TREND, UNDER POWERFUL LEADERSHIP AND EXEMPLARY TEACHERS.

THEY OPEN THEIR DOORS TO ANY STUDENT WILLING TO BE A PART OF THEIR FAMILY, THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL CHOICE-MAGNET PROGRAM. THEY MAY APPLY THROUGH THE MAGNET OFFICE AFTER TAKING A BRIEF TOUR OF THE CAMPUS.

LITERACY AND TECHNOLOGY ARE STRESSED AS THE KEYS TO PREPARING THE STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY. STUDENTS ARE PROVIDED NETWORKED COMPUTER CLUSTERS, WITH PRINTERS IN EVERY CLASSROOM. STAND-ALONE SOFTWARE, AS WELL AS SANCTIONED EDUCATIONALLY RELEVANT ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AVAILABLE ON THE WEB, ARE UTILIZED TO REMEDIATE OR ENRICH THE MASTERY OF STANDARDS ON A STUDENT BY STUDENT BASIS. A FOUR-COMPUTER HUB LOCATED IN THE MEDIA CENTER IS READY TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE COMPUTERIZED READING COMPREHENSION BASED PROGRAM KNOWN AS A.R. (ACCELERATED READER). THERE IS A 15,000 BOOK LIBRARY READY FOR STUDENTS TO ACCESS.

TUCKED AWAY IN A CORNER OF THE LIBRARY, IS AN "OFF AIR" SIGN. INSIDE, YOU WILL FIND A FULLY OPERATIONAL CLOSED CIRCUIT TV LAB, WHICH PROVIDES SCHOOL WIDE BROADCASTS. THE STATION IS THE RESULT OF THE VISION OF THE LIBRARIAN, TERI LAWSON AND SPEECH THERAPIST, JACKIE THEUS. THEY TRAIN THE CAST AND CREW IN ALL CAPACITIES; AND THE STUDENTS PRODUCE THE TELECASTS. STUDENTS FROM GRADES 3 TO 5 ARE RECOMMENDED BY THEIR TEACHER, AND FROM THERE, THE REST IS UP TO MRS. LAWSON, MS. THEUS AND THE STUDENT'S DESIRES. THE STUDENTS MAN THE CAMERAS, RUN THE SOUND SYSTEM, THE MIXER, THE TECH BOARD, AND ACT AS FLOOR MANAGERS AND ANCHOR TEAMS.

EACH 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH GRADE CLASSROOM REVEALS NEWLY ACQUIRED AND INSTALLED SMARTBOARDS. CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY IS USED HERE!, EXCLAIMS THE PRINCIPAL, GAIL BRINSON. THESE SMARTBOARDS

ALLOW WHITE BOARDS TO BE USED LIKE GIGANTIC COMPUTER SCREENS DURING AN INTERACTIVE LESSON, ON THE INTERNET, WITH THE CLASS.

THE SCHOOL HAS ART AND MUSIC RESOURCES WITH TWO FANTASTIC INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE WRITTEN AND RECEIVED GRANTS TO ENHANCE THEIR AREAS OF EXPERTISE. KRIS CAMPBELL BLENDS ART AND TECHNOLOGY IN MANY OF THE ART PROJECTS, AS DOES THE MUSIC TEACHER, ROBERT MOORE, MANY TIMES COMBINING THEIR PASSIONS INTO ONE MAGNIFICENT EXPERIENCE!

THE SCHOOL HAS A COMPUTER LAB WITH 30 COMPUTERS UP AND RUNNING FOR THE WEEKLY RESOURCE VISIT OF THEIR STUDENTS. KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS LEARN THE BASICS, AND BY THIRD GRADE THEY CAN PERFORM MANY COMPLICATED COMPUTER OPERATIONS.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE PRINCIPAL GAIL BRINSON AND HER TALENTED STAFF WHO ARE PRESENT TONIGHT. PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED.

THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT.

ENGLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Mr. Gentry said we have a lot of great schools in this community, particularly, we have some great elementary schools. Englewood Elementary is truly a very special place and it's a Title I school. It's incredible with the work this principal and staff have done. Some families have some financial situations but this school is very rich and the dedication by the principal and staff, as well as the parents, are very rich in enthusiasm and dedication to the education of children. In this community, they have been adopted by the Greater Englewood Neighborhood Association (GENA) who calls it "Little Englewood". They have tremendous support not only from their teachers, principals and parents, but from the whole Englewood Association. Mrs. Brinson refers to her children as "Englewood Lambs" and, hopefully, these "lambs" who are doing so well will become "Englewood Rams".

[SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Pratt-Dannals spoke on the following:

Expulsion Procedures - There is no good reason to bring a gun on a school campus. No student should receive, take or deliver (transporting) a gun for someone else. Students say that it's not safe to go from the bus stop to their home - we will take a stand on this. A student will not be able to withdraw from school when they are expelled. The message is going to be strong and clear on all future gun incidents.

Budget - Thanked everyone who has contacted their legislator and/or the governor; poor

economy and choices on how we fund schools; impact on the schools due to budget cuts; \$150 million dollar cut on a \$9 billion dollar budget; thanked Senator Stephen Wise and others who have worked diligently; it is an effort to get through this year - difference between the Senate and the House; additional funding with sales tax; additional revenue sources - not popular in a recession; past investments were paying off; we'll go dramatically backwards; express concerns to legislators; look for additional sources of revenue; federal stimulus money is gone; 2012-13 until return to the 2007-08 crisis. We hope to add a few programs in but there will still be staff cuts. Look at different models in terms of funding.

Federal Stimulus Package - We have applied for stabilization money; save positions; Title I - high numbers of free and reduced lunch and IDEA; bring teachers back early for professional development.

1958 Matthew Gilbert Football Team - Team of the Decade; Coach Earl Kitchings passed away yesterday and we send our condolences to his family.

Policy Change on Transportation - The mile limits in the state statute from 1.5 to 2 miles; moving from 1 miles to 1.5 miles to the closest bus stop; we must make some decisions; Activity Buses - does not call for us to eliminate and cut back from 2 to 1 per day; audit of funds each year and every three years - an extensive audit; we are protecting the public's money.

Mr. Pratt-Dannals thanked all those who came out tonight and expressed their views and feelings regarding changes and budget cuts.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. Mike Perrone, Budget Director

Reports

[1. OPERATIONS REPORT - MR. DOUG AYARS](#)

Minutes:

We'll soon be getting together with the community to begin the planning for boundary changes for AAA high school which will open in August, 2010. We went through the public meetings last year with the ACE process and there was high interest and expectation to include the middle school, as well due to feeder patterns. As you know, we have at least five high schools involved and then middle schools so it's a pretty significant task. I'd like to start in the spring to reconstitute all of those folks who volunteered and review the

facts and then we'll pick it up after the summer. We hope to have a final recommendation much earlier, November or December, so we can have clarity and early notification and bring a recommendation to the Board. There could be others for the summer of 2010; we'll see how normal boundary reviews go. This will have huge public interest, looking at maybe Monday, April 20 at Twin Lakes Middle, for a meeting. We'll put out notification to principals and work with them early and first in trying to make sure we have the right and proper representation there. Thanks.

2. ACADEMIC SERVICES REPORT - MS. PAT WILLIS

Minutes:

We have begun planning our summer programs and they are scheduled for June 22 - July 31. Ms. LeRoy is prepared to give a preliminary report on that and it will be followed up on some further information.

Report by Kathy LeRoy:

Academic Services is currently in the final planning stages of our Summer Program for students. The intent of these programs is to support (1) the promotion of students to the next grade level; (2) identifying areas in reading and mathematics in need of additional skill building; and (3) maintaining and enhancing the reading and mathematics progress made throughout the school year. We are currently working in collaboration with the Community Foundation in Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Children's Commission to ensure continuity among programs. All of the summer activities will be comprised of an all-day, six week program, running from June 22nd through July 31st. We will be continuing and expanding our current menu of opportunities for students. We will be offering:

- The required **Elementary Summer Reading Camp** for Grade 3 Level I students as required by the FLDOE in order to be promoted to grade 4;
- The **Secondary Credit Recovery for Middle and High School Students** via our on-line program Compass Odyssey;
- The required **Grade 11 Science Remediation** for those grade 11 students that received a Level 1 on the Grade 11 Science FCAT;
- The **Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten, Exceptional Student Education** and **English Speakers of Other Languages** mandatory programs.

Also, we will be providing a brand new summer school program for those elementary students that are not being promoted based on their final grade in Reading or Mathematics. They will have the opportunity to be promoted after successful completion of this special program. Previously, we have not been able to offer this opportunity and students only had options through private school summer attendance.

Additionally, funded through the projected Title I stimulus dollars and directly aligned with the intent of those dollars, we are proposing a series of

Superintendent Academies for students that attend our Turnaround schools. These programs will be housed at designated Turnaround schools and will also run for six weeks from June 22 through July 31. The Superintendent Academies will include:

- A **Primary Academy** intended for K-2 students that have low DIBELS scores based on the 2009 spring administration;
- A **Reading Academy** intended for promoted rising 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students;
- A **Mathematics Academy** intended for promoted rising 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students;
- A **Bridge Academy** intended for rising 6th and 9th grade students to support the enhancement of the required reading and mathematics skills to be successful in a middle school or high school setting; and
- A **College Bound Academy** for our grade 11 and 12 students that have not successfully passed the Grade 10 FCAT in Reading and/or Mathematics. These students will receive extensive SAT/ACT prep with 3 weeks of intensive reading and 3 weeks of intensive mathematics to support the successful passing of these assessments that will be administered in early fall.

All of the summer programs will include engaging research-based curriculum, professional development as part of pre-planning for our summer program teachers, learning schedules, and diagnostic assessments to identify gaps in content knowledge and monitor progress. These summer activities will support a focus on individualized instruction and support so that our students will continue to have increased achievement and success as they move forward. Plans to provide communication to all of our schools will occur this week and further details will be coming through the next Board Run and Board Workshop.

Speakers:

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member

[3. SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE](#)

Minutes:

Good Evening..... My name is Dana Fields-Johnson and I am the current chair of the School Health Advisory Council. I am very pleased to be here with you this evening as a representative of the Council to provide an update on activities of the Council and ask for your consideration of school health matters as a priority.

The School Health Advisory Council serves in an advisory capacity to the School Board, and the Council meets on a monthly basis to discuss matters

pertaining to the health of school-aged children and their families. The Council supports and works to address the eight components of the Coordinated School Health Model, which includes health education, physical education, health services, nutrition services, counseling, psychological and social services, healthy school environment, staff health promotion and family and community involvement.

Throughout the year, the Council has been informed on and considered a spectrum of school health issues including but not limited to school nutrition improvement, physical education requirements and revision of the Sunshine State Standards for Physical Education, health education requirements, ensuring adequate school health services, district wellness policy activities, anti-bullying policy and interventions, as well as drug and gang prevention and intervention efforts in the County.

The work and focus of the Council is broad and expansive. The Council has given high priority to exploring and promoting linkages between healthy students and academic performance. Strong evidence and research continue to be provided linking the health of a child to the child's academic performance. The simple message coming from the research is that "Healthy, physically active, and well-nourished students have been found to exhibit better mathematics, reading and vocabulary scores." These linkages in the research provide the foundation for our recommendation that this Board give more attention to the Coordinated School Health Program model. This is the framework put forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which integrates education, health, and social services. It provides a systematic approach to addressing school health needs and by extension improving academic achievement. There is evidence that supports the positive effect of programming in each of the eight components of Coordinated School Health on academic and behavioral outcomes.

Other work of the School Health Advisory Council has focused on ensuring that there is sufficient capacity to address school health in our system. Over the past three years, the Student Health Services Committee of the Council has been looking at school nurse to student ratios for Duval County. This work culminated with a research study produced by the University of North Florida - Brooks College of Health which studied the role of the school nurse: Key findings from that study revealed that:

- o Florida ranks 43rd among the states with 1 nurse to 2159 students; National standards recommend 1 nurse per 750 students in regular schools.
- o In Duval County, Department of Health school nurses covering regular schools have 1 nurse to 3722 students.

These statistics indicate that there are too few nurses to adequately take care of the health needs of our children. The nurses have too many schools to cover and enormous student loads per school. A wide gap exists between where we are and where we need to be.

The Council recommends that the Board make improving the nurse to student ratio a priority, and that Duval County move closer to the national standard of 1 nurse per 750 students. We fully recognize that in these tough fiscal

times this is a daunting task. It will require a commitment to considering new ways of doing business, new solutions to financing additional school nurses, partnering with community leaders, and enhancing training and development of school nurses. The Council would like to request that a member of this Board partner with the Council and sit on the Student Services Committee and actively participate in the formulation and implementation of a solution to the school nursing challenge.

Another important area of focus for the Council's Student Services Committee has been the adequacy of Guidance Counselor coverage in schools. The American School Guidance Counselor Association recommends a ratio of 1:250. Duval County is as high as 1:1640. In order to make recommendations we will be exploring a number of issues, including:

- How Guidance Counselors are trained especially in the mental health arena.
- The ratio factor and principal discretion to meet student needs
- Job functionality of Guidance Counselors

Other ongoing priorities for the Council have been advocating for school nutrition improvement, increasing support for physical education, and strengthening health education in the classroom. The Council is currently considering how its work and the work of the District Wellness Committee might be coordinated and even consolidated over the next few months, including integrating the District Wellness Committee into the School Health Advisory Council. We encourage the School Board to support recommendations coming from the two groups as to how this might better support the intent of the Wellness Policy and improve the health of students and school staff.

Related to that issue, the School Health Advisory Council would like to take this opportunity to express concerns with the recent RFP process that was undergone to secure a new food service vendor for Duval County Public Schools. It was a disappointment that neither the Council nor the Wellness Committee were involved from the standpoint of ensuring nutritional quality, but we offer our advisement and hope to collaborate with the new vendor that is selected as the new food service provider. The school nutrition environment must be improved and we must be mindful of how closely linked nutrition and academic performance are. While it is not the sole responsibility of the schools to ensure nutritious meals for students, it does need to be a focus as you look to continue to improve academic achievement and address achievement gaps while enduring threats to district funding.

As I wrap up this report, I do want to mention another important focus of the School Health Advisory Council. The Council serves as a reviewing body for health education materials and programming in schools and has a committee dedicated to ensuring community health education programs and materials in our schools are appropriate and valuable to our students and staff, and that they are based on sound evidence and practice. This work, mandated in Board policy, will continue to be an important priority of the Council.

In closing, The School Health Advisory Council respectfully requests that a member of the Board be assigned to be an active member of the Council and

that they regularly participate in monthly meetings of the Council. I would like to acknowledge former School Board member Kris Barnes who served in that role in the past. I would also like to acknowledge School Board Members Nancy Broner and Betty Burney for their support of school and child health issues in the past.

The Council hopes to make more regular reports to you in the coming school year to keep you informed and advised on school health matters. We look forward to supporting your work and ask that you continue to work to improve school health as a means of meeting your mission of preparing kids for academic success. Thanks to Kathy Bowles and the other staff of the Safe and Healthy Schools program office who provide assistance and support to the School Health Advisory Council. I would like to thank you again for this opportunity to update you on the work of the School Health Advisory Council. As a mother of two middle school students, I would like to also thank you for your work as members of this Board in a really tough time.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 7, 2009, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the April 7, 2009, Agenda as submitted on March 31, 2009, with the changes listed in the agenda item. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Nancy Broner

Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye

Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following minutes:

August 19, 2008 - Board Workshop
August 25, 2008 - Professional Services Committee
August 27, 2008 - Board Workshop
September 9, 2008 - BROAD Sustainability Visit
September 16, 2008 - Professional Services Committee
September 16, 2008 - Board Workshop
October 9, 2008 - Board Workshop
October 10, 2008 - Board Workshop
October 21, 2008 - Professional Services Committee
October 21, 2008 - Board Workshop
November 10, 2008 - Board Workshop
November 10, 2008 - Special Board Meeting
November 18, 2008 - Orientation for New Board Members
November 18, 2008 - Board Workshop
January 26, 2009 - Board/Superintendent Retreat
March 3, 2009 - Regular Board Meeting
March 10, 2009 - Board Workshop
March 17, 2009 - Board Workshop
March 17, 2009 - Special Board Meeting
March 26, 2009 - Special Meeting - Student Expulsion Hearing

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the
Minutes for the Meetings listed in the Agenda - PASS
Item.

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner	
Second: Victoria Drake	
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motions:	
	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Nancy Broner	
Second: Victoria Drake	
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

Consent Agenda

Human Resource Services - Staffing

[1. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS](#)

Attachment: [Agenda_04-07-09_TRANS.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

~~1. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL URGENCY - WITHDRAWN~~

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

1. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHERS

Attachment: [ADDENDUM TO SPRING 09_OOF_REPORT\(2\).pdf](#)

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

1. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

Attachment: [General Fund Resolution April 7.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Internal Service Resolution April 7.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Spec Revenue Other Resolution April 7.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Capital Projects Resolution April 7.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Food Service Resolution April 7.pdf](#)

2. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Attachment: [January 2009 Final Board Statement.pdf](#)

Operations - Information Technology

1. RETROFIT FOR TECHNOLOGY: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD- FISHWEIR NO. 20, HYDE GROVE NO. 214, JACKSONVILLE HEIGHTS NO. 229

Minutes:

Mrs. Broner asked Dr. Terri Stahlman, our Chief Technology Officer, to explain to the public this pattern of retrofits. I think it's really critical that we keep on track because of all the programs available to our students.

Dr. Stahlman said our school retrofits began in 1999 with our last 29 schools scheduled to be completed in June, 2010. This 11-year cycle consisted of rewiring old schools for new power, new electronics, new datalines, and new computers. The life cycle of our hardware is usually 3-5 years but as a district, we've extended that to 6-7 years in the past. Currently, there are 29 schools that are not wired for functional computers or other technology tools. This means that our students in those schools are still awaiting new technology to be able to access new applications and new direction in the area of digital technology.

Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment

[1. CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT FOR GLOBAL OUTREACH CHARTER ACADEMY](#)

[2. CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT FOR PATTERSON ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS CHARTER SCHOOL](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Burney spoke to both Items 2 and 3 together...these are two charter schools that are going to be book ends for us. We have the Tiger Academy Charter School that starting from K-2 and the Patterson Academy, that is senior high school. With respect to the fact that we have students who are in need of education that will allow them to move to the next level, I'm hoping and praying that both of these schools will do what is intended in their charter and that we will have some students who will move to the next level. If we can base it on the people who are doing it, the Patterson family has been in education for quite some time working in the community and still doing things with our schools. In addition to that, Mr. Baker, from Tiger Academy, wants to make sure students come to school prepared. So, I'm just hopeful, as a Board member, that these two charter schools will be able to do what it is that they're intended to do.

[3. CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT FOR TIGER ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL](#)

Minutes: Comments made by Mrs. Burney in Item 2.

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

[3. GRANT A PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT TO BEACHES ENERGY SERVICES AT DUNCAN U. FLETCHER MS NO. 63](#)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-FLETCHER-SURVEY.pdf](#)

[4. AMEND 2008-2009/2012-2013 LONG RANGE FACILITIES CAPITAL PLAN: ACCOUNTING CORRECTION](#)

[5. AMENDMENT TO PARTICIPATION IN THE 2007-2008 CLASSROOMS FOR KIDS PROGRAM ALLOCATION \(CLASS SIZE REDUCTION\)](#)

Attachment: [xx-5-ATT-Classroom for Kids Certification 3-09 \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [XX-5-ATT-CLSRM-KIDS Amended \(2\).pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

1. CONTINUING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR A/E SERVICES FOR VARIOUS ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECTS: SELECTION AND CONTRACT AWARD (OFDC-RFP-001-08/09)

Attachment: [B-C-AE-ROOFING-SVC.DOC.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Roofing AE xx-A-E-ROOFING-Final-Selection-Ranking 3-27-09.pdf](#)

2. INTERCOM REPLACEMENT AT VARIOUS FACILITIES: MATTIE V. RUTHERFORD NO. 6; RUTH N. UPSON ES NO. 19 AND WINDY HILL ES NO. 94: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD, DCSB PROJECT NO. M-84880

Attachment: [B-C-M-84880.doc.pdf](#)

3. PERIODIC REPORT OF SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE CONTRACTS AND CERTIFICATES OF FINAL INSPECTION ON VARIOUS MAJOR MAINT. PROJECTS VALUED UNDER \$1,000,000 AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS

Attachment: [B-C-SC-CFI-MAR09.DOC.pdf](#)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-SC-CFI.3.DOC.pdf](#)

4. PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: NEW AND RENEWAL

Attachment: [B-C-PREQUAL.pdf](#)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-PREQUAL-NEW.pdf](#)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-PREQUAL-Renewal.pdf](#)

5. DW ROOF REPLACEMENT AT GRAND PARK NO. 14, LORETTO ES NO. 30, LEE HS NO. 33, HYDE PARK ES NO. 77-STAGE III: CHANGE ORDER NO. 2, DCSB PROJECT NO. M-84740

6. NEW BARTRAM SPRINGS K-5 SCHOOL NO. 161: CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER NO. 4, DCSB PROJECT NO. C-91130

Attachment: [B-C-C-91130.DOC.pdf](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

2. USB FLASH MEMORY DRIVE

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1. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

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Attachment: [07APRIL09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ROAPR09.pdf](#)

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Attachment: [AGENDA step BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM.pdf](#)

3. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Attachment: [LANDSCAPE-MAINTENANCE-ITB-027-09-CP TAB-SHEETS \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Landscape Maintenance bid 2009.pdf](#)

4. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE - MINORITY SHELTERED MARKET

Attachment: [LANDSCAPE-MAINTENANCE MINORITY SHELTERED MARKET ITBS-026-09-CP-TAB-SHEETS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Landscape-Sheltered Market bid 2009.pdf](#)

5. PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES

Attachment: [PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES TAB SHEET 2009.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM 4-7-09 BOARD AGENDA P E SUPPLIES BID.pdf](#)

6. WALL-HUNG HEAT PUMPS

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges ITB-029-1-09EM WALL HUNG HEAT PUMPS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ITB-029-1-09-EM WALL HUNG HEAT PUMPS TAB SHEET.pdf](#)

7. FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION – WITHDRAWN

Attachment: [XX-REV-031709COMPANY-COMPARISON-BD-COPY2.XLS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FOOD SERVICE COST EVALUATION POINTS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FOOD SERVICES EVALUATION FINAL.pdf](#)

Academic Services

1. TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY

Attachment: [Teaching American History 2009 Project Narrative.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Teaching American History Grant CFDA.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Teaching American History 2009 Budget Summary ED 524.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Teaching American History Grant Schools 2009 2012.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Teaching American History Grant.pdf](#)

2. COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITION TO THE DISTRICT COURSE TITLE FILE

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES course recommendation April 3.pdf](#)

Attachment: [April 7 adoption list.pdf](#)

3. SAFE SCHOOLS/HEALTHY STUDENTS GRANT PROPOSAL

Attachment: [Detailed Budget Narrarive.pdf](#)
Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Safe SchoolsHS 2009.pdf](#)
Attachment: [SSHS.MOA.pdf](#)

General

[1. NAMING OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 161 - BARTRAM SPRINGS PARKWAY](#)

Attachment: [Bartram Springs Flyer.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Chairman Hazouri wanted to congratulate the Bartram Springs community. The schools will be opening with approximately 500+ students in the fall of 2009. We just attended the "topping out" ceremony and I want to congratulate them for naming the school - Bartram Springs Elementary School. The mascot will be the American Bald Eagle and their colors are red, white and blue. Naming the school after Mr. Bartram who was a naturalist and his father and the history that surrounds that entire area; it's very appropriate and we're looking forward to its opening.

[2. NAMING OF MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 274 - 103RD AND CONNIE JEAN ROAD](#)

Attachment: [Westside K-8 Community Meeting 2-26-09 Agenda.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Westside K-8 Community Meeting Notes 2-24-09.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Westside K-8 Community-School Name Suggestions.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Drake wanted to highlight the fact that we're opening a new K-8 on the westside. We have the community together out there and the surrounding schools that will be feeding into this new school. Their new name is going to be Westview K-8 and that's the way we like to name new schools - is to have the community get together and come up with the name of their school. We're excited to be opening this school in August, 2009.

Discussion

Board Members

~~2. STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT - EXPULSIONS - WITHDRAWN~~

[1. HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS FOR MILITARY VETERANS](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member

Motions:

That the Superintendent be directed to designate a staff point of contact to promote and receive inquiries regarding the provision of law to award high school diplomas to World War II and Korean Conflict veterans. This enabling provision is found in Florida Statutes 1003.43 (Paragraphs 12-13).
In addition, the Superintendent publicizes and makes provisions for the approved veterans to receive their high school diplomas at the high school graduation of their choice, or, another option would be to have it presented at a Regular Board Meeting, if they so desire.

- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

[1. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE WITH NORTH FLORIDA EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE, INC., FOR THE LEASE AND OPTION TO PURCHASE LOLA CULVER ES NO. 13](#)

Attachment: [xx-ATT-REV.AMEND1-v2.pdf](#)
Attachment: [XX-ATT-REV-LEASE-OPTION-v2.pdf](#)
Attachment: [XX-ATT-NFEI-Bid-Response-Culver-ITB.pdf](#)
Attachment: [XX-ATT-Culver Sale-NFEI-Executed-PurchSale-Agreement1-15-09.pdf](#)
Attachment: [xx-ATT-NFEI Bid Response-Culver-CONFLICT OF INTEREST.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operations Officer
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Karen Kuhlmann, Director, Facilities/Real Estate
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve a Lease Agreement With Option to Purchase with North Florida Educational Institute, Inc., for the lease and option to purchase Lola Culver Elementary School No. 13. That the Duval County School Board authorize the Chairman and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Lease, and First Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement when form approved by the Office of General Counsel. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Nay
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

[2. AMENDMENT TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND WYNDHAM JACKSONVILLE RIVERWALK, LLC, REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SPACES FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING AT THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING NO. 3001](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operations Officer

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve an Amendment to the one-year License Agreement between the Duval County Public Schools and Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk (Riverwalk Hotels, LLC), reducing the number of additional parking spaces at the Central Administration Building No. 3001 from 100 to 50, at a savings of \$1,625 per month, \$19,500 per year. That the Duval County School Board authorize the Chairman and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Agreement when form approved by the Office of General Counsel. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly jackson - Aye

[6. 2007-2008 CLASS SIZE REDUCTION BUDGET TRANSFER TO CLASSROOMS FOR KIDS PROGRAM](#)

Attachment: [xx-6-ATT-Classroom for Kids Certifications 3-09 \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [XX-6-ATT-CLSRM-KIDS \(2\).pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the attached Certification and Project List in the amount of \$65,263 and an appropriate Budget Resolution. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly jackson - Aye

Operations - Transportation

[1. FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISION OF BOARD POLICY CHAPTER 5 - STUDENTS, SECTION 5.46 - MAGNET SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS](#)

Attachment: [040709-DCPS ACETrans BoardSummary Draft4-1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [B-C-REV- 5.46-MAG-SCHOOLS-PROG.pdf](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman declared the public hearing open on the following item:

Revision of Board Policy Chapter 5 - Students, Section 5.46 - Magnet Schools and Programs

The Chairman asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak to the Board regarding this item, there being no response, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Paul Soares, Chief Officer Operations Support
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing to revise Board Policy Chapter 5 - Students, Section 5.46 - Magnet Schools and Programs. That the Duval County School Board approve the following proposed change: 5.46 Magnet Schools and Programs XII. Transportation The School Board shall provide Transportation is provided for all students who are enrolled in magnet schools and programs who reside more than 1.5 2 miles from their assigned school and are within the designated transportation zone. - PASS
Magnet transportation will comply with Magnet Routes as defined in School Board Policy 8.32. When economically feasible, the School Board shall provide activity buses to and from secondary magnet schools or programs to enable students to participate in extracurricular activities at the secondary magnet schools or programs which they attend.

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake
Second: William Gentry
Nancy Broner

- Aye

Betty Burney	- Nay
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Nay

[2. FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISION OF BOARD POLICY CHAPTER 8 - AUXILIARY SERVICES, SECTION 8.30 - STUDENT TRANSPORTATION](#)

- Attachment: [040709-DCPS_ACETrans_BoardSummary_Draft4-1.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [XX-ATT-02-UnfundedStudentsOne and Half to 2 mile.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [B-C-REV-8.30-STUDENT-TRANSP.pdf](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman declared the public hearing open on the following item:

Revision of Board Policy Chapter 8 - Auxiliary Services, Section 8.30 - Student Transportation

The Chairman asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak to the Board regarding this item, there being no response, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Speaker:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing to revise Board Policy Chapter 8 - Auxiliary Services, Section 8.30 - Student Transportation. That the Duval County School Board approve the following proposed change: 8.30 - Student Transportation V. Any student who resides one and one half (1 1/2) more than 2 miles from his/her designated assigned school is eligible to ride the school bus to and from that school. One (1) One and a half (1 1/2) miles shall be considered a reasonable walking distance to a bus stop for students who are eligible to ride a school bus. Such distance shall be measured by the most direct route from the closest pedestrian

entry point of the property where the student resides (where private property meets the public right-of-way) to the closest pedestrian entry point of the assigned school building or to the assigned bus stop. The District shall determine the shortest pedestrian route whether or not it is accessible to motor vehicle traffic. If the closest bus stop is a school less than one and one half (1 1/2) two (2) miles from the student residence the one and a half (1 1/2) mile rule to a bus stop will not apply. Under the following conditions, students who reside within one and one half (1 1/2) two (2) miles of the designated school may be eligible to ride the school bus: A. Special authorization is granted by the Superintendent or designee and may include students who meet the requirements for Hazardous Walking as determined by FS. 1006.23 or students granted transportation under other statutory provisions. B. A student who is classified as a student with disabilities under the Individual with Disabilities Act (IDEA) if transportation services are required by the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: William Gentry

Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Nay
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Nay

[3. FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISION OF BOARD POLICY CHAPTER 8 - AUXILIARY SERVICES, SECTION 8.32 - BUS ROUTES](#)

Attachment: [040709-DCPS ACETrans BoardSummary Draft4-1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [B-C-REV-8.32-BUS ROUTES.pdf](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman declared the public hearing open on the following item:

Revision of Board Policy Chapter 8 - Auxiliary Services, Section 8.32
- Bus Routes

The Chairman asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak to the Board regarding this item, there being no response, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing to revise Board Policy Chapter 8 - Auxiliary Services, Section 8.32 - Bus Routes.
That the Duval County School Board approve the following proposed change: 8.32 - Bus Routes (add provision) V. Magnet Routes - Transportation shall be provided to students who are enrolled in magnet schools and programs who reside more than two (2) miles from their assigned school and are within the designated transportation zone according to School Board Policy 5.46. Stops shall be established primarily at or near Duval County public schools. The distance to a bus stop for magnet students may exceed one and a half (1 1/2) miles. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Nay

Emergency Agenda Items

[1. WAIVER OF POLICY 9.30](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman declared the following item as an emergency because failure to do so would have a significant adverse effect on the welfare of Duval County students:

Waiver of Policy 9.30 of the Duval County School System Policy Handbook until April 11, 2009

Ms. Burney announced that a memorial service for Coach Earl Kitchings will be held at Raines High School on Friday, April 10, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the waiver of Policy 9.30 of the Duval County School System Policy Handbook until April 11, 2009. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Nancy Broner

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL](#)

Minutes: No Board travel.

Superintendent's Travel

SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following travel for the Superintendent:

April 28-29, 2009 - District Management Council 2009 Leadership Development meeting
(Financial Crisis Planning: Actions & Opportunities) - Boston, MA

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following travel for the Superintendent: April 28-29, 2009 - District Management Council 2009 Leadership Development Meeting (Financial Crisis Planning: Actions & Opportunities) - Boston, MA - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

For The Record

FOR THE RECORD

Minutes:

Ms. Betty Burney said she had the pleasure of riding with the middle school Cluster Director, Mr. Tony Bellamy and he showed me the Stars Review and he also talked about the Think Tank which is wonderful. If a school is experiencing a decrease in the number of students that participate in the after school tutoring program, what can the school do to make sure that the students who really need the help are there to receive it? Principals can come to the Think Tank and they come up with suggestions. I'd love for them to share some of the items that are coming into the Think Tank and what they're doing about it.

I had the pleasure of serving on a panel for the Teach for America group where they have professional development. I have never seen so many enthusiastic young teachers.

Mr. Stan Jordan said Mrs. Broner has brought back my 1927 book and I will give it to Mrs. Burney in this condition and I don't expect it to be lost or damaged when it comes back.

Mr. Jordan has an item that is of great gravity to the Board as we need to clean up the rules regarding alcohol on our property. According to Ms. Chastain, the way the rules are written out, they can have a beer party at our maintenance yard and we permit alcohol on our property. My definition of property is if we own it, it's our property. If we're authorized to spend Capital Outlay money on it; it's our property. I have a copy of the rules here and just to make sure that the language and the Superintendent's staff can clear this up as we need to make sure it is understood what is School Board property and what isn't and what type of activity this Board would approve to take place on our sites. For some reason, in the past years, the Superintendent took the prerogative of exercising a policy without any notification or involvement of this Board and I find that rather striking. Mr. Chairman, that's something I'd like as soon as possible for that to be scheduled so we can clear this up.

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson wanted to thank Mr. Lawrence Dennis for allowing me to tag along with him to the middle schools and we had a lovely ride around. I also want to give a "shout out" to Dr. Katherine Barnes at Highlands and the Highlands Middle School Band. You have a neighborhood band that is phenomenal over there. The band director is also phenomenal and the young people were working on their own - it was awesome to see a full fledge band in a comprehensive middle school and I want to congratulate them for the work they're doing over there and the overall atmosphere.

Ms. Jackson said at John E. Ford and the Tour of the States - every class picked a state and it was wonderful...the food, the culture and the history. They had this on the Thursday before we got out for Spring Break. It is one of the most diverse event of our city and it exposes our children to a global world.

Mrs. Vicki Drake said she joined a group who attended the Rally in Tally regarding education funding on the steps of the Capitol in Tallahassee. It was great to see our Superintendent there. Additionally, we appreciate seeing Mia Jones who came out, as well, and the parents who were making an effort to meet with the legislators; please keep talking to them.

Please support the Teacher Supply Depot as many, many teachers are coming out...over 400 attended each opening.

Mr. W. C. Gentry said with all respect to my colleague, Mr. Jordan, and I agree we need to bring a policy to the Board...visit it and make clear what the policy is. I also happen to agree with Ms. Chastain even though we do need to address it and make sure everyone is in agreement.

I agree with Ms. Drake and thank the community for all of the support they've given to us. John Thrasher appeared before the Chamber last week and commented about the changes that happened in Tallahassee and attributed alot of the change in attitude and motivation to deal with the budget problems, tremendous grass roots efforts that have come forth, not just from Duval, but from all over the state, but Duval is certainly a major force in that, and we're going to have to continue.

I was in Osceola County this morning having to do with some programs to raise awareness and partner with Save Duval Schools which is great and hopefully we'll have a partnership throughout the state. Osceola County which as about 60,000 students has about 60% of their student body is free and reduced lunch. They have just become a 100% uniform school district and they feel is is very positive. It's beneficial to their attitudes and security. I'd like us to look at that.

Mr. Tommy Hazouri thanked everyone for some really good debate tonight. We're addressing many tough issues and we'll be back here on April 27 for a special meeting dealing with food services contract and high school scheduling. Next Tuesday will be our Board workshop at 10:00 a.m. (April 14, 2009).

I want to thank those who went to Tallahassee a couple of weeks ago. You can really tell and feel the difference when you're over there. I want to thank the mayor's office as they have more lobbyists and they're doing some things and he's helping us and also Mr. Thrasher is helping us; former Speaker James Harold Thompson who spoke when I was there, Marty Fiorentino who are doing a tremendous job helping us. Martin Miller deserves a great big round of applause for the job he's doing. Now, he's someone who is really respected in Tallahassee; he can get into any room or any door of any legislator and credibility is the key...he has it all.

Adjournment

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman