



Duval County Public Schools

February 3, 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. Betty Burney, Ms. Nancy Broner, 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 6:02 p.m.

Invocation

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Edward Exson gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Presentations

[1. PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD - PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Karen Hanson, Supervisor in the Office of Community and Family Engagement, said on January 14th, business and community leaders throughout the city had a first-hand opportunity to inspect public education at various schools throughout the district as part of the "Principal for a Day" program.

A letter addressed to the Chairman, Mr. Tommy, from Mr. Jack Diamond, FAIA, Senior Principal at Rink Design Partnership, Inc., stating, "It was a recent honor and privilege to serve as Principal for a Day at Ribault Middle School. To experience, first hand, the commitment, creativity, and imagination that Principal George Maxey has developed for enhancing the education, individual character, and discipline of his students was outstanding."

[2. 2009 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SEMIFINALISTS](#)

Minutes:

Last September, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced that 27 Duval County Public Schools students were among more than 16,000 2009 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. These semifinalists are now eligible to advance to the finalist competition to vie for 8,200 scholarships worth more than \$35 million.

To become a finalist, a semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and

earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier qualifying test performance.

Fletcher High - Jennifer Morris; Ryan Summers

Mandarin High - Andrew Kang; Laura Platzer; Heather Swanson

Paxon School for Advanced Studies - Rachel Deary; Hannah Genslinger; Dierdre Johnson, Eric Levenson; Patrick Martin; Win Suen

Stanton College Prep - Catherine Asistores; Ryan Brust; Briana Cameron; Evan Dodd; Monica Ho; Diana Lui; Alen Lukic; Anastasia Matkovski; Stephen Yip

The following student from Stanton were unable to attend this evening:

Natalia Alvarez, William Ireland; Andrew Kitchen; Raed Narvel; Christopher Pinto; Tyler Reed; and Alexander Snow.

3. 2008-2009 OUTSTANDING SCHOOL VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

Minutes:

Each year, the Florida Department of Education honors three individuals with the Outstanding School Volunteer Award. This award, administered by the Community and Family Engagement Office's volunteer services coordinator, recognizes volunteers who have shown outstanding dedication and commitment to quality education. Awards are given in three categories: youth, adult and senior. This year's winners are:

Alejandro Castaneda - 2009 Youth Volunteer of the Year - Alejandro attends Paxon School for Advanced Studies and has volunteered at Abess Park Elementary for the past six years. On average, he volunteers five hours a week, helping both teachers and students at the school. He reads to the kindergarten and first grade students, helping them reach their 25 book goal, and he assists the older students with sports during extended day programs. Alejandro is a positive role model to his peers and the young students he works with during his volunteer efforts.

Don Bartle - 2009 Adult Volunteer of the Year - Over the past year and a half, Don has volunteered approximately 1,500 hours of service at Sandalwood High School. Don is also the current president of the school's PTSA. Since joining the school's PTSA, Mr. Bartle has played a key role in increasing the school's membership from nearly 100 to more than 800 members. In addition to his PTSA work, Don has been a member of the School Advisory Council for 11 years; he has served on the Full Service School Steering Committee; and he finds time to mentor/tutor some of the school's underachieving students twice a week.

Clay Bailey - 2009 Senior Volunteer of the Year - Over the past 18 months, Mr. Bailey has provided LaVilla School of the Arts with more than 2,000 hours of his precious time. Mr. Bailey, a full-time volunteer, arrives each day at 7:30 am to help with buses and does not leave until the afternoon buses depart. Throughout the day, he assists

the students and staff with many tasks. Whether monitoring the halls between classes, answering phones or helping students patch up cuts and scrapes, Mr. Bailey is willing to help wherever needed.

Webster's dictionary defines "*volunteer*" as a person who performs a service willingly and without pay. Alejandro, Mr. Bartle and Mr. Bailey are all shining examples of volunteers. I would like to take this time to congratulate each of you on receiving this distinguished award and say "thank you" for committing to make Duval County Public Schools a world-class system.

[4. 2009 SCHOOL-RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR](#)

Minutes:

Wilma Castaneda, media center assistant at Abess Park Elementary School, has been named Duval County's 2009 School-Related Employee of the Year. In the earlier recognition, Mrs. Castaneda's son, Alejandro, received the outstanding Youth Volunteer award, and according to her nomination packet prepared by her principal, the old adage holds true, "*the apple does not fall far from the tree.*"

On her nomination application, her principal, Caroline Wells, states, "She is always willing to assist others with their duties, even though she has plenty to keep her busy." In addition to the duties associated with her role, Mrs. Castaneda is known as the school's "utility player." She has been a member of the School Advisory Council for the past 8 years; she assists the school's technology contact with computer issues; she is the DTU representative for non-certificated employees; often volunteers her time taking photos and videoing after-school events.

Congratulations Mrs. Castaneda on a job well done! It is dedicated employees like you who ensure that our schools are run smoothly and are aligned with the district's vision, mission and goals.

Comments From Audience

[COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE](#)

Minutes:

Chief David Coffman with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office spoke about the upcoming

24th Annual National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community and we will be working with the Attorney General from Georgia - May 20-23, 2009, Wednesday through Saturday, at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Jacksonville. The cost of the conference is \$195.00 for adults and \$95.00 for youth. The Sheriff spends a significant amount of drug forfeiture funds on crime prevention programs. We worked with Mrs. Burney a couple of years ago and purchased many of her books entitled, "*If These Chains Could Talk*" and we distributed them throughout the middle schools which was a very effective and outreach program. Last year, the conference was held in Tampa and 1,600 attendees and 500 were students. The main focus of the conference is to develop strategic along with interventions and prevention programs. They have break-out sessions, workshops for both adults and teens; job fairs, vendor fairs, etc. Many people and agencies are involved and we are extending an invitation to all of you.

Councilman Reginald Brown, Executive Director of Project Reach Foundation and also, City Councilman for District 10. I'm here tonight to talk about Project PASS which is a project that has been in existence for seven years and is supported by Duval County Public Schools as well as local churches and community-based organizations. I'm pleased to announce that we've had consistent average daily attendance of parents. On any given Saturday, we have at least 100 parents and well over 150 students. Project Pass is designed to not only work with the students on the FCAT on Saturdays for six weeks, but more importantly, we work with the parents. We feel that if the parents stay there and participate in parenting workshops, one, it provides supervision for the day and we're able to gather parents together and bring in services from all over the city. Project PASS will be held at Mattie V. Rutherford School - 1514 Hubbard Street. Session will begin Saturday, January 31 and will continue each Saturday through March 7. Classes are from 9:00 - 12:00 noon. Lunch is provided each Saturday at 12:00-12:30 pm.. We have very good representation and extend an invitation to join us to our elected officials.

Mr. Thomas J. Thomas, Jr. said you all have been receiving letters from me over the past 30 days the School Board - Wrong Electric Rate from the JEA. In January, I audited the School Board's 177 page JEA bill dated 10/30/08. This was after the 10/01/08 fuel rate increase of \$0.05514 per kwh. I found 18 locations that had the same incorrect rate. The lower corrected rate would save \$7,273.00 per month and \$87,276.00 over the next 12 months. *(Please see attachment)*

Speaker:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Mr. Eddie Diamond spoke about George Washington Carver Elementary School and congratulated several people for their hard work. You have an elementary school in a very high crime area. I challenge all black men in the community and asked for \$1.00 and found that most of them will not take one step toward helping their children...they have abandoned them. Can you help me raise the black man from the dead? Mr. Diamond spoke about the Cleveland Arms apartments and said "we're in for a fight!"

Mr. Edward Exson said America is evolving, maturing, changing attitudes and policy, being more inclusive and recognizing/rewarding competence. The American Medical Association should define "illiteracy" as the worst chronic disability mankind can suffer

and the only cure is education. Blacks dropping out of school expecting respect and being rewarded a job...how dare you? Now, comes black leaders, the elected, appointed, anointed (preachers) and self-acclaimed bringing an assertion that there have been too many police shootings. That premise should be rejected...they are only shotgun allegations. Crimes committed without policing our ghetto would be a jungle. For the sake of argument, I agree there have been many shootings but what are they doing to change the sub-culture? The answer is nothing! Most are using the assertion as an entree for their agenda and self-aggrandizement, while not connecting or doing anything for the people and children they purport to love. It's so gratifying to go into the Cleveland Arms and see many of the accomplishments that those disregarded children are doing. I commend Mr. Eddie Diamond and The Honorable Dr. Johnny Gaffney for all that they are doing for George Washington Carver's PTA To those mothers who have not been able to instill in your children values, morals and a strong work ethic, be prepared for grief!

Mr. Brian Carlyle spoke in opposition of the boundary change concerning Whitehouse Elementary and Mamie Agnes Jones Elementary Schools.

Mr. John Turner said I would like to call your attention to the Superintendent's recent budget report entitled "Critical Focus: DCPS Education Budget". In this report, the Superintendent projects that next year the School Board will have a \$170 million dollar shortfall in the budget. However, after careful reading, I call into question the data and methods used to come up with that conclusion. On page 7, the report shows a pie chart where the pieces of the pie represent the size and sources of Operating revenue. The chart shows the largest piece of the pie representing revenue from the lottery. That is not true. The lottery accounts for less than 1% or about \$5 million dollars of the billion dollar pie. If the pie were correctly drawn, the lottery would barely show up on the chart. If the pie chart were fair and balanced, it would show about 1/3 of the revenue coming from local property taxes. Local property taxes amount to approximately \$300 million dollars of the budget, but taxes are not clearly listed. On page 11, the U.S. Census Bureau Report cites Florida ranking last among the 50 states in spending on public education which is not true. The Board's method for obtaining Operating revenue is not based on taxpayer's personal income. Florida does not have a personal income tax. Operating revenue comes mainly from property taxes and not income taxes. Table 11 averages the amount of dollars spent per student and based on that, Florida ranks 34th in the nation. This report is riddled with errors and should not be used by honest professionals. I ask that the School Board denounce/remove this propaganda pamphlet before it calls into question your credibility. The taxpayers deserve an unbiased report with verifiable date. Thank you for listening.

Ms. Christine Clark, president of Friday Musicale and I'm also here on behalf of Arts for Complete Education (ACE). We do believe that music and the arts are part of a complete education and I'm here to say Friday Musicale supports your efforts to maintain and, hopefully, over the years, increase the amount of music education. This is our 119th season. Friday Musicale was here before the symphony, Riverside Fine Arts, etc. Before we had a symphony, we had symphonies and a Youth Orchestra. Today, we are doing five things to support the public school system. We have 26 free concerts every first and third Friday of the month during the school year - 11:00 am and 7:30 pm and this month, we have two piano recitals coming up this Friday and

then the Ritz Chamber Players with George Walker will be in residence and will be there on the 22nd. We honor excellent teachers with the Carolyn Day Full Music Educators Award. She was the music supervisor for 15 years in the public school system. John Larsen was our first award winner who has a fabulous choral program at First Coast High School. We fund a teacher to go twice a month to teach two classes at the Community Connections preparing preschoolers to come into the public schools. We cooperate with other organizations...last September, we had Little Red Riding Hood, a children's opera. We're planning in April, a cooperative effort with Riverside Fine Arts Association, to do a cantata. We have a piano competition for elementary through high school students. We also have scholarships and we're supporting five music students right now. This year, we are doubling the amount of those scholarships because we recognize that costs are rising. I appreciate the arts and because of the choral program at Wolfson High School, I played with the symphony before I went off to college, I received undergraduate Master's and post graduate degrees in music and I really think you must continue supporting music. Thank you for this opportunity.

Stanley Scott said we must focus on African American leadership. Charity begins at home is what I was taught. We must get involved in our community and be sincere. I'm not here for a handout or to collect money. The National Conference Against Crime in the Black Community should be crime period...not focusing in just the black community. Any crime in Jacksonville is everyone's business. Good ideas can come from anyone and it's appalling for the African American leaders in our city. We should have monthly events where we come together to make a difference.

Pastor Ted Corley said he is the Legislative Chairman for the Duval County Council of PTAs and we're having a "Rally in Tally" for our children on March 18, 2009 at 11:00 am on the steps of the Capitol. All Florida PTAs are getting together to let the legislators know we're fighting for children first! I'd rather ride on a bumpy road than have one child not receive a quality education. Our children must come first as they are our future. This would be a great impact on our legislature for funding our children. Please join us in Tallahassee on March 18.

Comments From Parent Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

PTA - Annette Worthen, President:

During the January, 2009 General meeting of the DCCPTA, the Superintendent presented the first edition of the Education Budget Presentation. He spent a great deal of time talking to the local unit presidents and delegates about the impact the shortfall will have on our schools and the need for action and advocacy on the part of both

parents, community organizations and local businesses.

As you know, the vision of the DCPS is that *"every student will graduate from Duval County Public Schools with the knowledge and skills to be successful in a post secondary education and/or the workforce."* To accomplish this, we need more not less support from our legislators in order to keep up with the global market and ever changing technological advances. The current projected funding cuts affect our children who have the smallest voices yet the greatest impact on the future success of our city, state, nation and the world. The cuts to public education and children's health needs are devastating. To that end, the Florida PTA is hosting a rally on March 18 on the westside steps of the Capitol. The "Rally in Tally" will bring together PTA members from all over the state to show our support for the public schools in Florida, our opposition to funding cuts and our demands that the legislature find new revenue sources to fund the education and welfare of our children. We will be taking buses to Tallahassee and more information about transportation will be available at the next general meeting on February 17 at 9:30 am in the Cline Auditorium.. This information will be sent to all principals. The Teacher Supply Depot is grateful to all businesses and community members who have continued to donate supplies for our openings. The next opening is February 12 from 3:00-6:00 pm. Volunteers are always needed and equally appreciated on both the opening days and weekdays. If you are interested in volunteering at the depot, please contact Chris Buckley at 381-7480. Teachers, please note that we have a large quantity of used books that are perfect for classroom libraries. PTA is appreciative of the support of each of the School Board members, the Superintendent and district staff. If there are any issues that the Board or Superintendent would like PTA to address, please call on us.

District Advisory Council - Rachel Raneri, Chairman:

The District Advisory Council met on Monday, January 26. Once again, we had a strong attendance and lots of important information was shared. The Superintendent gave us a presentation on the state of the Education Budget. He shared that he expects all principals to give the presentation at their schools so that the information gets out to all stakeholders. There may be other community presentations, as well. Terri Cicero from the Office of Community Engagement shared with us about the training her department is offering entitled "Service Excellence Project". this training is designed to teach all participants excellent customer service. Terri introduced John Daley, regional manager of Dominos Pizza as a new district business partner. Michael Mitchell and Angela Mack from the Office of School Choice explained some of the changes in applying for School Choice and Magnet programs. They reiterated the deadline for applications is Friday, February 27. Paul Soares gave us an update on all of the Academic and Community Excellence (ACE) projects. He filled us in on the state of the ACE Facilities model, the ACE Academic model, the ACE High School Scheduling model and the ACE Transportation model. He shared that the ACE ESE and ACE Magnet projects are coming down the road. I would like to publicly thank all of the staff who stayed late on Monday to bring us this important information. I'd like to share with the Board and the public that February is Florida School Volunteer Month. Volunteers are an important part of student success. Last school year, more than 18,000 volunteers provided over 663,199 volunteer hours, which have a monetary value of \$12.9 million dollars to DCPS. Volunteer opportunities are available at sites other than in schools,

that benefit the district. To learn more about becoming a volunteer, call the Community and Family Engagement Office at 390-2960 or visit the district's website at www.duvalschools.org and click on the Florida School Volunteer Month under the "What's New" section. Our next DAC meeting is Monday, February 23 at 6:00 pm in room 613.

Comments From Employee Organizations

COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

Minutes:

Mr. Fernando Villarruel, president of the School Maintenance Employees and Associates, Local 48. I would like to express our concerns for a wide range of employees. We represent consistent of skilled craftsmen that support our schools infrastructure. We also represent warehouse personnel, print shop personnel, security and part of the division of technology - in total, 367 employees. The numbers are small but we take pride in the contribution in supporting a quality education. We all stand the need to tighten our belts in this fiscal environment, however, collectively, our workforce consisting of all of our brothers and sisters unions is the most important asset this district has. We continue to make sacrifices in areas such as health and benefits. I ask all of you to look beyond the spreadsheets and know that your decisions will impact the employees, their families and our students. One last thing, we are committed for professional quality service and support of the education of our children. Thank you for your time.

Mr. John Anderson, representing Local 630 from the Technology Division. I also represent a portion of Technology, a portion of Accounting and Code Enforcement. My membership is 92 members of the employment base of Duval County Public Schools. I am here to express my concern about the reduction in hours for pay and also the reduction in the budget. I understand we're in tight fiscal times and I know that the budget has to be cut and I know we come within our fiscal responsibility in order to make all of this happen. I also know during the cuts, if you're messing with people's paychecks, you're messing with their livelihoods. You impact those families and I understand you also impact the students when these budget cuts have to be made and we have to deliver a quality educational product to our students. That is necessary and I get that. I rise and support a quality education but I also rise and support my fellow brothers and sisters in the brotherhood of the unions and I know there must be a way that we can look at this budget and find money that we can cut from this budget without impacting people's lives. Thank you for your time.

Mr. Elton Brown, president of Local 2941, representing Food Service and Custodians.

My concern is about the proposed conversion of our Custodial and Food Service contractors and I represent well over 300 members. According to your line item budget #14, it says it has a medium impact in our bargaining unit..it actually has a major impact on us all. Anything you do that impacts the bargaining unit actually takes away from members of our family, too. And, what we do on a daily basis is that we clean schools and we prepare food for the students. When they come into the schools on a daily basis, the places are clean and they receive a hot meal that was prepared for them. When you start talking about converting them over to contractors or whatever means you're cutting the budget, it affects us all. There's something we feel we would like to maintain our status as good employees with our health benefits and it's just wonderful to be where we are and we don't want those things taken from us...this would be an impact for us to think about negotiations. Thank you.

Ms. Terrie Brady, president of Duval Teachers United, good evening...12,500 employees is Duval County making decisions every day concerning the lives of our children whether it's clean schools, cooking the food, making sure the schools are safe and healthy or they stand before our students every day making sure that they rise to that level to achieve high educational excellence. 12,500 people who are intricate parts of this community and this learning environment that we possess. I don't have to remind anyone that this nation is in a real financial crisis. We're not disputing that whatsoever. The Florida public school system is certainly no stranger to a financial crisis. Too long, this school district has been expected to do so much with so little funding and for that reason, DTU has always bargained reasonably for its employee units. We've always understood that bankrupting this district would benefit no one from the top down, but last year, our unit employees sinched their belts as no new money was added to salaries schedules and benefit costs continued to increase. While money for education disappeared, promises went out that classrooms would be held harmless. In spite of that, school supplies dwindled as instructional staff reached even deeper into their pockets to provide materials for their classrooms. Support staff was cut and employees assumed more responsibilities on a daily basis. If the legislature of this state can't be convinced to free up how education dollars may be spent, the Duval County Public Schools will face the worst economic period it has seen in recent memory. DCPS have to provide a quality education to everyone of our students. That is our mission regardless of the funding level that comes into this county. It is imperative that this Board establish priorities for spending in order to accomplish this mission. The Duval County Public Schools employees will be asked to make more sacrifices in the days ahead. The mission can not be accomplished without the support of of those individual employees that come to work every single day. That support will not be won if the district doesn't show restraint in how it continues to spend money every single day and every single School Board agenda. Over the years, I've tried to convey to this Board that perception is everything in this community and in this district. You need the employees and the community on your side in order to garner more support for education. There truly is a disconnect with employees and the community when spending projects continue to be approved meeting after meeting. People are our most valuable resource in educating our students. People are there to teach, nurture, feed, supervise, hand out medication, communicate with parents, transport, provide and clean a safe and healthy environment for our students. This is where funding needs needs to be concentrated. In a year when funding is so limited, the projects that just enhance instruction should be put off temporarily. We're not

diminishing the importance of those projects...we're just asking that they be temporarily set aside. We're just asking that you put off retrofitting schools for another year or introducing new software programs. Schools have been done without some of these projects this long, one more year won't hurt as long as we maintain the bodies in front of our students to do the job necessary to educate our students. The old textbooks will suffice for one more year. We need to streamline cluster offices, the usage of cars, consultants, Blackberries, cell phones and many other items that DTU will be sharing with you in the next few days in addition to the non-people expenditures that you have already set forth in your budget cut priority. Tough decisions will have to be made and made soon. Everyone especially your employees are anxiously awaiting those decisions and it is the hope that DTU and the decisions made will truly represent what is best for our children and all of our employees of the Duval County School system. Now, I don't come before you taking this lightly so DTU has put forth to you our month long plan about making schools the priority, our calendar of events that we're going to be putting forth with all of our employees in engaging not just DTU members, but every employee, hopefully, at your level, at the administrative level, at the assistant level, and every level of this district and community. First of all, postcards. We're going to be sending postcards to engage our legislators to let them know that we want to raise a one penny sales tax which is a three-year period that generates over \$10 billion dollars for education from kindergarten to post-secondary education. It's only for a three-year period. It's not to generate additional revenue...it's just to plug the holes of the loss we already have...that is a temporary solution to the problems facing us in this state and the economic crisis that we're in. A penny activity...starting February 10th, we're asking our employees to give us one penny for every student they teach. On March 18, statewide, all 67 counties will be delivering a penny per student throughout this state to the Florida Legislature to let them know that a one penny increase is an investment in the students that come to school every single day to be educated. So, if you have a little extra pocket change and if you'd like to donate those pennies, remember it represents one penny per child that we educate and then on February 20, we hope to have over 100,000+ pennies delivered to our office that day representing the level of commitment to the employees that they have for the students. Education cuts hurt. On February 26, we want everyone to wear red including each of you...including every administrator sitting here at these two desks and we will be coming around checking to see if you have your red on or not and everyone out here because education cuts do hurt. We're going to give everybody bandaids to wear out at the schools...wear them on your cheeks, forehead or arms because if they don't start understanding that we're not crying wolf any longer and that these are real cuts hitting our students and the classrooms and the men and women in this budget. If they don't know it this year, then shame on each of us for not making it known to the community well enough. We also that day will be asking them to bring their cell phones and on their breaks and lunch, which most do not get paid for lunch, so they have the ability to do that, we're going to tell them to call a legislator because you can't get through to their email system because their filtering their emails now. So, we're going to give them talking points to give us that flexibility in categoricals and in the expenditures so, you, as the Board, and we can collaboratively make those tough choices with the limited resources that we have. Again, I heard a gentleman talk on behalf of PTA, well, February 28, we're having a statewide rally in Orlando at the UCF arena. It will be the biggest rally that we've had since the teacher walkout in the 1960's. We invite each of you to participate with us. We're asking administrators, faculties and staff, maintenance

workers, and community leaders to meet us at DTU, get on a bus and go with us to Orlando for the day to gear up the week before the legislative session starts to talk about that it's not just about the salaries and the benefits, which is important, but it's about our students' futures. Now, we all have things we're doing but at some point we have to stake a claim that nothing is more important than these students and the deficits we're facing coming before this legislative session. Think about your level of commitment...you can talk the talk or you can walk the walk. I hope I see the same people who sit here every week and every month in Orlando on February 28th and we'll see where the level of commitment is...we want you involved and engaged and welcome everyone to participate. Letters to the Editor - Editorial Board at the Community Meetings that you have outlined for us. In your packet is also the flyer about the rally we're having, "Make Schools A Priority", now more than ever, we can talk about it or do something about it and it's time that we mobilize and take an action plan. Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Board and as usually, we'll be looking forward to working with each of you in tough times because through our collaboration, we've been able to reach consensus on what's right for our employees and our students. Thank you very much.

Student Achievement, Reform Activities, And Reports

[1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Chairman Hazouri said each month, as part of my Chairman's Report, we will highlight a school. Tonight, we are highlighting a District 1 school - Sabal Palm Elementary School. Sabal Palm is one of the largest elementary schools in the district with an enrollment of 1,340 students. Sabal Palm has received a grade of "A" for the past 7 years and last year, earned Annual Year's Progress which means that all students from all subgroups made significant gains in reading, math, writing and science.

Sabal Palm also received the prestigious Five Star School Award as granted by the State of Florida. In order to receive this award, a school must document that the number of volunteer hours must double the number of students enrolled in the school (2,680 hours). Documentation must reflect there is a partnership between the school and the community. They exceeded the requirements and have been a Five Star school for the last several years.

Sabal Palm is known as a "friendly school where children love to learn". They have over 150 teachers and staff members. Eight of their teachers have National Board Certification. Their "Teacher of the Year", Ms. Sarah Shelby, was selected as one of the

finalists for Area 1. On any given day, one can observe Sabal Palm's parents, business partners and volunteers working with teachers and staff to provide a quality education to students.

During the year, in order to purchase needed supplies and to supplement their school's budget, the PTA usually conducts an annual fundraiser. Due to tough times and a poor economy, the PTA decided to listen to parents and not conduct a fundraiser this year. Instead, parents responded in a survey that they would rather make a donation to the school and allow 100% of the funds to go directly towards making purchases for the school. Their PTA raised over \$7,000 in donations. Additionally, to provide an opportunity for parents, teachers, staff and the community came together and the PTA hosted a Fall Festival in November. There were hay rides, face painting, cake walks, food, a lemonade stand and much, much more. They raised over \$11,000 with a profit of \$7,000 to be used for enhancing their children's education.

This year, Sabal Palm will get a new roof and will receive wiring/retrofit in order to use computers in all classrooms. Once the retrofit is complete, they will receive new computers. We are pleased to have principal Ms. Mary Mickel with us this evening. I would like to read a letter I received last week from Jack Diamond, Rink Design Partnership, Inc. Jack participated in our recent "Principal for a Day" program. (See *attachment*) I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jack for his volunteer involvement and commitment to the students in Duval County and would like to encourage other business leaders in the community to follow his lead.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Superintendent Pratt-Dannals said I'd like to begin on the budget and there is a powerpoint that describes much of the information that we are presenting to the community at large on the district's website at www.duvalschools.org and we have established a number of community meetings and I'd like to share with you some of the dates that have been established. There is still one pending and there was a previous meeting established for this coming Wednesday, February 11 at Fletcher High School at 6:00 p.m. We will present some of the information on the budget at that time and we have one scheduled in each quadrant at a high school which were finalized this afternoon. They are:

Monday, February 23, 2009 - Wolfson High School - 6:00 pm
Tuesday, February 24, 2009 - Ribault High Schools - 6:00 pm
Wednesday, February 25, 2009 - Ed White High School - 6:00 pm

Sandalwood High School - To Be Announced

There will be a 30-45 minute presentation I'll make so people are up to speed on the information as to the history as to how we got to where we are with our budget; the

projections that we currently have; the actions we've taken this year; and some of the proposals for next year. This is a moving target, both in terms of our projected revenue and also as I work with the School Board on coming up with a prioritized list. The current list out there is clearly labeled at the top as my recommendations and they have not been finalized by the Board. We will be meeting on February 10 to get some direction from the Board on these, but that will be fluid and primarily based on the kind of revenue we receive from the state. We are asking people to talk to the legislators about additional revenue and two other categories: (1) To get flexibility on the categoricals - this is where funding comes in for specific purposes such as textbooks, professional development and other areas and on our capital; (2) Money that is ordinarily spent on building new buildings, major maintenance and major rehab on facilities. We would like flexibility for a time limited for two years given where we think the economy will be for not only 2009-10 but 2010-11, to be able to give us flexibility on the use of the funds that we do have. So those are the specific things we're asking for citizens and employees to talk to our legislators because it truly is an issue as to how much pie is out there in terms of how it is divided. There's extremely challenging decisions that we're going to have to make over the next few months.

I certainly understand some of our Employee Organizations in terms of impacting people's lives. We fully understand that if we have to modify our medical plan...currently, our medical plan, if it were to stay the same, it's projected to go up 9%. We can't keep absorbing a 9% increase year after year, when this year we're going backwards in revenue. In fact, at this point as was mentioned, we're projecting up to a \$170 million dollar shortfall. We do anticipate that the legislature will have to do something with the Class Size Amendment penalty - it was to go to the individual classroom level. We fully anticipate that they are going to help us with that and that would reduce that figure by \$40 million dollars. We also anticipate that we're going to get at least the ability to move 1/4 mil of our local property tax in Operating which is another \$15 million dollars. That would reduce the projected shortfall, which is a combination of less money and some fixed costs that we have to cover to \$115 million dollars. That's still \$115 million dollars on about a \$900 million dollar budget so you're looking at about 12%-13%. We've never had to cover that kind of shortfall for over the last four decades. Unfortunately, we can no longer protect the classroom. As I said at the last meeting, we could take all of the district staff which includes our maintenance, food service, custodial and many of the groups that presented tonight, and not have any of us hired and we still couldn't cover the shortfall.

So, unfortunately, it will impact students and we're trying to protect as much as possible the academic classroom and because of the Class Size Amendment, we won't be making any cuts there but it does impact the support staff. Some examples are as presented in the slide show, is that we currently have about a 600/1 ratio of guidance counselors to students. At the elementary level, much of their time is dealt with working with exceptional education students making sure that their needs are met so we can avoid special education, if that's appropriate, but if it is appropriate for them to be served in that way, the testing, Child Study Team meetings...much of their time is used for that and much of their time needs to be with students who are struggling and need to get back on track. The recommended ratio from the national level is 250/1 so we're over twice the ratio. We have over 8,000 students who are two or more years overage and only half of those are currently served in an alternative education

program. We have fewer students served in most large urban districts so we need to look at those kinds of programs which cost more per student to be able for them to catch up. Those are just a couple of examples where we're behind. Additionally, there are approximately 5,000 students who are in foster care and we serve them each day. We have two social workers and we collaborate with all of the other agencies to work with those foster care students to assist them as they move from home to home. Two social workers for 5,000 foster care students and that is the highest group of students who end up in prison. We must invest early and help our students to become successful but it does require sufficient staff to be able to do that. Over 70% of our budget is in salaries and benefits and so you can't cut that much from the budget and not impact the support staff. We have some recommendations to change somewhat the specialists in art, music and physical education, but we're not recommending that those go away completely. We're trying to see as much as possible can we take some from each area, part of which includes looking at our benefits, salaries, my recommendation is at this point is that we hold teachers and principals harmless on any salary cuts. This is a very difficult time and, again, the main thing is to send the message to Tallahassee because legislators will tell us 10-1 people contact them and say, "*cut my taxes vs. invest adequate resources in public education*". Until the general public, parents, grandparents and business people and all who are impacted, until they start sending their message, we're, unfortunately, going to face the same kinds of shortfalls we are currently.

We look forward to working with the organizations that spoke tonight and all organizations. I believe there is a strong collaboration currently with the Superintendents' Association, Florida School Boards Association, our teacher unions, and many others who are concerned about the budget shortfalls and the impact it will have on our students. Please stay tuned to the website and the specifics that will be coming out as legislation forms. I encourage you to join us for one of those high school meetings. I am asking over the next month for each principal at each school to do a presentation for their faculty and as many parents and business partners at their local school. These high school presentations are designed to get more people from the community involved about public education in Florida.

Good news to share regarding events that happened during the past week: the Extravaganza put on by the students at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts at the Moran Theatre was fantastic. I can't think of another high school in the country, including the other elite art schools, that put on the kind of presentation that our students did this past Friday. Congratulations to Mrs. Cornelius and all of her staff members and students for the fine work done there.

Additionally, there were two very important symposiums that happened within the last week. Last Saturday, an urban symposium on Reclaiming Young Black Males in Jacksonville. It was very well attended with over 500 people to hear numerous speakers both challenging and informing us as to the status of black males and their lack of progress compared to other students in the public schools and had many ideas on what we can do to move forward. A second presentation sponsored by the Duval County Reading Association with Dr. Al Tatum, a specialist on helping students with literacy problems, particularly, African American males. This was very informative and motivational with a great turn out. This is one of our major achievement gaps and this is everyone's responsibility.

I want to commend both Project Reach and Mattie V. Rutherford for sponsoring Project PASS, reaching out to parents and helping them being informed as to what is expected on the FCAT and how they can help their children. I encourage everyone to participate during the next five Saturdays.

We have received many questions about the Federal Bail Out and the impact on public education. At this point, it appears that there will be some more revenue coming for Title 1 - students on free/reduced lunch, IDEA - students with disabilities; some funds for Shuttle Ready - construction projects (major maintenance, roofing, retrofitting for technology so we don't have to use capital money, more money for Medicaid and Medicare which will help the state overall; the majority of the money will come by formula; flexibility; keeping us informed on how the legislation is progressing and how we can make sure we receive our fair share of the pie. One concern we're waiting on is the Maintenance and Effort - looking at the 2006 state funding for education and because our's is lower now, we would not have benefited from the education funding in the bail out because we have less money this year. We have been able to work closely with our U.S. representatives and senators and they are very aware of this situation. I believe we and Nevada are the states that are in question as to whether or not we would not participate because of this provision.

Speakers:

Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Reports

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

Minutes:

Mr. Ayars asked Mr. Paul Soares to give an update on the ACE Transportation review.

Mr. Soares gave a quick update on the ACE Transportation process now underway. Overall, the goal of the ACE Transportation is to reduce cost and with the least impact on schools and the students. The general process really has four parts to it: (1) the working groups which develop the draft scenarios - that part is nearing completion; (2) community meeting phase in which I will announce those dates and locations and they will be reviewing and assessing the scenarios; (3) the Superintendent to provide the scenarios and get his recommendations; (4) then move to the Board for any policy provisions.

That's the overall all four part process we're working through and the working groups have been very good. We've had over 40 members from the community, PTAs, SACs, DAC, school and district staff have participated. It's been a very robust level of participation. The draft scenarios were developed at the working group meetings held on January 8, 22 and 29. Just for the general public's awareness, these changes may involve magnet transportation and in this year's magnet catalog, we did place a statement on the front page that notified the public that some cut backs in transportation support may occur or were possible for the coming August 2009 school year and we wanted everyone to be aware that was possible.

On the timeline remaining, we're set to brief the Board at the workshop next week on February 10. The upcoming community meetings: 2/17 at Raines High School at 6:00 pm; 2/19 at Twin Lakes Middle School at 6:00 pm.

Those are the dates coming forward and we'll be meeting with the community then and then we'll move forward to greet the Superintendent and Board for the final set of recommendations leading up to the final Board meeting on April 7, so that's the long-range timeline. Thank you.

[2. ACADEMIC SERVICES REPORT - MS. PAT WILLIS](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Pat Willis said we would like to emphasize the cooperation and collaboration with Academic Services and our schools as we approach the FCAT for our students and our final preparations. Our schools have been working diligently all year. Schools have received their second set of benchmarks looking at school data, classroom data and individual student data and how they can even more focus on supporting those students at the schools. Our School Chiefs, Executive Director and school coaches are working with schools and teachers to move them forward and we want parents to know that those dates now are upon us. The FCAT Writes will be next week, February 10 for all of our students, 2/11 and 2/12 for our makeups with March, our FCAT Reading, Math and Science. We want you to know that there are, as mentioned tonight, lots of preparation going on in all of our schools, our community agencies, Parent Nights, Saturday sessions for our students, etc. Our elementary students carried home in their report cards a postcard speaking of FCAT practices and activities and Destination Success and Riverdeep areas on the website and also mentioning workshops for our parents that are held on Saturdays. Elementary sessions 8:30-10:00 at the Schultz Center; secondary sessions 10:30-12:00 noon for our parents at the Schultz Center. All of these activities that are ongoing such as Project PASS at Mattie V. Rutherford along with Mrs. LeRoy, Ms. Niki Micheau, Mr. Pittman in Communications have placed this on the front page of the website, our FCAT Informational Center. It's a "one stop shop" for parents, teachers, students, and community members to access resources and materials for their students. Anyone can access these activities on our website.

Mrs. LeRoy will share with us some of the information that is found on our FCAT Informational Center tonight.

FCAT Support for Schools:

(Slide 1) Academic Services in collaboration with the Instructional Technology and the Communications Departments have launched a comprehensive parent, student and teacher site to prepare for the Reading, Math and Science FCAT. The site includes all of the State documents that provide student practice, testing calendars, Parent Resource Center information as well as links to Riverdeep, FCAT Explorer, Compass Odyssey and other web resources for our students and parents. The access can be found on the front page of the district's website at the bottom of the screen as shown here. Clicking this link directs you to the FCAT Information Site for Parents and Students as shown here (Slide 2). The large, purple link in the center of the page directs users to an informational presentation created by the FLDOE about the FCAT that includes frequently asked questions as well as information about content expectations. In addition, as indicated by the yellow arrows in this image, there are links to the three grade bands, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-11 (Slide 3). After selecting a grade band, specific grade levels can be chosen through a drop down menu as seen here (Slide 4). The destination page you see here (Slide 5) shows an example of Grade 6 mathematics links that are specific to FCAT preparation and have been conveniently highlighted in yellow. Short and extended responses are located within the site through State documents. In addition, specific examples are being compiled and should be posted by the end of this week.

Additionally, a parent workshop is being conducted for our elementary and secondary parents on February 14, 2009 at Raines High School. The workshop is entitled *The All-American Hot Dogs, Apple Pie and FCAT Parent Workshop*. In addition to refreshments, parents will be provided with both general and specific information about the FCAT and will have an opportunity to ask questions about all subject areas. Although the location of the event is Raines High School, we are advertising the event all all schools with the hope that many of our parents will choose to participate. Communications will be posting the flyer on the website and a media advisory is being sent.

The District math and science resource teachers in conjunction with the Parent Resource Center staff are continuing with the "Saturday Labs at the Library" for its third event on February 21 at the Bradham-Brooks Northwest Branch library. Targeted for grades 3-5, these hands-on investigations will reinforce the Sunshine State Standards that students are learning in their elementary classrooms including strategies for the Science FCAT.

Finally, all of the high schools have counseled with their 10th grade students to make sure they understand that the summer re-take is no longer an option and it is imperative that students try to do their best on the upcoming Grade 10 FCAT.

Further information about the library program and the upcoming Parent Workshop can be found on the district website. Link: <http://www.duvalschools.org/> (See Attachment)

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2009, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the February 3, 2009, Agenda as submitted on January 27, 2009, with the changes listed in the agenda item. - 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

Approval of Minutes

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#)

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Minutes:

July 30, 2008 - Board Audit Committee

December 8, 2008 - Regular Meeting
January 5, 2008 - Special - Student Expulsion Hearing
January 6, 2008 - Regular Meeting
January 13, 2008 - Special Meeting
January 13, 2008 - Board Audit Committee

Motions:

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motions:

- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Brenda Priestly jackson

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

Consent Agenda

Board Members

[2. PLACEMENT: JEA RESOLUTION - REPLACEMENT ITEM: REVIEW OPTIONS FOR EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF LOCAL FUNDING TO DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS](#)

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

[1. SETTLEMENT WITH NORTHEAST FLORIDA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 630, LIUNA AFL-CIO](#)

Attachment: [HR Attach 02-03-08 LA 0809.pdf](#)

[2. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS](#)

Attachment: [HRS_attach 02-03-09_min_qual.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

[2. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHERS](#)

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

[1. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS](#)

- Attachment: [Capital Outlay Resolution 4.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Internal Fund Resolution No. 3.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Special Revenue Resolution No. 4.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Food Services Resolution 4.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Debt Service Resolution 2.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [General Fund Resolution No. 4.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Burney said she pulled the decrease in lottery funds which was a substantial amount and I know there are many parents and citizens who think that Duval County Public Schools and other districts receive a huge amount of money from the lottery and I know you have explained some of it, but, can someone share with the public over the past five years what is happened with lottery funding for the school districts?

Speakers:

Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman

2. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Attachment: [December 2008 Final Board Statement Worksheet.pdf](#)

Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment

1. BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR JOHN STOCKTON ES NO. 88 AND VENETIA ES NO. 68

Attachment: [Stockton Venetia Map final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Stockton and Venetia Boundary Change.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Broner said her comments are not specific to Stockton and Venetia...it's just that they were first on the stack of seven boundary changes. Boundary changes are something that come up every year to the Board. It was the Board's vision about a year ago to take a process that was always internal to the district and take it outside the district and include the community in analyzing the demographic data, helping form scenarios..what you now know as ACE is the implementation of that vision. So, my comments regarding boundary changes, perhaps, schools of the future, consolidations, what role do small school play in our district? These are big decisions that we'll address for future years because we can no longer leave a system in place where 50% of our schools are over 50 years old and based on models from 100 years ago. There's room for flexibility and I think that's the way we need to think. I want to thank the public for their involvement in helping us form scenarios that have come into reality.

[2. BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR DINSMORE ES NO. 45, S. A. HULL ES NO. 169, AND RUTLEDGE PEARSON ES NO. 95](#)

Attachment: [Dinsmore Hull Pearson Map final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Dinsmore Hull and Pearson Boundary Change.pdf](#)

[3. BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR BEAUCLERC ES NO. 230 AND KINGS TRAIL ES NO. 203](#)

Attachment: [Beauclerc Kings Trail Map final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Beauclerc and Kings Trail.pdf](#)

[4. BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR WHITEHOUSE ES NO. 51 AND MAMIE AGNES JONES ES NO. 236](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Whitehouse and Mamie Agnes Jones.pdf](#)

Attachment: [xx-REV-Whitehouse MAJones 1-15-09.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Gentry said he pulled this item for the same reason Mrs. Broner did. We had a gentleman here earlier, Mr. Carlyle, who spoke about Whitehouse and I wanted to say that a great deal of consideration has gone into all of these issues and I think that the comments were made by the speaker, although you feel you were not noticed but were able to participate, the number of people that he spoke with in order to try and get his questions answered and if you multiply that by all of the people who have been concerned, you see the response of the administration and I think this process Mrs. Broner spoke of, engaged the community, has been a great process...it's painful. I know that Ms. Drake and myself, also asked Mr. Ayars about this particular one because of the small number of students and I don't know if the public appreciates it...we're not just doing these things for purposes of finances, but because of concurrency and state law requires us to make changes when a school becomes too large, and so, these were all very difficult decisions that were made, I think, although, obviously some people felt like they didn't get a chance to participate...there was this great opportunity that's never existed and I know, Mr. Superintendent, you've indicated that through this process, you've learned some things and next time, we'll do it even better. So, as hard as it's been, I think the administration, Mr. Ayars, the Superintendent and everyone involved and also the public should be applauded because this has been a great process...painful, no one likes having the children going to a new school and Whitehouse was an example in moving only a few children, but as it turns out, unfortunately, it was the right thing to do and necessary for the district.

5. BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR LONE STAR ES NO. 233 AND DON BREWER ES NO. 217 AND FOR MERRILL ROAD ES NO. 228

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Boundary change Lone Star Brewer and Merrill Rd.pdf](#)

Attachment: [LoneStar Brewer MerrillRd 010509 final.pdf](#)

6. BOUNDARY FOR K-8 SCHOOL "DD" (103RD AND CONNIE JEAN RD) NO. 274 BOUNDARY AND PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR GREGORY DRIVE ES NO. 243, ENTERPRISE LEARNING ACADEMY ES NO. 255, AND NORMANDY VILLAGE ES NO. 221

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES School DD Connie Jean Rd.pdf](#)

Attachment: [XX-REV-K8 103rd Boundary 1-15-09 \(2\).pdf](#)

7. BOUNDARY FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL "B" (BARTRAM SPRINGS) NO. 161 BOUNDARY AND PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR GREENLAND PINES ES NO. 249 AND MANDARIN OAKS ES NO. 258

Attachment: [Bartram Greenland Pines Mandarin Oaks Map final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES School B Bartram Springs.pdf](#)

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

1. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF FISH DATA

Attachment: [B-C-CERT-OF-FISH-DATA.DOC.pdf](#)

Attachment: [xx-Annual-Cert-FISH-DATA-09.pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

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

Attachment: [xx-ATT-SC-CFI-JAN09.DOC.pdf](#)

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

2. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: FACILITIES SERVICES CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER REPORT - JANUARY 2009

Attachment: [XX-ATT-2-C-O-RPT-JAN09.pdf](#)

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

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

1. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

Attachment: [ROFEB09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [February 09 Highlights.pdf](#)
Attachment: [07February09.pdf](#)
Attachment: [04February09.doc c.pdf](#)
Attachment: [05February09.pdf](#)
Attachment: [06February09.pdf](#)
Attachment: [AGENDA step BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM1.pdf](#)

2. RENEWAL ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE - NETTREKKER D. I.

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM 01-14-08.pdf](#)

3. STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - GSA 1S (SANDALWOOD) AND GSA 1P (PARKER)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-B-C-GSA-1S-1P.pdf](#)
Attachment: [xx-att-TABULATION SHEET 1S and 1P.pdf](#)

4. STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - GSA 1F (FLETCHER)

Attachment: [xx-ATT-B-C-GSA-1F.pdf](#)
Attachment: [XX-ATT-TABULATION SHEET GSA 1F \(2\).xls.pdf](#)

5. CLASSROOM AND ART SUPPLIES CATALOG DISCOUNT

Attachment: [CLASSROOM-ART- ITB-009-09-LM-FINAL-award-tab1.pdf](#)
Attachment: [B AND C FORM \(Classroom and Art Supplies Catalog Discount\).pdf](#)

6. RENEWAL - IT HARDWARE

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM 01-14-08 \(2\).pdf](#)

7. WORKERS' COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT - BRENDA HOWARD

Attachment: [xx-Brenda Howard original.doc.pdf](#)
Attachment: [xx-Brenda Howard update \(2\).doc.pdf](#)
Attachment: [xx-ATT-Brenda Howard \(2\).xls.pdf](#)

Academic Services

2. GEAR UP GRANT AGREEMENT

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges GEAR UP IV 20082009 Agreement.pdf](#)
Attachment: [GEAR UP IV 20082009 Partner Support and Grant Budget.pdf](#)
Attachment: [GEAR UP IV 20082009 Performance of Past and Current GEAR UP Grants.pdf](#)

3. OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION CENTERS - THE JACKSONVILLE JOURNEY

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

[4. OUT-OF-COUNTRY FIELD TRIP REQUEST - TERRY PARKER HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ACADEMY TRIP TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE](#)

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges Terry Parker International Bus Acad .pdf](#)

Discussion

Board Members

[1. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISION OF POLICY 2.26 BOARD MEETING PROTOCOL AND FORMAT](#)

Attachment: [2.26 DRAFT.pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

Revision of Policy 2.26 Board Meeting Protocol and Format

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.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and approve the attached revisions to Policy 2.26: Board Meeting Protocol and Format. - 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

Human Resource Services - Staffing

1. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

Attachment: [HRS Attach 02-03-09_TRANS.pdf](#)

Minutes: Mr. Pratt-Dannals introduced Mr. Howard Caraway as the new principal at Central Riverside Elementary School. Mr. Caraway is returning to the district and we're very happy he's back with us.

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve the Human Resource Services employee transactions listed on the attachment.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Nancy Broner	
Second: Betty Burney	
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

1. SUSPENSIONS WITHOUT PAY

Attachment: [HRS attach 2-03-09_susp.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
 Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman

Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief of Human Resource Services
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the attached suspensions without pay. - 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

Operations - Information Technology

[1. 2009 TECHNOLOGY RETROFITS GROUP A](#)

Attachment: [B and C agenda Feb09 Phase3 Southside schools.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Terri Stahlman, Chief of Technology
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman

Mr. Gentry requested that page numbers be put on the agenda.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve Phase III (construction) documents as prepared by the firm of Haddad Engineering for the following elementary schools: Love Grove Elementary No. 82, Lake Lucina No. 85, Windy Hill Elementary No. 94 and Neptune Beach Elementary No. 246. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: William Gentry

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly jackson - Aye

Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment

[8. CONSOLIDATION OF WESCONNETT ES NO. 57 INTO CEDAR HILLS ES NO. 97 AND OAK HILL ES NO. 210](#)

Attachment: [Wesconnett Cost Saving Sheet.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Wesconnett Consolidation map only- final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Consolidation Wesconnett.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member

Ms. Terri Stahlman, Chief of Technology
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the proposed consolidation of Wesconnett Elementary School No. 57 into Cedar Hills Elementary School No. 97 and Oak Hill Elementary School No. 210. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Nay

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Nay

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Academic Services

[1. ACE ACADEMIC MODEL - ACCELERATED PROGRAMS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES-ACE Performance Stds.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman

Ms. Patricia Willis, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the application and continuation criteria for the International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), Early College (EC), and Advanced Placement (AP) Honors programs for all district high schools (i.e.- dedicated magnets, magnets and traditional non-magnets). - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Betty Burney

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

[5. ACADEMIC PROBATION PROCEDURE](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES - Academic Probation.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Patricia Willis, Deputy Superintendent
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the revisions to the District probation procedures to include monitoring of process to ensure fair treatment of all students in that academic process. - 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

General

[1. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISION OF BOARD POLICY 7.42 FUND-RAISING FOR SCHOOL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES](#)

Attachment: [7.42 Student Fund Raising Activities.pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

Revision of Board Policy 7.42 Fundraising for School Projects and Activities

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.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and approve the attached revisions to Policy 7.42: Fund-Raising for School Projects and Activities. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: William Gentry

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:

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

February 5-6, 2009 - Visit Small Learning Community School Program (No Cost to the District - funded by a grant) - Arlington, VA - Hazouri

March 18-19, 2009 - FSBA Day in the Legislature - Tallahassee, FL - Broner, Drake, Gentry, Hazouri, Jordan and Priestly Jackson

April 16-17, 2009 - FSBA Master Board Program - Gainesville, FL - Broner, Burney, Drake, Gentry, Hazouri, Jordan, Priestly Jackson

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve

the Board Members Travel listed in the agenda - PASS
item.

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

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

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

February 26, 2009 - The College Board Excelsior Schools' Annual Leadership Colloquium (No Cost to the District - funded by Excelsior) - Tampa, FL

February 27, 2009 - Special Florida Association of District School Superintendents' Meeting (FADSS) - Gainesville, FL

March 18-19, 2009 - FSBA Day in the Legislature - Tallahassee, FL

April 16-17, 2009 - FSBA Master Board Program - Gainesville, FL

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the travel for the Superintendent listed in the agenda item. - 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

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Minutes:

Mr. Gentry asked about the item concerning JEA and the Chairman stated that item was on the Consent Agenda (and no one pulled it for Discussion). I was advised when things materialize at the last second and have not been put on the agenda, they were not put on the Consent Agenda. It's also not anywhere on the written agenda; I've never seen it except by email until a second ago when I got a copy of it. I don't know how you can put a matter on the Consent Agenda that's not been published.

Mr. Hazouri said at first it was a placement item...

Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel, said that's when it happened...when you sent the agenda adding the new matter to the agenda and the Board approved that, that's when it was placed on the agenda and from that point, it's either presumed on Consent unless somebody pulls it for Discussion.

The Chairman said it was pulled and placed back on it...we did go through that process.

Ms. Chastain said , "right". Mr. Hazouri said, ".Ms. Priestly Jackson put it back on, no

one questioned it, and we moved on. "

Mr. Gentry said, "I'm sorry, I missed it and I object to the process because (1) the placement item was a JEA Resolution. The thing that's on here has nothing to do with that and I did not know, and I must say, I'm sorry I missed that Ms. Priestly Jackson's pulled that for Discussion and then withdrew it?"

Ms. Priestly Jackson said, "Yes, I asked the question about with the understanding that it was coming back later."

The Chairman said, "We'll be workshopping this issue next week...the 10th or the 17th, whenever you are ready."

Ms. Priestly Jackson said it's been a joyous few weeks and we talked about cultural relevance for awhile and having had two wonderful opportunities addressing students with Dr. Kunjufu and Dr. Tatum. Dr. Girardeau introduced me to his work about 3-4 years ago. It's a positive message when we can say we'll address the needs of specific segments of our population and work on strategies for children to meet them where they are and not put them, necessarily, where we want them to be or would like them to be and I think it's been a long time coming. Dr. Tatum's presentation was phenomenal and I've given principals in my district Dr. Kunjufus' book since I've been on the Board...it's a good day.

Ms. Broner wanted to express her condolences to the Sandalwood community. One of their teachers, an ESOL teacher, Mr. Michael Rose, was hit by a car and killed in the last few days. They are undergoing alot of grieving at Sandalwood.

Ms. Broner wanted to acknowledge and promote a wonderful opportunity next week...the Superintendent and the Schultz Center are sponsoring an event called, "Powerful Stories, Gentle Voices"...planting the seeds of compassion and it should be really quite interesting and moving. Henry Lanworth is a Holocaust survivor is going to speak; Alton Yates is a Civil Rights activist and Paula Caughlin is a women's rights advocate and the three of them will be speaking on a really meaningful topic on February 12 from 4:30-6:00 pm at the Schultz Center.

Mr. Jordan requested at the March meeting that a blanket travel be added for Board members during the legislative session.

Mr. Jordan recently attended an inspection for the Sandalwood Air Force JROTC. These young people were outstanding, their briefing was done in a military manner, precise...that's a tremendous opportunity for these kids. I don't know what the outcome of their inspection, but I'm sure they received an outstanding rating.

Mr. Jordan mentioned his visit to Sabal Palm Elementary School which was delightful. There are three schools just like Sabal Palm - all built from the same blueprint. It's good to see a school clean like that and made me very proud of the children there.

Ms. Burney School Chief Selinda Keyes and I shared a half of a day together on Inauguration Day. We both went over to West Jacksonville Elementary and watched the swearing in and one of the things that touched my heart was one of the young men

that was sitting on the floor behind me, I said to him when the President was being sworn in, "that could be you, one day." There was this strong competition between others saying, "No, it could be me...it could be me." So, if for nothing else then the fact that kids have a dream which means a lot. After we left there, we had the pleasure of going and seeing a room filled with potential teachers from the University of North Florida who were visiting West Jacksonville. We both had an opportunity to share some things with them. They were bright-eyed and bushy-tailed and eager to come into the Duval County Public Schools...it was a good day, don't you think?

Mr. Hazouri said last week I attended Parents Night which was the first anniversary of the Career Academy for Medicine at Mandarin. This is what career academies are all about, Mr. Superintendent, and I know the rest of them are doing the same kind of thing. They had a tour throughout the school of different exhibits. The parent turnout was tremendous. They did such a great job and they have an affiliation with Baptist South. All of them look like young doctors of the future. All of us can be proud of what we're doing in our schools.

Mr. Hazouri commended Douglas Anderson on what we saw last week in attending the Extravaganza. We can never say enough about the success of that school. One of the alumni returned and sang two beautiful songs and had to return to New York immediately to appear on Broadway...the talent is there. Ms. Cornelius, the principal, and her staff have done an outstanding job at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. They have many activities all through the year and they are all wonderful and fabulous. There is much talent in Jacksonville and we're moving forward.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman