



Duval County Public Schools

February 5, 2008, Regular Board Meeting

Ms. Betty Burney, Chairman
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Kris Barnes
Ms. Martha Barrett
Ms. Nancy Broner
Ms. Vicki Drake
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson
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, Ms. Betty Burney, Chairman, Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice Chairman and Board members: Kris Barnes, Martha Barrett, Nancy Broner, Vicki Drake and Brenda Priestly Jackson, 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:

Reverend Deacon David MacNamara
Christ the King Catholic Church

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Presentations

[1. OUTSTANDING SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD](#)

Minutes:

--The Outstanding School Volunteer Award is presented annually by the Florida Department of Education to school 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...

--Michelle Tsoutsos is the Youth Volunteer of the Year. Michelle attends Fort Caroline Middle School and has volunteered at Fort Caroline Elementary School since the age of seven. She has spent over 1,000 hours at this school, 220 of them in the last year and a half, helping with everything from PTA dances and carnivals, to making copies.

--Michelle is also a Girl Scout and has earned several awards including the Community Service Award, President's Volunteer Gold Service Award and numerous others.

--Miss Sharon Jones is the Adult Volunteer of the Year. Over the past year and a half, Sharon has volunteered more than 550 hours of service at Joseph Stilwell Middle School.

--Determined to make a difference at her child's school, Sharon began volunteering at the middle school when her son became a student. She has also been an active member of the School Advisory Council for nearly two years.

--Thelma King is the Senior Volunteer of the Year. Over the past 18 months, she has provided Jean Ribault High School with approximately 1,750 hours of volunteer service.

--When students were interviewed regarding Miss King, one student noted that she is patient, understanding and good with all children, while another student described her as having a heart filled with kindness.

--Again, I would like to congratulate and say thank you to each of these volunteers for committing to make Duval County Public Schools a world-class system.

2. 2007 SCHOOL-RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Minutes:

--Alda Tarvin, principal's secretary at Wolfson High School, has been named Duval County's 2008 School-related Employee of the Year.

--On Ms. Tarvin's nomination application, her principal, Hammond Gracy, stated, "She is a loyal member of the school support staff and she excels in trustworthiness and competence."

--Ms. Tarvin has been a member of the D-C-P-S team for more than 29 years. Over those years, she has served in a variety of positions. In her current role as the principal's secretary, some of her responsibilities include overseeing the substitute management system, attendance reports, and scheduling parent and student conferences – all in addition to her daily secretarial duties.

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

3. HERO RECOGNITION

Minutes:

--Here with us tonight is a student who is being hailed as a hero. Carl Brown, a third grade student at Greenfield Elementary School, performed the ultimate act of heroism by saving his classmate's life.

--Last November during lunch, Carl saw his classmate and friend Davis Soot, choking. Carl quickly responded to the potentially deadly situation by administering the Heimlich Maneuver, which he had seen performed on a cartoon.

--For this act, Carl has received nationwide attention. Last December, Carl had a chance to share his tale of heroism on the Ellen Show with host Ellen Degeneres. Also, Dr. Henry Heimlich, whom the maneuver is named after, sent Carl a certificate from the Heimlich Institute, after reading Carl's story in the media.

Would Carl and his principal, Maren Firment, please come up front to be recognized for his fast thinking and quick life-saving response.

4. 3RD ANNUAL NORTHEAST FLORIDA COMMUNITY ONYX AWARDS

Minutes:

--Last month, during a reception at the Hyatt Regency, two Duval County public schools administrators were honored at the 2008 Onyx Community Award Ceremony.

--The Onyx Award was founded three years ago to recognize individuals who provide outstanding services to their local community. Awards are presented in the areas of music and performing arts, community service and education.

--Dr. Michael Henry, principal of Landmark Middle, and Connie Hall, principal of James Weldon Johnson Middle School, were both recognized for their contributions to the education of Duval County students.

--Additionally, Dr. Henry was selected as the recipient of the 2008 Onyx Community Award for Education.

--Thank you Dr. Henry for the support you provide our community. Congratulations on your local win and best wishes as you move forward to the state award, being held next month in Orlando.

[5. TOMORROW'S LEADERS AWARD](#)

Minutes:

--16 Duval County Public Schools' students were honored by the Jacksonville Urban League at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast.

--The Urban League sent a request to local organizations that work with youth. These groups submitted the names of the participants who they believe exemplify leadership and civic responsibility within their community.

--Joining us tonight is Linnie Finley, Director of Community Development for the Jacksonville Urban League, and those students recognized at the breakfast.

--Students, as your names are called, please join us up front with your school's representative to receive your certificate:

- From Darnell-Cookman Middle School, we have Micah Barker.
- From Andrew Jackson High School, we have Akim Griffin
- From Frank Peterson Academies of Technology, we have Joshua Joiner.
- From Raines High School, we have Marquise Braithwaite.
- From Jean Ribault High School, we have Cody Floyd.
- From Ribault Middle School, we have Nykeria Johnson and Jeremiah Morman.

- From Sandalwood High School, we have Keon (Kee-aun)Hayward.
- And from Southside Middle School, we have Olajuwon Harris.

--Congratulations to each of these students for going the extra mile to make sure our tomorrow is a better place.

[6. 2007-2008 WILLIE GARY - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ESSAY CONTEST](#)

Minutes:

--Three Duval County Public School students participated in and won the Willie Gary/Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest.

--The contest was open to all of our 5th, 8th and 12th grade students.

--Students who participated in the contest were required to write an essay on the contest's theme: "How can we ensure that Dr. King's dream becomes a reality?" The winners attended a luncheon last month, where they read their essays on stage as part of the luncheon's program.

-- In addition to participating in the luncheon, the students will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Atlanta to visit the King Center.

--Congratulations to:

- Teyona Byers, a 5th grader at Henry F. Kite Elementary School
- Auvion Berry, an 8th grade student at Highlands Middle School
- and Perreline Prinvil, a 12th grader at Nathan Forrest High School.

Comments From Audience

[COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Angelia Knight, Ms. Jody Mack spoke on behalf of Ms. Knight since she was too emotional. Ms. Knight's child was restrained to a chair with duct tape. What can be done about this situation? Ms. Knight said her son has been extremely upset. What would you do if it were your child? She should not be the teacher any longer. Please look at this differently.

Mr. John Turner said he wants to change our district so that everyone gets a proper education. We need to follow policy and go back to the basics; eliminate discrimination; provide clean and safe schools; and build schools where they are needed. The achievement gap has remained the same over the last decade with reading falling down. I don't understand sexual discrimination. How can a teacher duct tape a student to a

chair and his mouth? If it had been reversed, a student would be arrested. This is a first year teacher and there is no excuse. I hope you do the right thing and consider what the results should be.

Mr. Edward Exson spoke about Jacksonville being the murder capital. I look for clues in connection from statements or phrases from people as they relate to the attitudes of our time. Oklahoma's bombing 168 deaths - "Collateral Damage" - Timothy McVeigh; "The number one problem of the world is over population" - Robert McNamara, former Secretary of Defense; "You must have war to support capitalism" - Ed Ball. Is this the formula to control the world population with aids, drugs, guns and ignorance in the ghetto? "The American society has been to create conditions in the Negro community that make it all but impossible for the great majority of Negroes to take advantage of new opportunities the law provides." - Bayard Rustin, Civil Rights Activist. (See Attachment)

Mr. Eddie Diamond congratulated the Board for doing a good job and commended the teachers on how hard they continually work. Mr. Diamond met both Ms. Majova-Seane, principal at Raines High and Board Chairman Betty Burney, at a program recently at Raines. He felt it was a wonderful presentation for the young men and he also supports the mayor 100%. We can work across the line. We have many students coming from the muck and ill-wills. Mr. Diamond said he challenges every African American male on the northside to put \$1.00 where his mouth is, to stand up for what's right. We do have some of the finest students that achieve high and some from the lower levels.

Alex Wilson, student, said he is tired in the afternoons and that an air conditioned bus would make him happy.

Mr. Skot David Wilson spoke about spring approaching and the weather getting much hotter. We do need to get air conditioning on all of our buses. We are behind in education in Jacksonville. We have too many kids acting up and getting suspended. We need to have detention centers open until 7:00 or 8:00 pm instead of suspensions. Mr. Wilson spoke about two types of school in New Jersey that deal with drugs and the Juvenile Justice System and they have a 70% graduation rate. They test the students in a matrix that is working. Mr. Wilson said he has spoken with the principal at Ed White High and he's willing to look into this program.

Mr. Harry Wagoner, former School Board member, spoke about how valuable teachers are. We must support them or we'll lose them. Something drastic must have happened for that teacher to tie up that student and gag him. Students, today, know you can't touch them in any way. A child who graduates with honors has parents who are in control.

Ysryl said he appreciated all the prayers he received while recuperating from his accident. There is punishment for a child who is acting out but we must take another approach and start listening to these children. There are too many crack mothers and fathers in prison today. We must find ways to teach children and reward them and learn how to deal with the issues surrounding them. A child must identify himself against all odds and love himself.

Ms. Sally Giles, represented the Cathedral Arts and the ACE program. Ms. Giles thanked the Board for providing opportunities in the arts for every student in Duval County. We offer a well-rounded, rich arts education. She thanked Ms. Barrett for serving on the Arts Education Board. There are upcoming exhibits at St. John's Cathedral and performances in May. We support the Duval County efforts in supporting the *whole child*.

Mr. Dave Siebert said he is expecting an apology...who voted for the amendment? We are the third worst county in Florida and we've been fined \$65,000. It's your job to make sure that we comply. WE need to find out who is going to suffer. I don't think it's the fault of the state...you failed. We must sacrifice this money. Are we going to get a sincere apology or are you not going to say anything else? Will anything happen differently next year? I hope this will become one of your highest priorities and you did not comply when it came up on the ballot.

Ms. Deborah Jahns-Nelsen said she is in receipt of the preliminary and tentative Auditor General's report. Ms. Jahns-Nelsen said she applauds the Audit Committee meetings and encourages the Board to continue. Her background is certified internal auditor and she is a certified public accountant. Please take this very seriously with all that is going down in Tallahassee. We must make good use of our funds and work smart. Look over the resumes and have regularly scheduled meetings. It's a good start and you need more follow-up.

Comments From Parent Organizations

COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

Minutes:

District Advisory Council:

The District Advisory Council met on Monday, January 28, 2008 and we had a great turn out with all but two areas represented. I would like to thank Board Member Kris Barnes for joining us.

Paul Soares presented to the Council the Academic and Community Excellence project, known as ACE. He explained that this is the process to engage the community and all stakeholders to look at the district as a whole and to look at the strengths and weaknesses of our public schools system. The District Advisory Council members were asked to help with this by sharing the information about upcoming community meetings and encourage all schools to help get the word out. It is very important that all stakeholders participate in sharing input at meetings and on written surveys. We request announcements of the meetings to be placed on the front page of the website.

Mr. Soares also explained the process of the multi-year Strategic Plan that should be ready for publication this summer. We expect to see a draft of the Strategic Plan some time in March.

There were several concerns about custodial issues at multiple schools. It was suggested that the concerns be addressed to the principal who would know the proper protocol to handle the problems.

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, from the City of Jacksonville and Terry Parker Area, shared information on the CPACs (Citizens Planning Advisory Committees). She encouraged people to get involved with their local CPAC.

Elaine Mann gave us some clarity about the 23 Career Academies in the high schools and how they are increasing student engagement. She told us that all high schools will have at least one Career Academy.

Mr. Wiley Swanson (ARAmark) noted any concerns regarding food service and he will follow up the following day.

As we face district accreditation, I am receiving more calls from SAC chairs. This shows me that schools and SACs are taking the accreditation seriously and are making sure that they are in compliance.

The Ribault Area chair had a very good idea that I'd like to share: She asked for boundary maps from all schools that are part of their Area Advisory Council. They will look at current boundaries to help plan for changes ahead. If any other Areas would like to do the same thing, I suggest that their chairs contact me and I will get the information to them.

As a point of personal privilege, I had the pleasure of joining Board Member Vicki Drake on a tour of a hidden gem at the beach. We visited Mayport Middle School and met with principal Katrina McCray, vice principal Weisha Day-Killete, and two officers from their PTSA. Mayport Middle has some really awesome programs and projects in the works and we will have their marching band perform at a County Council PTA meeting in April.

Our next DAC meeting is February 25, 2008, 6:00 pm in the 6th floor conference room, Room 613. We look forward to having Board Member Martha Barrett to join us. Thank you.

PTA:

I'm Pam Kinevan, president of the Duval County Council of PTAs and PTSAs. Our next general meeting will be February 19, 2008 in the Cline Auditorium of the Duval County Public Schools building. Hospitality begins at 9:30 am with the business meeting beginning promptly at 10:00 am. This meeting is open to all PTA members.

Our "End of the Year Workshop" was held on January 22, 2008. Information was presented on nominating committees, election of officers, procedure books, auditing financial records, and many other topics for PTAs to end their year, successfully.

Again, this month, many of our members are working to prepare for the next opening of the Teacher Supply Depot which will be February 21, 2008 - 3:00-6:00 pm. We encourage all teachers and principals to take advantage of all the Teacher Supply Depot has to offer.

The DCCPTA has worked out an agreement with the Jacksonville Suns to have "PTA Night" on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 which is also "Family Feast Night". PTA members will be admitted for half price by showing their PTA membership card. Admission for children of PTA members will be \$1.00. As an extra bonus, anyone who has volunteered 50 hours at their child's school, will be admitted free with a verifying certificate. "PTAs of the Year" will be recognized during a pre-game show.

If there are any issues that the School Board of Superintendent would like PTA to address, please call us.

Comments From Employee Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Terrie Brady, Duval Teachers United president spoke on three issues:

Voting Constituents - our county got it because Duval County voted "no" on the amendment. We built one of the most unusual coalitions. Publicly, I had to say "thank you" to our voters.

DTU will begin a petition drive next week to hold our Duval Delegation responsible since they said public education would be held harmless. We're signing petitions to hold the governor responsible. We must continue to fund at the highest level for every child in this county. The citizens voted this in and we must be held harmless for the budget shortfalls. We ranked 12th; the smallest percentage in the state to vote "yes".

We're excited...we, at DTU are members of two national affiliates - The American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association. The National Education Association which represents 3.2 million educators in the United States, bestowed an honor on Duval County. Every year whether you like unions or not, the one thing everyone has agreed that they love is the "Read Across America" theme when they embrace and celebrate the birth date of Dr. Seuss who wrote all the Dr. Seuss books..."Cat in the Hat"; "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish"...all these books that have brought joy to our students every day. On March 7, they have selected for the catavan to come to Duval County and we are the only school district in the state of Florida and only 1 of 15 in the United States, where the "catavan" will be coming to two of our elementary schools. The Cat in the Hat will be there which is 10 feet tall and he will be celebrating reading. Every student will be given a book on grade level and a special surprise. The two elementary schools are Rutledge Pearson and R. L. Brown. Please become special guest readers and all Board members and the Superintendents are invited to join us that day! New and innovative work is going on in Duval County for March 7th. This will be national recognition and we'll be featured in Washington, DC.

We're gearing up for the Legislative Session and we have the best information network. We look forward to continue lobbying and we're here to help! Please feel free to call DTU at any time.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member

Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member

Ms. Terrie Brady, DTU President

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

The Superintendent said that on the Consent Agenda tonight are two individuals I'd like introduce who have given long time service to Duval County Public Schools and now are serving in different roles:

Dr. Dawn Wilson - Executive Director of Professional Development, assigned to the Schultz Center; and

Dr. Alvin White has served between 30-40 years in his first stint in Duval County Public Schools as a teacher, coach, principal, Area Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and, in fact, hired many of us into the Regional Superintendent positions when we went into that concept, and I've asked Dr. White to come back and help us with a couple of areas that are of a particular concern, not only to me, but to our Board and to our community. Those two areas are focused on Community Engagement and Communication, and particularly the area of Community Engagement His position will be Chief of Staff and Partnerships. For years, we've been concerned about this in terms in getting organizations, parents, families and others to truly engage with helping our students.

I've asked Dr. White to take leadership in three primary areas: (1) Work with our organizations that are currently doing mentoring in our district and others who are interested, including corporations, faith-based organizations, etc. to move very quickly over the next two years from about 3,000 total mentors (if you add up all the organizations doing mentoring in Jacksonville) to 20,000. I think this is a "doable" goal and it will have tremendous impact on some of the issues that were brought up earlier during the speakers' comments. We do have students who are very bright and have tremendous potential, but for whatever reason, need that helping hand that an adult walking beside them in terms of showing them goals, giving them experience of life they may not be having at this point, and just being a friend and an adult sponsor for them. (2) To work with Ms. Patricia Willis who will be providing leadership in the Turnaround Schools. We're going from 15-30 schools and for each of these schools, to have one major corporate sponsor and one major faith-based organization to partner with the school. They may have more but at least two major, large organizations to work with those schools to do just about anything they need from attending faculty meetings to providing cakes and cookies, field trips, mentorships - providing a wonderful support system for those students. (3) Engaging parents and families and how to assist their child - whether that is coming to the school for a PTA meeting or how to help your child at home with their homework or staying on task and preparing for post-secondary education and work which are two goals for all students to fully engage the community in ways that are unique and different and more creative in, perhaps, what we've done in the past. Those are the three tasks that Dr. White has and we'll be giving him more in the near future. It's a great pleasure to have him back on board as part of the team.

Funding - we're very concerned about the status of public schools in the state of Florida with reference to funding and particularly, Duval County Public Schools. In late July, we found out we had an almost \$13 million dollar shortfall that was announced by the state. This is due to fewer tax revenues from sales taxes that were anticipated. This really isn't any body's fault but it was poor forecasting. Once we get into the school year, most of our budgets are set because most of our dollars go to staff and we hire staff on a yearly basis. So, it is extremely difficult to find out during the year that we have to cut and while \$12-13 million dollars may not seem on a large budget like ours, it is significant in terms of where do we go to find those dollars because they're all committed?

We recently found out that the first week in March, the Legislature will meet and we could, again, be hit with somewhere between \$5-18 million dollar shortfall which will be even harder to cover because we're further into the year and it becomes more difficult as the year goes on to find dollars within the budget. I'm meeting tomorrow with Senator Steve Wise and an Education Appropriation Committee to discuss the need for more funding for our "F" and "FF" schools. Many people think we receive additional funds to support the schools that have not come up to the kind of performance levels we want to see. In fact, those funds come out of district funds and these are either Operating or SAI funds which fund summer programs, drop-out prevention programs, after-school tutoring and a long range of what used to be called Categoricals which

are now all rolled into one fund. We must take out of that same fund that we distribute to other schools for tutoring and additional help in order to support our schools. I'll be discussing with this committee to secure funds for those schools that are specific to their needs in order to move those schools forward.

We also think it's going to be a difficult year in terms of maintaining the district's "Cost Differential". This is a cost-of-living adjustment that is done for each county in order to provide a certain amount of funding in order to provide equity throughout the state. Our legislators, under the leadership of then, Senator King, who had a position as Senate President, and all of our Delegation worked very hard to improve our position relative to other counties and we were severely underfunded compared to them. Fortunately, we're coming closer to where they are and we need to be able to maintain that.

The final area that we'll be discussing with him has to do with SAI funds that I mentioned earlier. The formula was set in place about seven years ago when this funding first came about and it is not equitably distributed. We get about \$275 per students whereby Miami-Dade gets \$400 per student. While they have many needs, we have needs as well as this is not equitably distributed. Additionally, our budget staff will be over during the Legislative sessions to present case and make sure they know what our needs are and ways in which they can help us.

Another thing we've asked because it will be a short revenue year is for more flexibility in terms of our capital dollars, categoricals and if we can't have more funds, at least be able to have the flexibility to use those funds where we have the highest needs. These are some of the things we must look at over the next few weeks in order to account for this next shortfall is a hiring freeze with few exceptions of critical positions, stopping overtime except for emergencies such a facilities, reducing consultant's services, freezing or limiting equipment and travel and limiting the amount of supply cost, no promotions except for our expansion which was previously planned which may not be effective until July 1. As we look at the 2008-09 budget, these are things that we must consider as it is going to be severely limited: salaries and benefit increases, if any; limit any new program expenses. We may have to look at the amount of Professional Development that we're able to provide in the Schultz Center's contract; look at the middle school schedule with a 6-8 period schedule; contracts that we provide to organizations; other programs and specialized services that are currently meeting alot of needs to see if we can continue to afford them; supporting the exceptional educational budget - each year the federal government has had flat funding while our costs keep increasing and we have supported those positions out of the Operating budget - this will be very difficult to support with little funds for the future. So far, no final decisions have been made on these, but they are the tough decisions that we're going to have to make together as we move forward.. We 're going to have to tighten our belt and we're willing to do that and this will impact students with revenue reduction.

Our commend the citizens in Jacksonville for responding positively to Amendment One and only wish the rest of the state responded in kind. That loss of revenue has real impact on students and programs particularly when we're trying to raise achievement levels. It does cost dollars for extended day, extended year, more programmatic support for those students and I look forward to working with our Board in terms of approaching these issues.

Reading, phonics and suspensions - many schools have these opportunities and there working. The Class Size Amendment - the penalty that we fact - the \$65,000 - we did not lose that money but we did have to move it into capital which is used for bricks and mortar, facilities, and we are deeply committed to having that number be "0".

Audit - our Board is very concerned that we show to the public that we spend every dollar wisely. It should be noted that our audit was a "compliance" audit. There are issues that we need to work on and we take those seriously. Those dollars were used for programs for students and it has more to do with the procedures and how we do things and we commit ourselves to adopt better procedures. Our goal is to have a completely clean audit. The purpose of an audit is to help us get better and that's how we approach it.

I had a great week and good visit with some representatives from the CollegeBoard, which is the group that does the Advanced Placement exams, programs and SAT tests. Our district is one of the model districts for the Excelerator Program - this program helps districts increase the number of students who both take and are successful in scoring on the Advanced Placement exams. Ms. Leila Mousa has been the lead person for our district and she has worked well with our instructional staff and with the high schools. We are their model district at this point we're very proud of that and the payoff it will have for our students. We've had great engagement with the teachers at Wolfson, Lee, and Raines High Schools. It was a pleasure to hear the conversation of teachers as it demonstrates the kind of change of belief system that we're trying to achieve.

It was a pleasure to see all of the schools that were at work on Saturday helping our students prepare for

success. I visited a few of the schools - Rutledge Pearson Elementary and ran into Mrs. Burney there - great turn out, Lee High Schools - recruitment fair, Mattie V. Rutherford Elementary - hosted a Parent Symposium - many attended, Ribault and Butler Middle Schools - had a large turn out of teachers and students for the entire morning to prepare for success. I commend our teachers, principals, parents and students for taking advantage of these opportunities. One speaker said tonight how important it is for students and parents to take advantage of these opportunities and we're beginning to win that battle.

Speaker:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson

Reports

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2008, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the February 5, 2008, Agenda as submitted on January 29, 2008, with the changes listed in the item. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Thomas Hazouri

Kristanna Barnes - Aye

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Approval of Minutes

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#)

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following minutes:

November 20, 2007 - Special Meeting

January 7, 2008 - Regular Meeting

January 15, 2008 - Board Workshop
January 22, 2008 - Audit Committee Meeting
January 28, 2008 - Professional Services Subcommittee

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Kristanna Barnes

Second: Nancy Broner

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Kristanna Barnes - Aye

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Jackson returned item Administration 2 to the Consent Agenda;

Ms. Burney returned items Human Resource 5 and Administration 2 to the Consent Agenda.

Motions:

Approval of Consent Agenda. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Kristanna Barnes

Second: Victoria Drake

Kristanna Barnes - Aye

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

Consent Agenda

Board Members

[1. APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR W. E. \(ED\) PRATT-DANNALS](#)

Attachment: [CONTRACT - 02-04-08.pdf](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman said a market survey was conducted in 2005 and during that market survey, salaries for a large urban district Superintendent were delineated, and so, we are greatly aware of what it takes and the amount of money it takes for a job of this size and magnitude. We must bear in mind and continue to consider and remember that Duval County Public Schools is the second largest employer in Jacksonville, Florida. In addition to that, we currently have 125,000 students. We're a little more unique even than an urban school district in that we have urban, suburban and in some cases, partly rural schools and beaches...with all of that mind, I believe I speak for all in saying that we are extremely confident, Mr. Pratt-Dannals, that you meet all of the requirements of a Superintendent to lead this vast district of ours and we welcome you!

Human Resource Services - Staffing

[4. SALARY SCHEDULES \(PART-TIME HOURLY\)](#)

Attachment: [CE_07-08.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PN_07-08.pdf](#)

[1. HUMAN RESOURCES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS](#)

Attachment: [HRS_ATTACH_02-05-08_TRANS.pdf](#)

[2. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS](#)

Attachment: [HRS_02-05-08_Supv_Magnet_Minqual.pdf](#)

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

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

[2. ADOPTION OF AMENDED FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTIONS FOR 2006-2007](#)

Attachment: [General Fund Amended Final Res Feb 5.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Capital Amended Final Res Feb 5.pdf](#)

[3. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS](#)

Attachment: [General Fund Resolution Feb 5.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Food Service Resolution Feb 5.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Capital Projects Resolution Feb 5.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Internal Fund Budget Resolution Feb 5.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Special Revenue Other Resolution Feb 5.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Debt Service Resolution Feb 05.pdf](#)

4. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Attachment: [November 2007 Board Statement Worksheet.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Draft December 2007 Board Statement Worksheet.pdf](#)

Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment

[CONTRACT BETWEEN MICROSOCIETY, INC., AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DUVAL COUNTY FOR A MICROSOCIETY TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM](#)

[MAGNET SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM \(MSAP\) GRANT EVALUATION](#)

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Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

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Motions:

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Vote Results

Motion:

Second:

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

[1. PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENT FOR USE OF 2007-2008 MILLAGE FUNDS FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS](#)

Attachment: [Amended Ad 2007-08.pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

Amendment for Use Of 2007-2008 Millage Funds for Capital Outlay Projects

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 vote on the proposed amendment for use of 2007-2008 millage funds for Capital Outlay to fund two new projects; (1) New Elementary Bartram Springs and (2) New K-5 school/Waterleaf/East Arlington, both as set forth in the newspaper advertisement in the Florida Times-Union on Saturday, February 2, 2008. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Thomas Hazouri

Second: Kristanna Barnes

Kristanna Barnes - Aye

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment

[BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR LANDON MIDDLE NO. 31](#)

Attachment: [Landonattachment.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Kris Barnes, Board Member

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve a boundary change for Landon Middle No. 31 for the 2008/2009 school year and reassignment of the students to duPont Middle No. 66, Southside Middle No. 211 and Arlington Middle No. 213. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Martha Barrett

Kristanna Barnes - Aye

Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Nay

[BOUNDARY CONSOLIDATION CHANGE FOR NORTH SHORE K-8 NO. 70 AND PROPOSED CLOSURE FOR LOLA CULVER NO 13 AND NORWOOD NO. 23](#)

Attachment: [Northshoreattachment.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve the boundary for North Shore K-8 No. 70 and proposed closure for Lola Culver Elementary School No. 13 and Norwood Elementary School No. 23.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Nancy Broner	
Second: Thomas Hazouri	
Kristanna Barnes	- Aye
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- 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:

2008 Legislative Session - Tallahassee, FL
 Barnes, Barrett, Broner, Burney, Drake, Hazouri, Priestly Jackson

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board Members Travel:	- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Kristanna Barnes

Kristanna Barnes	- Aye
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- 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:

2008 Legislative Session - Tallahassee, FL

February 19, 2008 - Tallahassee, FL
State Board of Education Meeting

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Kristanna Barnes

Kristanna Barnes	- Aye
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

[FOR THE RECORD](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly Jackson participated with the Mayor on Arbor Day at Justina Road Elementary School and St. Clair Evans Elementary and those were wonderful events. A little fellow at Justina was afraid of the giant squirrel and couldn't quite relate. What impressed me the most at St. Clair Evans under Mr. Robinson's leadership, is he has actively gone about recruiting African American male elementary school teachers and that is absolutely phenomenal...that's very positive. He had a good Saturday School attendance this past weekend.

Ms. Barrett said several of us attended the Extravaganza put on by the students of Douglas Anderson School of Performing Arts - an outstanding performance at the Moran Theatre. You'd think you were at a Broadway show. It's exciting what Jackie Cornelius is doing. I want to congratulate Douglas Anderson and our district is doing outstanding things in moving the arts. Also, congratulations to the Superintendent on his contract this evening.

Ms. Broner reminded the public that we're several weeks away from the opening of the Legislative Session. I urge you to email all the legislators and the governor in holding education harmless. Let your voices be heard in Tallahassee.

Mr. Hazouri also spoke about the outstanding performance of Extravaganza. I am so proud of those students and the patrons. They're outstanding and we do have great talent in Jacksonville.

Regarding Magnet Mania - congratulations to the magnet schools and what they put together. We had record numbers at the fairgrounds. The programs are outstanding.

Budget - DCD is helping those in south Florida and we get less services here in Duval County. There is a billion dollar shortfall; we can't stand much more for the welfare of our community. It could take years to fully recover and we must do something about education; be more aggressive.

Ms. Drake spoke about the hidden jewel in Jacksonville - Mayport Middle School, and how amazed she is at what they're doing. Ms. Drake said she had three gifted sons in our public school system and they chose to attend James Weldon Johnson which was a great sacrifice for the entire family. They did not attend the neighborhood school and get to be with their neighborhood friends. How she wishes this program at Mayport Middle was offered when her children were in school. It has a full-time gifted program in a gorgeous facility and taught by gifted teachers with only 14-15 students to a classroom. Please take a look at what is sitting in your backyard as a neighborhood school. This school is incredible and has so much to offer our students right now.

Welcome Mr. Pratt-Dannals...you are official now!

Ms. Barnes said she represented the Board at James Weldon Johnson when she attended "Science Matters". This program will benefit the entire county. There was an astronaut there as a special guest and only 15 schools were picked in the the entire nation.

Extravaganza was great - a thrilling event and you can't believe these young people are only 15-17 years old.

Neighborhood Schools - DuPont Middle School - reading out to projected families and attended their Open House. This is what all of our neighborhood schools should be doing. There are benefits with neighborhood schools that magnet schools can't offer.

A question for the Superintendent - Englewood Elementary School - Title I has AYP - have they been recognized for this accomplishment?

Englewood High School - Financial Aid Day - great for students and parents preparing for college. They have a separate night for ESOL (other languages) for students and parents - and all of this available to assist families.

Hendricks and Greenfield Elementary Schools had terrific Science programs - outstanding.

Ms. Burney spoke about Saturday Schools and commended Project Reach who had a large number of parents attending. The Superintendent and Ms. Burney visited Rutledge Pearson Elementary together...we are a data driven district straight down to the individual child. We have so many teachers giving up their own time to teach students on Saturdays.

Ms. Majova-Seane had a peace march recently - all of her young men marched which was most inspiring. Ms. Burney said she saw potential doctors, lawyer, congressmen, etc. and everyone understood that we all can make a difference.

Adjournment

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman