



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

August 2, 2016, Regular Board Meeting

Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Chairman
Ms. Paula D. Wright, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Becki Couch
Ms. Cheryl Grymes
Dr. Constance S. Hall
Mr. Scott Shine
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief Officer of Legal Services, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

[INVOCATION OR THOUGHT OF THE DAY](#)

Minutes: The Chairman called for a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

[J. ALLEN AXSON ELEMENTARY](#)

Minutes:

Cecilia R. Vanhoy, Principal
J. Allen Axson Elementary

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Principal Vanhoy along with students showcased the many different programs offered at the Montessori school (see attached).

Board Member Shine thanked Principal Vanhoy for coming to the Board meeting to showcase the school. He noted that the long waiting list they have for the school is an indication of what parents would like to see more of in our district.

Communications

[RECOGNITION - AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION](#)

Minutes:

The American Heart Association wishes to formally recognize the Duval County School Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Approximately 420,000 Americans suffer cardiac arrest each year, with only 9.5 percent surviving. With every minute that blood isn't circulating, and the body is deprived of oxygen, the chances of survival decrease by 10 percent. After 10 minutes without CPR, the chance of survival is virtually nonexistent. It is clear that early CPR is a critical link in the chain of survival.

At the February School Board Meeting, the American Heart Association presented Duval County's CPR training program with 22 additional CPR kits. Every middle and high school will have its own kit, with six kits rotating among elementary schools. Over 11,000 students have been trained in CPR over the past three years, but the training doesn't stop with students.

Tonight, the American Heart Association is presenting certificates of completion to Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez and

Vice-Chairman Paula D. Wright because they too have been trained in Hands-Only CPR. Joining us tonight from the American Heart Association is Vice-President and First Coast Executive Director Kristin Kyle along with Youth Market Director Mark Owens.

RECOGNITION - COMMUNITY PARTNER DREAMS COME TRUE

Minutes:

Since 1984, Dreams Come True has made into reality the dreams of more than 3,000 children battling life-threatening illnesses. This partnership with DCPS began when high school students from Robert E. Lee, Mandarin, Paxon School for Advanced Studies, and Westside High Schools collaborated to host the Boys Basketball Tipoff Classic. This was also supported by Chartwells and the I'm A Star Foundation. The goal was to use the proceeds from the tournament to sponsor a dream for a Lee High School student, who unfortunately passed away before the dream could be fulfilled.

The partnership continued in June, when the district and several Lee and First Coast High School programs joined Dreams Come True for the Dream Day Parade. That's when "Dreamers" had an opportunity to spend a day in a magical wonderland of all their favorite characters, and enjoyed food and fun through the organization's partnership with PRI Productions.

Tonight, Dreams Come True Executive Director Sheri Criswell is here, along with President and Owner of PRI Productions, Randy Goodwin, Assistant Superintendent of Family and Community Engagement, Larry Roziers and Westside High School Principal Dr. Gregory Bostic.

RECOGNITION - COMMUNITY PARTNER 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE

Minutes:

The Department of Family and Community Engagement would like to recognize former Florida State Senator Tony Hill with the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Champion Award, thanks to his unwavering support and commitment.

The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project seeks to address issues unique to minority male students in the district. It connects students to successful men of color, and also provides

them with a variety of opportunities: from personal development workshops, to academic goal setting and post-secondary educational opportunities, just to name a few.

Senator Hill has leveraged his connections to provide numerous opportunities for students participating in the project. Hill has recruited adult role models and mentors. He has connected the program with companies such as New York Life to provide sponsorship for the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Annual Leadership Retreat. He has also provided valuable resources – such as a copy of a book titled “The Making of a King: Transforming Boys into Men” – to every adult role model.

Joining us to honor Senator Hill this evening is Larry Roziars, Assistant Superintendent of Family and Community Engagement, as well as Lawrence Hills, Supervisor of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

[RECOGNITION - COMMUNITY PARTNER CELEBRATION CHURCH](#)

Minutes:

Celebration Church was founded by Senior Pastor Stovall Weems in 1998 with a love for people and a passion for building the local church. From that passion, Celebration has grown to include local, regional, and international campuses. Through local outreach initiatives, Celebration partners with multiple schools in the district, among them, the Young Men’s and Young Women’s Leadership Academies, Atlantic Coast High School and Twin Lakes Academy Middle School.

Celebration Church also helps several schools annually with beautification projects during their city-wide SERVE day. Recently, Arlington Middle, Biscayne Elementary, Crystal Springs Elementary, Holiday Hill Elementary and J.E.B. Stuart Middle Schools all benefited from the beautification day support.

Joining us tonight are Founder and Senior Pastor Stovall Weems, Jacksonville City Pastor Jason Bolin, Orange Park Campus Pastor James Price, Assistant Superintendent of Family and Community Engagement Larry Roziars, and Supervisor of Faith-based and Community Engagement Brandon Mack.

Also joining us are Twin Lakes Academy Middle Principal Tamara Tuschhoff, Arlington Middle Principal Maysha Shelton, Crystal Springs Principal LaShawn Russ, Holiday Hill Principal Tammy Haberman, and J.E.B. Stuart Middle School Principal Sadie Milner-Smith.

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2, 2016, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the August 2, 2016, Agenda as submitted on July 26, 2016, with the following changes:

- Recognitions/Presentations of Awards – Recognition – American Heart Association – Item Added
- Academic Services – Approval of the 2016-17 ESE and Gifted Plan – Attachment Revised
- Human Resource Services – Staffing – Human Resource Service Employee Transaction – Attachment Revised - PASS
- Human Resource Services – Staffing – Waiver of School Board Policy 6.32 – Teaching Out of Field – Item Revised – Attachment Added
- Operations – Real Estate, Planning and Programming – Lease With Option to Purchase Agreement With Edward Waters College For The James Weldon Johnson Act Center No. 54 – Item Revised

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Chairperson's Report

[CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Ashley Smith Juarez, Chairman, Duval County School Board

I want to remind everyone that school starts early this year: August 15. The Board approved this calendar following the 2015 legislative session. The legislature removed a rule that would restrict any district that was not high performing according to the State Accountability System from starting more than two weeks before Labor Day. If you follow that line of thinking, high performing districts had the opportunity to start earlier, so their students were in school longer before they sat for the State test which deems districts high performing. We, as a Board, felt like it was advantageous to our students and school communities to be able to take advantage of the rule removal and start earlier so our students and teachers have more time with the material and to prepare for the State tests. We know this year's summer was a little shorter than is typical but understand, the school year will also end earlier. I encourage everyone to get back into their school routine.

Tax free holiday is this weekend, August 5-7. Many schools distributed summer learning packets and reading suggestions for students. Now would be a good time to review those.

The Board has approved the tentative budget for the 2016-2017 school year. The Special Meeting for the final vote will be September 8. If you have questions or comments, please contact your Board Member.

Superintendent's Report

[SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools

Dr. Vitti reviewed academic data, through a PowerPoint presentation, as it pertains to various subgroups within our District. He also explained

healthier changes that will be made in the lunch menu throughout the District (see attached).

Department Reports

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Minutes:

Pearl Roziers, Assistant Superintendent of School Choice

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Roziers gave an update on data as it pertains to the 14 schools that had boundary changes (see attached).

Mason Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Mr. Davis gave detail, through a PowerPoint presentation, on the Literacy, Math and Science Plans that are on tonight's agenda as well as the Exceptional Student Education Plan. All plans are attached.

Dr. Kelly Coker-Daniels, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Assessment

Dr. Coker-Daniels joined Mr. Davis in presenting the information for the Gifted Plan, also on tonight's agenda (see attached).

Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

Minutes:

Dr. Nathaniel Glover, President, Edward Waters College

Dr. Glover thanked the Board Members for their willingness to lease the James Weldon Johnson property to Edward Waters College. He noted that, in the past, the college used to be the number one provider of African-American teachers to the school district and his goal is to get back to that position again. He also looks forward to working with DCPS to put more African-American males in the elementary schools.

Timothy Sloan

Mr. Sloan sent a news article to all the Board Members that was written about the three failing schools. He supports Dr. Vitti's plan to convert Northwestern Middle School to the Young Men's and Young Women's Leadership Academies.

John Turner

Mr. Turner asked the Board to consider voting down the Literacy Plan on the agenda citing that it would do children more harm than good. He opined that much of it is due to a lack of high quality phonics. He feels the Saxon program being used by the District is a weak program. Mr. Turner has asked for information concerning the phonics information but doesn't get the information he requests.

Lucille Rafidi, Advocate

Ms. Rafidi sent an email to all the Board Members listing what she sees as the top five concerns that should be addresses and resolved. She reviewed four of the five concerns which were:

- A need for cameras in the classrooms
- Media centers and the materials in them
- Personal data and searches
- The importance of working phones/call buttons/walkie talkies

Eric Fields, Teacher

Mr. Fields asked the Board to consider eliminating 11th and 12th grade Honors classes. He has been teaching for 23 years. During that time he has observed that there is not much difference between the curriculum of the two. Deciding to eliminate the Honors classes would not incur any cost to the District but would increase the number of students choosing more rigorous coursework.

Vice-Chairman Wright recognized the Honorable Evelyn Coney, Saltwater Commissioner.

Comments From Parent Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

Sabrina Zinamon, Chairman, District Advisory Council (DAC)

The DAC will be meeting Monday, August 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. here at the school board building on the 6th floor. All areas should be represented and present. We are also asking the school improvement office to also have someone there because we are starting off a new school year and need updated information. Last month I thanked Ms. Wright who was not here so I want to thank you for coming to our meeting, answering questions and addressing our concerns. We appreciate you taking time from your family and coming to help us.

Thank you Dr. Vitti and to the Board for always supporting us.

Comments from District Student Government Association

[COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION](#)

Minutes:

None.

Comments From Employee Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

None.

Approval of Minutes

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the minutes for the meetings listed in the agenda item:

- June 29, 2016 - Committee Meeting - PASS
- July 11, 2016 - Regular Board Meeting
- July 12, 2016 - Board Workshop
- July 21, 2016 - Special Board Meeting - Budget Ad

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Cheryl Grymes

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Consent Agenda

Board Members

1. [APPROVAL OF DRAFT LEGISLATION PROPOSING TO AMEND S. 1001.365, F. S.](#)

Attachment: [Legislation \(2017 J Bill\).pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Shine explained that this item is the first step in changing how our Board procedure handles tie votes. Currently a tie vote is decided by the way the Chairman votes. That is not how other districts our size function. Board Member Couch expressed her appreciation to Board Member Shine and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, for starting the bill at the local level.

Academic Services

4. [CONTINUATION AGREEMENT WITH THE JACKSONVILLE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION FOR THE 2016- 2017 TEAM UP PROGRAM](#)

Attachment: [TEAM UP Agreement 2016-2017vfinal.pdf](#)

5. [EMBRY RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY - DUAL ENROLLMENT FEES \(2016-2017\)](#)

Attachment: [Embry-Riddle Dual Enrollment Agreement AY16-17 - Agenda Copy.pdf](#)

6. [DUAL ENROLLMENT TEXTBOOKS FALL 2016 AND SPRING 2017](#)

7. [FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE TUITION - DUAL ENROLLMENT FALL 2016 AND SPRING 2017](#)

Attachment: [FSCJ - Duval Dual Enrollment Agreement with All Exhibits - 2016-2017 - Agenda Copy.pdf](#)

8. [AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY FOR SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SERVICES](#)

Attachment: [JU GRASP Amendment with Exhibits - 8-2-16 Board Mtg - Agenda Copy.pdf](#)

10. [APPROVAL OF THE 2016-17 SCIENCE PLAN](#)

Attachment: [Final Science Plan 16-17.pdf](#)

12. [SCHULTZ CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP - AGREEMENT TO USE](#)

15. [CORRECTION TO THE TITLE FOR ITEM 7 FROM THE JULY 11, 2016 REGULAR BOARD MEETING](#)

School Choice and Pupil Assignment

16. [FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL FOR ACCELERATED LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGIES, INC.](#)

Attachment: [SAL Tech HS First Amendment.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Staffing

19. [REAPPROVAL OF DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS \(INTERNAL LOBBYIST\)](#)

Attachment: [HRS Min Quals DIR GOVTREL.pdf](#)

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

20. [MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS](#)

Attachment: [May 2016 Monthly Financial Report.pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

22. [PREQUALIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL](#)

PROJECTS

Attachment: [Prequalifications - Renewals for Board Meeting 8-2-16.pdf](#)

23. [CHANGE ORDER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2016](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Change Order Report for 8-2-16 Meeting.pdf](#)

24. [PERIODIC REPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS AND FINAL INSPECTIONS OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER \\$1,000,000](#)

Attachment: [August 2015 Agenda Item CSC-CFI-Cont Sav on Proj Chart.pdf](#)

25. [PHASE III DOCUMENTS APPROVAL-KITCHEN AND SERVING LINE REMODEL AND NEW COVERED DINING AREA FOR ANDREW JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL NO. 35/FOOD SERVICE PROJECT](#)

26. [PHASE III DOCUMENTS APPROVAL-KITCHEN AND SERVING LINE REMODEL FOR FRANK PETERSON ACADEMY OF TECHNOLOGIES SCHOOL NO. 280/FOOD SERVICE PROJECT](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

27. [SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT](#)

Attachment: [04AUG17.pdf](#)

Attachment: [AUG FY17 RETIREMENT.pdf](#)

Attachment: [05AUG17.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ROSUM AUG. FY17.pdf](#)

Attachment: [06AUG17.pdf](#)

Attachment: [07AUG17.pdf](#)

General

28. [APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH BALLARD PARTNERS, INC.](#)

Attachment: [Legislative Consulting Agreement Ballard Partners 2016-17vfinal.pdf](#)

29. [AMENDMENT TO THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE DUVAL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT](#)

Attachment: [First Amendment to 2016-2017 DOH - Duval Schools Nursing Agreement.pdf](#)

Discussion

Academic Services

2. [APPROVAL OF THE 2016-17 ESE AND GIFTED PLAN](#)

Attachment: [Final ESE and Gifted Plan-Edited NV 8-1-16.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Discussion on this item included the following:

- Utilization at schools housing a gifted program
- Using teachers already on staff to teach vs. bringing in a gifted teacher
- Requirements for becoming certified to teach gifted
- A gifted hub vs. an in-house gifted program within the schools
- How to service gifted students in areas with low numbers
- Reviewing gifted programs in other areas of our country
- Acquiring a sufficient teacher-student ratio for gifted students
- Testing students for gifted in 2nd grade
- Parents who can leave for areas with the programs they want vs. parents who are not in a position to do that
- Hour-long bus ride for some student to attend a gifted program

Speakers:

Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez
Board Member Becki Couch
Superintendent Nikolai Vitti
Ms. Karen Chastain

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the 2016-2017 ESE and Gifted Plan.

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Rebecca Couch

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board

move to defer the Agenda item to the September 12, 2016, Regular Board Meeting. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Paula Wright

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Nay

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Nay

Paula Wright - Aye

3. [RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH JACKSONVILLE REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE](#)

Attachment: [2016-2017 Cooperative Agreement - JAX Regional Chamber of Commercevfinal.pdf](#)

Minutes: Board Member Cheryl Grymes abstained from the vote due to her employment with Big Brother/Big Sister who will submit a proposal to be a subcontractor to the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the renewal of the contract with the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce to provide mentoring opportunities and to expand business partnerships associated with the district's Early College Career Academies at an amount not to exceed \$90,000.

- PASS

That the Duval County School Board authorize the Board Chairman, and in the event of her absence, the Vice-Chairman and the Superintendent to execute the agreement contingent upon approval as to legal form and sufficiency by the Office of Legal Services.

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Abstain

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

9. [APPROVAL OF THE 2016-17 MATHEMATICS PLAN](#)

Attachment: [Final Mathematics Plan 16-17.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Discussion on this item included the following:

- Resources available to parents who want to help their students
- Supplemental materials used in high performing schools
- Master schedule determining which year students take algebra
- Determining competency of math coaches

Speakers:

Board Member Constance S. Hall
Superintendent Nikolai Vitti

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the 2016-2017 Mathematics Plan. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

11. [APPROVAL OF THE 2016-17 LITERACY PLAN](#)

Attachment: [Final Literacy Plan 16-17.pdf](#)

Minutes:

The follow topics were discussed on this item:

- Whether or not the plan will accomplish its goals
- Possibly bringing in top experts in light of consistent performance deficits

Speakers:

Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez
Board Member Constance S. Hall
Superintendent Nikolai Vitti

Pursuant to Section 1001.365, Florida Statutes, in the event of a tie vote of the district school board chair and district school board members acting in any capacity, the side on which the district school board chair voted shall be deemed to prevail. This Section applies only to those counties organized by charter that have a population of between 800,000 and 900,000 according to the last federal decennial census. Since Duval County has been organized as a charter county since 1968 and the results of the last decennial (2010) census indicates Duval County's population as 864,263, this statute affects tie votes by the Duval County School Board.

Vote - Passed (this is the vote for the Motion below):

Rebecca Couch	Nay
Cheryl Grymes	Aye
Constance S. Hall	Nay
Scott Shine	Aye
Ashley Smith Juarez	Aye
Paula Wright	Nay

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the 2016-2017 Literacy Plan. -

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Paula Wright

14. [DISTRICTWIDE INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT FOR HYBRID TURNAROUND MODEL](#)

Attachment: [Duval TNTP 2017vfinal.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Couch wanted clarification on whether materials developed jointly by both members of The New Teacher Project (TNTP) and District personnel would be available for District use at a later date and not copyrighted by TNTP. Ms. Chastain assured her they could clarify that in writing.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve acceptance of the Duval Instructional Leadership and Faculty Development Grant in the amount of \$313,598.00 funded through the Florida Department of Education and managed by the district.

That the Duval County School Board authorize the Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, and the Superintendent to execute an agreement with The New Teacher Project, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$599,934.00, with such terms and conditions as conforming with the grant requirements for district-wide leadership development and support for three turnaround middle schools, upon approval as to form by the Office of Legal Services. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Human Resource Services - Staffing

17. [HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTION](#)

Attachment: [Agenda_08-02-16_TRANS.pdf](#)

Minutes: Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez indicated that she pulled this item for discussion because last minute corrections were made to this agenda item.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Human Resource Services employee transactions on the attached lists. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Paula Wright

Second: Cheryl Grymes

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

18. [WAIVER OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 6.32 – TEACHING OUT OF FIELD](#)

Attachment: [OOF Final List 1516.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Couch asked for clarification on the certification process for teachers teaching out-of-field. The number of

teachers affected by this item was updated from 100 to 75.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board waive School Board Policy 6.32, Teaching Out of Field, for a period of one school year for the employees listed on the attached document and allow them to remain employed for the 2016-2017 academic year in an area of their current certification. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Paula Wright

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

21. [LEASE WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE FOR THE JAMES WELDON JOHNSON ACT CENTER NO. 54](#)

Attachment: [EWC-DCPS Lease-Option to Purchase Agreementvfinal.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Discussion on this item included the following:

- Proceeds from any possible future sale of property to be split between DCPS and Edward Waters College
- Restriction to prevent the facility from being used as a charter school
- Possibility of recouping technology expenses
- Reserved space at the facility for students with certificates of completion to work towards their diplomas

Speakers:

Board Member Becki Couch

Board Member Paula Wright
Superintendent Nikolai Vitti
Ms. Karen Chastain

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve a Lease With Option to Purchase Agreement with Edward Waters College, Inc. for the James Weldon Johnson ACT Center School No. 54.

That the Duval County School Board authorize the Chairman and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Lease With Option to Purchase Agreement and the Purchase and Sale Agreement when form approved by the Office of Legal Services.

- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Scott Shine

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Couch explained that FSBA will be paying the cost of her travel.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board Member Travel:

- September 14-16, 2016 - - PASS
Legoland, FL - FSBA Board of Directors Leadership Meeting - Couch

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Paula Wright

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:
None.

For The Record

[FOR THE RECORD](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Scott Shine

Board Member Scott Shine was impressed with the data he saw on the ESE

and NAEP scores and thanked staff for their hard work in bringing up those numbers.

Board Member Constance S. Hall

Board Member Hall thanked Pearl Roziers and all the staff for the hard work put into the high number of boundary changes that were made. To complete that work, staff makes many sacrifices which she realizes are made for the children in our district. She also finds the achievement gap to be upsetting and wants to have a conversation about it among the Board.

Board Member Becki Couch

Board Member Couch welcomed all the teachers and students back to a new year. She is excited to attend an upcoming press conference with the Superintendent at Ed White High School to unveil a new program. She'll save the details for later. She also commended other Board Members for initiatives they launch that help further education, such as Board Member Hall's 5000 Role Models and Vice-Chairman Wright's efforts to help students with Certificates of Completion to convert them into diplomas.

Vice-Chairman Paula D. Wright

Vice-Chairman Wright had the opportunity to help students with needs today and found it to be a blessing. She welcomed everyone back to a new school year and challenged the Board to have conversations needed to resolve issues on race, discrimination and professional development as a Board to meet the needs of students.

Board Member Cheryl Grymes

Board Member Grymes commended Vice-Chairman Wright for the concept she had for the James Weldon Johnson Act Center when it was started. She realizes that seeing the facility be leased to Edward Waters College may be bittersweet for Vice-Chairman Wright and the center would not be where it is today if it were not for her vision. She also thanked our community partners for all they do to help support students as they prepare for a new year.

Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez

Chairman Smith Juarez congratulated Assistant Principal Melanie Hammer from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts for her national recognition for being the top emerging leader in arts education. She also appreciates the work being done by ESOL to help the immigrant students with their language skills during the summer. She also thanked the Teacher Supply Depot for all their hard work to benefit teachers.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman