



Duval County Public Schools

July 1, 2008, Regular Board Meeting

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, Board Chairman, Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice Chairman, and Board members: Kris Barnes, Martha Barrett, Nancy Broner, Vicki Drake, and Brenda Priestly Jackson, were present.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Invocation

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman gave an invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Presentations

1. FLORIDA THESPIAN ASSOCIATION'S ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Minutes:

--Also being recognized tonight is Jackie Cornelius, another great contributor to the world of arts. Jackie, principal of Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, was named administrator of the Year by the Florida Thespian Society.

--Jackie was chosen unanimously from a field of over one dozen administrators.

--During the festival's opening ceremony, Jackie was praised for recognizing the work of her theatre teachers and her unique understanding of the contribution theatre plays in the school's curriculum.

--Jackie, thanks for outstanding leadership in support of school arts programs.

2. DUVAL ART ASSOCIATION'S ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Minutes:

--For the past 6 years, the Duval Art Teachers Association has recognized a public school principal for supporting arts education in his or her school.

--This year, the association named Dane Gilbert, principal of Fletcher High School, Administrator of the Year.

--In his personal philosophy regarding the Arts, Mr. Gilbert writes "Students need to be able to experience the arts through many educational avenues. I feel that students who have been provided these experiences will grow up with a better understanding of cultural issues and will be more well-rounded and productive members of society."

--I would also like to recognize Addison Davis, principal of Jefferson Davis Middle School and Susan Phillips, principal of Chets Creek Elementary School for their support of the Arts at their schools.

--Congratulations to each of you on these prestigious awards, and thanks for all you do to keep the arts relevant in Duval County Public Schools.

3. COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Minutes:

--There are great things are happening at John Stockton Elementary School.

--In addition to receiving the National Magnet School of Distinction Award, Alan Due, the school's principal, was named Administrator of the Year by the Council for Exceptional Children's Jacksonville Chapter.

-- Each year during an awards ceremony, the Jacksonville chapter acknowledges the efforts of administrators who devote significant attention to the education of exceptional students.

--This year, the council noted that Alan is an avid learner and often attends and participates in many of the district trainings on inclusion with his teachers; thereby enabling him to keep his thumb on the pulse of his school.

--Would Alan please join us back up front to receive his certificate of recognition.

--Alan, thanks for all that you do for our district, and for your efforts to improve the educational outcomes for some of our district's most precious students.

4. MAGNET SCHOOLS OF AMERICA AWARDS

Minutes:

- This year, during their national conference, the Magnet Schools of America presented awards to Pine Forest Elementary School of the Arts and John Stockton Elementary School.
- Pine Forest was named a National Magnet School of Excellence, and John Stockton received the National Magnet School of Distinction Award.
- Both schools received these awards because of their commitment to high academic standards, curriculum innovation, successful desegregation/diversity efforts and the consistent delivery of quality services to all stakeholders.
- Would both Denise Ahearn, principal of Pine Forest, and Alan Due, principal of John Stockton, come forward to receive their certificates of appreciation.
- Thanks to the students, parents and staff of both schools for their commitment to the goals of a magnet school.

5. PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR ENTIRE SCHOOL CAREER

Minutes:

- Every year, there is a handful of students who accomplish quite an impressive feat.
- The following five students graduated high school with a perfect attendance record - from kindergarten to 12th grade.
- To help honor these students, we have Donna Cobb from our Attendance Services Office and Bill Hodges and Sherry Grant from the State Attorney's Office.
- The State Attorney's Office has provided plaques and a Simon gift card for the following students:
 - Brandon Ladson from Sandalwood High School
 - David Summey from First Coast High School
 - Rhian Sutherland from Stanton College Preparatory School
 - Monica Whitsel from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, and
 - Matthew Williams from Mandarin High School. Matthew is unable to be here tonight due to an ATV accident, but his sister Katie is her to accept his award. Last year, Katie received her own plaque for perfect attendance.
- Congratulations to each of these students for having such an exemplary attendance record. Your hard work and dedication is to be commended.

6. PAPER CLIPS PROJECT HONOREES

Minutes:

- This year, the Duval County Public Schools' Council on Educational Equity and Inclusion, which is led Josephine Jackson, invited middle and high school students to participate in the Paper Clips project.
- To participate, students watched the award-winning Paper Clips documentary - which details how Tennessee middle-schoolers from a rural area collected more than 20 million paper clips to honor the victims of the Holocaust. Then our students reacted to the film by submitting written and visual pieces.
- The following students, whose pieces were selected from the more than 80 submitted, received a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the Holocaust Museum.
- Students, as your names are called please come up front to receive your certificates:
 - Tiffany Hollis from J.E.B. Stuart Middle School,
 - Kayla Jolley from Sandalwood High School,
 - Cheyenne Light-Smith from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts,
 - Miranda Harrison from Baldwin High School, and
 - from Kirby-Smith Middle School we have Elita Cook, Natassia McGhee and William Pendergraft.
- Congratulatiions to all of the students and Mrs. Jackson for recognizing and celebrating our diversity.

7. IMPORTANCE OF TECHNOLOGY - WILLIAM PUGH

Minutes:

To conclude our presentation segment, we have Bill Pugh. Mr. Pugh is the Communications Technology teacher at Englewood High School.

--Mr. Pugh will talk to us tonight regarding the importance of technology in our schools.

--Also, outside the auditorium, Mr. Pugh has set up several displays of student work. If you have not already done so, please be sure to go out and see on your way out.

8. NORTHEAST FLORIDA ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY - PRESENTATION OF TELESCOPE TO SUPERINTENDENT

Minutes:

--Next we have a presentation by Kathy Leroy, Chief Officer of Curriculum Services, and the Northeast Florida Astronomical Society.

A presentation of a telescope for Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals.

9. RECOGNITION OF BEN JERRY FLEMING, SR., & JACQYELYN BELTON FLEMING - RETIRING TEACHERS

Minutes:

Board member Brenda Priestly Jackson said at times, we all must acknowledge whose shoulders we stand on and I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize two retiring teachers of the Duval County Public Schools system - Mrs. Jacquelyn Belton Fleming and Mr. Ben Jerry Fleming, Sr.

This couple is retiring after 36 years for Mrs. Fleming and 35 years for Mr. Fleming. Mrs. Fleming came to the district in 1972 and she taught from 1972-1991 at James Weldon Johnson 7th Grade Center; and from 1991-2008, at Matthew W. Gilbert Middle School. She was a band teacher for all of that time.

Mr. Fleming taught from 1973-1979 at Baldwin Senior High School; 1979-1992 at Jean Ribault High School; and 1992-1993 at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts; and 1993-2008 at First Coast High School. He was one of my teachers and I wanted to recognize them because when you have over 70 years of combined influence, positive impact on lives...often times we don't take the time to say "thank you".

They represent to me what I feel is a "dying breed" of high expectations and quality instruction and I know my life has been richer because I passed along the way. I'd like to share with you...I didn't have Mrs. Fleming but she was the wind beneath Mr. Fleming's wings. He taught me Advanced American History when I was in the 11th grade. At that time, his expectations of his students were that we would do 25-50 page, typed, chronological developments every nine weeks. What happened with that was our parents never gave us excuses and he had high expectations of us. So, you could do it on your own for 25 pages or you could work with someone else over 25 pages. I often worked with Dr. Lorraine Clark and she was my partner and this was before the age of computers. He pushed me to the limits of what I could do and it was a classroom of respect and all students did their work.

When I went to undergraduate school and my Honors English or Social Studies teachers said we must do a 3-5 page typed paper, it was a piece of cake. So, more importantly, when I got to law school at the University of Florida College of Law and had to type outlines, I knew I could do it because Mr. Fleming challenged me from 1982-1983 and said, "you can do those things." So, for that, I'm indebted to them and grateful and wanted them to receive an acknowledgement saying "we appreciate you". I stand here for all the hundreds of thousands of students that have passed along your way and lives you have touched!

Comments From Audience

[COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Dave Siebert said it was an interesting time we're having right now with the Jacksonville Journey giving the city it's recommendations and immediately, when they went to make their cuts, they cut out the after school care. It's hard for me to watch you say nothing about this. The city recommended this for good reason. What they wanted to spend their money on was effective and correct..for them to say, "this is what we need" and now we're putting it on the School Board's shoulders...it's flat out wrong. There needs to be after school care and in school suspension programs for many reasons. We're being judged by whether or not we can attract business companies to Jacksonville. You're being put in second place by corporate welfare. We would have our priorities straight and draw these companies here with all the right things by having a great educational system, parks system, but we stopped and we don't let the city stand on its own merits because we bribed companies to come here. The number one priority of this city should be to have is a great educational system. What should follow way down the list is can we bribe people to come here? There will be four times the amount of money in the budget for corporate welfare this year as it would have cost for after school programs. I encourage you to stand up for what should rightfully be yours.

Ms. Naita Guine Simmons, representing SAC at Henry Kite Elementary School, an A school on the northside of Jacksonville, and we were an A school long before the state said we were an A school. We are an A school because we started with A parents in an A community. We're here this evening to talk about the IB magnet program and the fact that the Continuity Plan is still up in the air. We still do not know what schools our students will continue into and this is most unfair. The Magnet Office informed me there are new schools in the Continuity Plan that we have never even discussed. The parents at Henry R. Kite are not aware of this change. As parents, we need to know which schools our children will be transferring into. Additionally, there have been personnel issues with regards to the management of this new IB program. We are following behind in our goals for year one of the grant. Therefore, we are offering a few suggestions: (1) That we continue with the IB certification; (2) Reinstate our priority continuity into James Weldon Johnson and Darnell Cookman; (3) a Comprehensive Plan to ensure the Year 1 goals and objectives are met and that the school is up and ready Day 1 of the 2008-09 school year and that this plan be supported by the district's Magnet Office and not be left to the full responsibility of the school; (4) Hire a qualified and certified Curriculum Integration Specialist who will execute the vision of the IB Program and report program status with reliable and accurate data; (5) An MSAP report was distributed on May 20, 2008 and this report did not accurately depict the learning community at Henry F. Kite and it has been proven to be erroneous and unfounded. This report has deep, offensive impact not just on the individuals named in the report, but on the entire school community. This document is not an indication that this is a high performing school and it should be rescinded immediately. With just 47 days until the new school year, it is imperative that a Strategic Plan be executed immediately. As parents, we feel it is our responsibility to look out for our children and their best interest. We're not asking for preferential treatment but we are asked to be treated with integrity and respect. Please take our requests into consideration. Thank you.

Ysryl said we must focus on the opportunities made available to young black males. These are not bad children. We must work with them and develop goals. We need black males to get involved in our school system as this would bring about much change. I'd like to work with the Board and work in the schools. We must focus on the alternative schools, as well. Thank you.

Mr. Stanley Scott said the School Board is not stepping out into the community and spoke about courage. We have problems in this city and we must step out of the shadows. You have eliminated African American students in the northside. Mr. Scott said he was disappointed with the Jacksonville Journey and the School Board. We need the best and the brightest to step up. There's much to be done to make it better. Everyone needs to get involved in the city and stop the FCAT. You can't determine a person's education with one test. From the bottom up, you can do better...ring the bell...all men and women!

Comments From Parent Organizations

COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

Minutes:

District Advisory Council - Rachel Raneri, Chair:

The District Advisory Council met last Monday, June 23rd. We had a large group, but 6 Areas were not represented. So I would like to thank those that attended, this is a hard time of year to catch everyone.

I would like to thank Paul Soares who came and explained the Facilities Project Input Process for schools that are requesting projects, such as a new wing or new science labs. This process is not for maintenance or repairs. This can be a long process so it is not for emergency or safety issues.

We were very glad to have the Superintendent and Board Chair Burney join us. It is important to have School Board members attend the DAC, they can often clarify issues that may be misrepresented in the media.

I would also like to thank Wiley Swanson from ARAMARK. While he was unable to attend the meeting, through the use of cell phones and email, he was able to resolve issues pertaining to food service, in particular breakfast service. Breakfast is mandated in elementary schools and up to the Principal in secondary schools. Of course, the school SAC should be involved in this decision.

As a point of personal privilege, I would like to impress upon the public, if you are called upon to sit on a work group for the Academic and Community Excellence, known as ACE, please consider it seriously. It is very important to have involvement from parents, students, business partners and community members. A community member is anyone who cares about the students that we are graduating to be our future leaders of tomorrow.

The next meeting of the District Advisory Council will be Monday, July 28th at 6:00 pm in the 6th floor conference room.

PTA - Annette Worthen, PTA President:

Good evening, I'm Annette Worthen, President of the Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs

This past month members of the Board of Managers have continued to assist PTAs and Principals that have requested our help. The new fiscal year begins today for PTAs here in Duval County and they should all be preparing their end of the year reports in the next few days. Also, the audit committees should begin working on the end of the year audit for their PTA. We will be happy to help any PTA that calls on us.

Next week PTAs from all over the state will be sending members to the Florida PTA Leadership Conference. As of today there are 36 PTA members attending from Duval County Schools. As I stated last month, every one attending will have the opportunity to take classes in the areas of Leadership, Finance, Organization, Advocacy and Enrichment. There are 100 courses being offered to the PTA members that attend. This training is a valuable foundation for PTA Board members as well as members at large.

The Teacher Supply Depot move is well under way. If you have not been by Lackawanna to see the wonderful transition that Chris Buckley has orchestrated, please make the time to stop by. I was there earlier today and had the honor of working with students from Paxon, Douglas Anderson and Stanton High Schools as well as middle school students from Darnell-Cookman. I would like to thank the students who have volunteered and to encourage students that need their volunteer hours to come work at the Depot. Please contact Chris at the Teacher Supply Depot. Her number there is 381-7480.

The first Teacher Supply Depot giveaway of the new school year is scheduled for August 8th from 9am-1pm. In order to have a successful opening we need help between now and then. Moms, dads, community members along with church, service and civic groups are invited to help us.

Another program that the Duval County Council of PTAs operates is the vision screening of students in Duval County schools. We screen approximately 69,000 students a year. The funds to provide 250-300 students with professional eye exams and/or eyeglasses were donated by the local PTA units or raised by DCCPTA through grants or donations. As the cost to provide these services continues to rise, so does our need for increased funding to support this PTA Program. If there is someone in the community of Jacksonville who can teach us to write a grant and/or knows of grants that we can apply for, please contact me, Annette Worthen at 349-5363.

PTA is grateful for the support of each of the School Board members, the Superintendent and the district staff. If there are any issues that the School Board or Superintendent would like PTA to address, please call on us. Thank you.

Comments From Employee Organizations

COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

Minutes: No Employee comments.

Student Achievement, Reform Activities, And Reports

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Minutes:

The Chairman's Report is a new tool that Board members are utilizing to highlight Board matters and share with the public matters of importance to the seven of us. Because the Chairman's Report is new, I get the honor of being the guinea pig in establishing some sort of framework for the Chairman's Report. Considering that our core business is student achievement, I have decided to use this time to highlight a school in each School Board member's district that has made strides in student achievement. Certainly, there are many schools deserving recognition and we are trying to highlight the ones with the greatest student gains. Prior to highlighting the accomplishments of one particular school tonight, I wish to inform the public that the Board is very close to hiring its Internal Auditor who will play a significant role in helping us in our important role of serving as fiduciary students of tax payer dollars.

Tonight, we begin our school highlights by shining our spotlight on Rutledge Pearson Elementary School. A neighborhood school located in the Sherwood Forest community. A recent article in the Florida Times Union read, "Duval County's Rutledge H. Pearson Elementary saw large increases in all three subjects in all grade levels". Fourth grade reading jumped from 16% of students reading at or above grade level last year to 62% this year; a jump of 46% percentage points. Fourth graders at Pearson Elementary increased 41% percentage points in math. "We're just ecstatic", principal Debbie Crotty said. The newspaper article went on to share that Ms. Crotty said that the staff has worked with the school, almost 300 students to make sure that they know every child's strengths and weaknesses and individualized activities to meet each child's needs.

As a Board, we talk about student achievement. Last school year, this school received an "F" rating from the state on the FCAT and was sort of mired in deep controversy that went on for an entire year, unresolved. With new Cluster leadership, Dr. Jim Williams and the divas aka Jackie Byrd, Gerlieve Oliver and Mary Brown, they set out a course to allow the principal an opportunity to turn the school around. Debbie Crotty was encouraged and coached to "go for it" and she did just that.

The academic success of every student in Duval County is the top priority of the School Board and the notion of being a data-driven organization is central to realizing that core belief. I personally visited the school and each time, the principal showed me her data room where the staff drills down to the individual student. Principal Crotty describes her data sharing between staff members as follows: The very basic from day one, I discuss the expectations. Teachers are given the data; they discuss this with the coaches; they implement individualized instruction in which every child has his or her own plan. The Design Team meets and discusses the data by going over each student's prescriptive plan academically, socially, behavior wise and anything else that is needed for that child and pulls together the resources to assist the classroom teacher. The coaches then meet again with the teachers to discuss the remediation plan and align resources. An assessment is given and the cycle starts all over, again.

The most important thing she says, "When progress is not being met, immediately changes occur for that individual child's plan. I would be remiss if I did not mention the work that has been done to the exterior of the building. Every child deserves to enter a school that is welcoming, that is warm and safe. This principal and her staff decorated and painted the outside of the building with pictures and quotes to instill pride within students. Additionally, they added a security fence and landscaped the courtyard, cut back, cleared away shrubs, weeds and provided a safe area for students. They raked and hauled mulch. They took months to pick up the tiny pieces of paper that was all over the school. They brought in their big saws, they cut timber, they embedded blocks of ceramic pieces, they planted new trees, they completely revamped the front office so that it

was inviting for all. They planted blooming flowers for the students to see the beauty. By the way, this was not done with district money or by the Operations staff. This was done by their money...their individual collected money and as a staff, they worked together.

Finally, a very important Duval County School Board Core Belief, is that students deserve high quality teachers supported with quality, ongoing professional development to drive a rigorous and challenging curriculum. In my view, this translates into being caring and committed staff persons. During the month preceding the FCAT, 17 adults worked for zero dollars to prepare 92% of their eligible third through fifth graders for the FCAT test. This included the principal, office staff, a custodian, two coaches, the media specialist, the behavior interventionist, two interns, seven classroom teachers and their dedication paid off. Mr. Pratt-Dannals and I visited with them and saw the hard work they were doing for zero dollars.

What I asked Principal Crotty to explain the reasons for the major changes that occurred, she shared the following, "Our green book, whatever that book is...it must be something...our green book annual growth, annual checkup constructed and interacted district support. Positive change that was felt throughout the school was demonstrated in the work atmosphere and that students were held accountable to higher expectations set by the teachers. Most importantly, teachers wanted to be there. They love being at the school, they all care deeply about everything that went on at Pearson, their dedication was truly authentic and real. This prevailing attitude caught on and permeated throughout the entire school.

Ladies and gentlemen, please share with me congratulatory applause for the Rutledge H. Pearson Elementary School, Principal Debbie Crotty and her dedicated staff. They are all standing back there. And to our viewing public, it is my expectation that each month we will highlight schools within the neighborhoods that are doing wonderful things because we have so many schools that are doing great and wonderful things for kids. Thank you, Ms. Crotty. The most interesting thing was that when I asked our Communications staff to ask her how many people she would be bringing...she said "33" - her entire staff! So thank you so very much for all that you have done and all that you continue to do. We salute you!

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Congratulations to Rutledge Pearson Elementary School and all those who have worked with them. A job very well done and they showed it can be done! You have paved the way for others which is an indication on how it can be done. All grade levels expect to see greater gains. We're judged on our academic gains, our own strategic plan and part of the School Improvement Plans. Congratulations to all of our hard working principals and dedicated teachers.

Congratulations to the United Way on June 21st along with the Mayor, Dr. Alvin White and a group from Community Involvement to engage 1,000 mentors. Dr. White will give a report in a few minutes. We work with local businesses to get people involved to motivate our students. Our goal is 20,000 by the year of 2020 which is a huge involvement with commitment, care and time. Thank you!

We've been struggling with our budget, down about \$35 million dollars next year - \$70 million for the shortfall; moving forward with the Strategic Plan, reducing the district staff; one main reorganization in our Academic Services - Kathy LeRoy as Chief of Academic Services, better alignment with lower costs and three Chief position savings. We went back over the last four years and reduced by 184 positions - 11% and the most dramatic changes are this upcoming year; huge requirements set by the state. We've added to the plate of responsibilities while reducing staff. We have very dedicated people to take on the challenge and there will be more announcements during the personnel portion of the agenda. The Board has been fully engaged with the entire budget process. We must look at how we fund schools in the country which will require a lot of work and community support to turn this out.

A huge, negative impact Amendment 5 will have on education this fall.

We're looking forward to our principals having a few weeks of vacation this summer.

Reports

1. OPERATIONS - MR. DOUG AYARS

Minutes:

On the ACE process, we had our final meeting last night at Kernan Middle School on a second round of public meetings and they have gone very well. We went out to get input from the public, we shared information, we educated ourselves somewhat and, hopefully, educated the public about the process going forward. The real work is yet to be done. What we need to do is finalize these working groups and those are public membership groups that will be looking at schools. We will assist them with information and the process, and from that review with the, we hope to bring forth recommendations that you will consider this fall which would be effective the summer of 2009. As a simple reminder of what this is really all about, it is how we can better use our school facilities, maybe save some dollars in the process, but overall, improve the opportunity in the classroom and the community service.

There are a couple of real estate easement issues before you tonight and they are indicative of a tentative agreement that we have working with the city regarding management. We're working jointly with the city, public works groups and planning group as we address our requirements for collection on our school campuses, but also as the city conducts projects for stormwater retention ponds. So, by coming together in agreement, looking at our needs early and then planning together, we get two for one - we meet both requirements in one project and each party will come out financially ahead. I'm proud that we're working together which is another step in the right direction with developing a concurrency policy.

We're continuing a package for the tentative budget for 2008-09. We'll have a special meeting on July 22nd and we'll get a package to you 7-10 days prior to that meeting.

Projects are going fine. We got off with a big bang with the AAA high school which is on track to open the summer of 2010. We have a great team and it will be a fantastic facility. We're going gang busters on the new K-8 on 103rd Street and a K-5 in Bartram Springs - both of these schools will open the summer of 2009.

I'll pass the mike to Paul Soares who will comment about the status on the site remediation at John E. Ford and Darnell Cookman and Dr. Hilliard is here to make some comments

Mr. Soares said the soil remediation work at Darnell Cookman and John E. Ford started last week and is presently ongoing. The city executed the Soil Remediation contract with Environmental Restoration which began cleanup this past Wednesday at those schools. They are currently working six days a week, 6:30 am - 8:00 pm, in order to complete the work before school begins. The projected completion date is July 31st.

We've had staff members, Andy Eckert, Design and Construction and Dr. Aaron Hilliard from the State Department of Health on site, at times, since the work started. They are providing some guidance as technical experts while the work proceeds. As previously mentioned, Dr. Hilliard is here tonight, as requested by the Board, to speak.

Dr. Hilliard said it is a pleasure speaking with you this evening. I am a resident of Jacksonville and returned to Jacksonville about ten years ago due to the ash. I am pleased by the engineers that have been hired. We will be able to restore the schools and the children will be able to return to the schools. There have been several investigations ongoing, a risk assessment, feasibility study which all gives us direction to remediate the sites. I'm very pleased with the results.

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member

Dr. Aaron Hilliard

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice Chairman

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman

2. ACCREDITATION UPDATE - DR. ALVIN WHITE

Minutes: See "Community Engagement" (and attachment).

3. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE - DR. ALVIN WHITE

Minutes:

Dr. Alvin White said about five months ago, Ms. Peggy Williams and I appeared before you to talk about the initial things of the district's accreditation which is a relatively new process for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and we gave you our plans as to following the guidelines for that Association. Tonight, very briefly, we want to let you know exactly what progress has been made and what we intend to do.

Ms. Peggy Williams, Director, Strategic Projects, conducted a powerpoint presentation entitled, "District SACs CASI Accreditation - Update #2 which also included Engaging Family and Community Support in the Success of Education. (See Attachment)

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Chairman
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member

4. SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE

Minutes:

By Dr. Kris Larsen, Supervisor, Alternative Education:

Please find enclosed in this memorandum the current student counts as of this date in the various Summer Educational Programs (summer school). This information is in two forms:

- a summary table showing last year's totals and this year's total
- student counts in each program this year school-by-school and totals

**Summer Educational Programs
Totals in 2007 and 2008**

Program	Student Participation in Summer, 2007	Student Participation in Summer, 2008
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten	125	117
Elementary Summer Reading School	1,960	1,514
Secondary School Credit Recovery	762	1,533
11th Grade Science Remediation	N/A	333
Secondary School Fast ForWord/Impact	265	109
Exceptional Student Education-Extended School Year	1,034	959
English Speakers of Other Languages	517	554
Totals	4,885	5,119

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten

School	Number of Students in VPK
Alimacani	19
Arlington Heights	12
Chimney Lakes	20
Highlands Elementary	22
S. P. Livingston	20
Sallye B. Mathis	16
Whitehouse	8
Totals	117

Elementary Summer Reading School

Note: These figures represent enrollment and participation in the various classes of Elementary Summer Reading School. For purposes of fiscal responsibility and management, some classes were combined into more than one grade level at select school sites.

School	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 3 and 4 Comb.	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 4 and 5 Comb.	Total Number of Students
Alimacani	14	30	14	16	0	11	0	85
Arlington Heights	32	38	53	0	22	22	0	167
Chimney Lakes	75	26	31	0	0	0	10	142
Crown Point	9	17	35	0	0	0	10	71
Fishweir	41	39	56	0	9	0	16	161
Hendricks Ave.	16	11	27	12	0	0	10	76
Highlands Elem.	27	25	54	0	28	13	0	147
Kernan Trail	19	21	48	0	0	0	21	109
Long Branch	26	26	91	0	13	11	0	167
Mamie Agnes Jones	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	13
Sallye B. Mathis	10	16	53	0	0	0	9	88
West Jacksonville	21	28	99	0	16	0	15	179
Whitehouse	21	37	30	0	0	0	21	109
Totals	315	323	591	28	88	57	112	1,514

Secondary Credit Recovery/Fast ForWord/Impact/11th Grade Science School Sites Student Counts

Middle Schools

School Site	Number of Students in Credit Recovery	Number of Students in Fast ForWord/Impact	Total Number of Students
Kirby-Smith	72		72
Oceanway Middle	41		41
Eugene Butler	49	11	60
DuPont	92	12	104
Kernan	60		60
Paxon Middle	106	2	108
Totals	420	25	445

High Schools

School Site	Number of Students in Credit Recovery	Number of Students in 11 th Grade Science Remediation	Number of Students in Fast ForWord/Impact	Total Number of Students
Jackson	95	50	16	161
Raines	202	101	14	317
Frank H. Peterson	129	38	8	175
Terry Parker	100	38	13	151
Englewood	159	60	11	230
Sandalwood	194	36	22	252
Fletcher	131	10		141
First Coast	103	0 *		103
Totals	1,113	333	84	1,530

* The original internal credit recovery plan for First Coast #265 called only for credit recovery. Those 11th grade students at First Coast who needed 11th grade Science Remediation, and who enrolled before June 18th, were referred to and placed at Raines for Science Remediation. Those First Coast students who come from this point on in the summer will be able to take their 11th Grade Science Remediation at First Coast High.

Exceptional Student Education-Extended School Year

Students with disabilities are served in a setting based on their needs as determined by the Individual Education Plan (IEP) Team. For example, a student with the program label of Developmentally Delayed could be served in an Autism Spectrum Disorders or a Varying Exceptionalities Pre-kindergarten setting depending on the needs of the student.

Exceptional Education Extended School Year 2007-2008 (ESY)		
Setting	Formerly known as	Number of Students
Autism (ASD)	Autistic (AUT)	243
Emotional/Behavior Disability – Day Treatment (EB/D-DT)	Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED)	24
Hearing Impaired (HI)		35
Career Experience (OJT)		10
Physically Impaired (PI)		45
Participatory Level Academics (PLA)	Profoundly Mentally Handicapped (PMH)	56
Supported Level Academics (SLA)	Trainable Mentally Handicapped (TMH)	134
Varying Exceptionalities (VE)		124
Varying Exceptionalities/Pre-Kindergarten (VE/PK)		37
Center Schools (Mt. Herman, Palm Avenue)		251
Total		959

English Speakers of Other Language (ESOL)

Total Students By School and Level of Schooling

Elementary Schools	Total
Alimacani Elementary	32
Arlington Heights Elementary	41
Chimney Lakes Elementary	24
Crown Point Elementary	57
Fishweir Elementary	24
Hendricks Avenue Elementary	95
Highlands Elementary	21
Kernan Trail Elementary	56
Whitehouse Elementary	26
TOTAL	376

Middle Schools	Total
DuPont Middle	51
Landmark Middle	39
Stillwell Middle	32
TOTAL	122

High Schools	Total
Ed White	19
Terry Parker	37
TOTAL	56

GRADE	TOTAL
K	94
1	76
2	78
3	62
4	53
5	13
6	43
7	41
8	38
9	18
10	17
11	8
12	13
TOTAL	554

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
Arlington Heights	1	15
	2	8
	3	4
	4	6
	5	8

Whitehouse	K	10
	1	4
	2	4
	3	4
	4	2
	5	2
Hendricks Avenue	K	24
	1	20
	2	23
	3	14
	4	14
	5	0
Alimacani	K	6
	1	6
	2	6
	3	11
	4	3
	5	0
Kernan Trail Elem.	K	16
	1	14
	2	9
	3	7
	4	9
	5	1
Chimney Lakes	K	8
	1	4
	2	6
	3	4
	4	2
	5	0

Highlands Elem.	K	7
	1	1
	2	7
	3	2
	4	3
	5	1
Crown Point	K	19
	1	7
	2	10
	3	12
	4	8
	5	1
Fishweir	K	4
	1	5
	2	5
	3	4
	4	6
	5	0

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

School	Grade Level	Number of Students
DuPont	6	17

	7	16
	8	18
Landmark	6	19
	7	11
	8	9
Stillwell	6	7
	7	14
	8	11

HIGH SCHOOLS

School	Grade Level	Number of Students
Terry Parker	9	9
	10	12
	11	6
	12	10
Ed White	9	9
	10	5
	11	2
	12	3

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member
 Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
 Mr. Tim Ballentine, General Director, Instructional Improvement & Support
 Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
 Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman
 Ms. Patricia Willis, Deputy Superintendent
 Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice Chairman
 Ms. Kris Barnes, Board Member
 Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE JULY 1, 2008, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the July 1, 2008, Agenda as submitted on June 24, 2008, with the changes listed in the agenda 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

Approval of Minutes

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#)

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following minutes:

- May 13, 2008 - Board Workshop
- May 20, 2008 - Board Workshop
- June 9, 2008 - Regular Board Meeting
- June 10, 2008 - Special Meeting - Student Expulsion Hearing
- June 10, 2008 - Board Workshop
- June 17, 2008 - Board Workshop

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Martha Barrett

Second: Nancy Broner

Kristanna Barnes - Aye

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Martha Barrett

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

Consent Agenda

Human Resource Services - Staffing

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

Attachment: [HRS_Attach1_07-01-08_TRANS.pdf](#)

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

[1. ADOPTION OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION RESOLUTION](#)

Attachment: [COPS_resolution.pdf](#)

[2. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS](#)

Attachment: [Special Revenue Other Resolution July1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Food Service Resolution July1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [General Fund Resolution July1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Capital Projects Resolution July1.pdf](#)

[3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS](#)

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

Attachment: [Draft May 2008 Board Statement Worksheet.pdf](#)

Administration and Business Services - Information Technology

[1. RETROFIT FOR TECHNOLOGY AT LORETTO ES, GREENLAND PINES ES, MANDARIN OAKS ES: PHASE III \(CONSTRUCTION\) DOCUMENTS](#)

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

[2. DECLARE LOLA CULVER ES AND NORWOOD ES UNSUITABLE FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES](#)

[3. DECLARE JOHN GORRIE MS AND TWO ADDITIONAL LOTS UNSUITABLE FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES](#)

[4. AUTHORIZE A JOINT PROJECT AGREEMENT AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE FOR THE KERNAN BOULEVARD ROAD WIDENING PROJECT AT THE SITE OF THE NEW PROPOSED WATERLEAF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 160](#)

Attachment: [B-C Waterleaf Drainage Easement Agenda Item.pdf](#)

[5. GRANT A DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE FOR THE RICKER ROAD WIDENING PROJECT AT FRANK H. PETERSON ACADEMIES OF TECHNOLOGY NO. 280](#)

Attachment: [B-C Peterson Drainage Easement Agenda Item.pdf](#)

[6. EASEMENT TO JEA AT WESTSIDE "DD" K-8 NO. 274.](#)

Attachment: [B-C 103rd K8 JEA Easement Agenda Item-July 2008 Agenda.pdf](#)

[7. REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT - PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR ANDREW JACKSON HS](#)

Attachment: [xx-EST-OF-JAS-HENRY-CONTRACT.pdf](#)

[8. LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE JEA FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AT THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING NO. 3001](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

[2. EGRESS IMPROVEMENTS AT NATHAN B. FORREST HIGH SCHOOL NO. 241: PHASE III \(CONSTRUCTION\) DOCUMENTS DCSB PROJECT NO. C-91270](#)

Attachment: [B-C-C91270 Forest HS No 241 Phase III 5 27 08 \(2\).pdf](#)

[3. EGRESS IMPROVEMENTS AT LEE HS NO. 33 AND FORREST HS NO. 241: CONTRACT AWARD FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK FIRM AND A GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE. DCSB PROJECT NO. C-91260 AND C-91270](#)

Attachment: [B-C P3B-C91260 and C91270 KE CM Contract Award 5 27 08.pdf](#)

[4. DISTRICTWIDE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT GRAND PARK CAREER CENTER NO. 14, LORETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 30, ROBERT E. LEE HIGH SCHOOL NO. 33, HYDE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 77: PHASE III \(CONSTRUCTION\) DOCUMENTS DCSB PROJECT NO. M-84740, STAGE III](#)

[5. QUARTERLY REPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS AND FINAL INSPECTIONS ON MAJOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS UNDER \\$1,000,000.](#)

Attachment: [xx-ATT-QSC-CFI-RPT.pdf](#)

[6. PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS: NEW](#)

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

[7. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: FACILITIES SERVICES CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER REPORT \(JUNE 2008\)](#)

Attachment: [B-C-Change Order Report for June 08 5 22 08.pdf](#)

Attachment: [xx-ATT-C.O.Rpt June 2008.pdf](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

[1. PLUMBING SUPPLIES](#)

Attachment: [XX-PLUMBING SUPPLIES.XLS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [B-C-PlumbingSupplies7-1-08.pdf](#)

[2. DAY CARE SERVICES](#)

Attachment: [XX-DAYCARE-2008-2010LIST.pdf](#)

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

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly Jackson said she wanted to show her support for this item. How can the Board offer more comprehensive day care throughout the district?

Ms. Gloria Lockley, General Director, Alternative Behavior, said statutorily, we can do that, but it is cost prohibitive and less restrictive for students. The Department of Children and Families have requirements that we must meet to retrofit the building and meet those requirements to open it for students. Mr. Soares told me today that a project has been funded for the year 2010 at A. P. Randolph where we will have our first full Early Learning Center. Another consideration is a number of students each year, even though we can not predict a number of who will be having a baby. It has been cost prohibitive to open sites around the district with the projections of girls. We would

have to open sites for the general public and that's why we haven't done so, thus far.

Ms. Lockley said we served this 2007-2008 384 students and a total of 502 babies

Ms. Priestly said teen pregnancies are not going away and what I'm proposing is that \$1.4 million dollars for services is not a small price tag. We must do a cost analysis in terms of putting newborns up to 3-4 in centers that are dispersed around the district and the cost it takes to get those kids that come to us and what we pay to remediate them when they come to us, but I would like to see a long-range option and plan of addressing that and perhaps, moving to some point in time where that is what we do. If the young ladies are in our system, the chances are the children will be in our system. These are the things I'd like to see us explore. Perhaps, this would give us an opportunity to be a model of what we think the mayor was initially trying to start, but at times, became lost along the way. A second thing we can look at more comprehensively, making certain we offer the services to those young mothers and everything else. With that many providers and that type of price tag, I think there would be an efficiency argument that long term, we could do something else that would be more strategic that deals with our goals and student achievement and long term success for these young people.

Speakers:

Ms. Gloria Lockley, General Director, Alternative Behavior

Ms. Kris Barnes, Board Member

Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member

The Chairman said spending \$1.4 million dollars in sites all over the city should feed directly into schools facing challenges. I'm advocating that next year we build in some compliance. We should hold some regional meeting with the providers to inform parents what is expected of them and train the parents. We should have PTA functions at the child care level and parents becoming involved. We need to step it up and have these kids ready to go.

The Chairman asked what Strategic Plan #6 was and Ms. Lockley replied that we require the girls to volunteer at their child's day care and attend parenting classes. We can do more.

3. LOCK SUPPLIES

Attachment: [B-C-LockSupplies7-1-08.pdf](#)

Attachment: [XX-LOCK SUPPLIES.pdf](#)

4. LOCKERS, STUDENT WARDROBE, VARSITY AND PE

Attachment: [XX-LOCKER STUDENT WARDROBE.XLS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [B-C-LockerStudentWardrobeVarsityPE7-1-08 \(2\).pdf](#)

5. TABLES, MOBILE, FOLDING

Attachment: [XX-TABLESMOBILEFOLDING.XLS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [B-C-TablesMobileFolding7-1-08.DOC.pdf](#)

6. TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTION - A. PHILIP RANDOLPH ACADEMIES OF TECHNOLOGY NO. 285

Attachment: [B-C-TechnologyInst-RandolphAcademies 7-1-08.DOC.pdf](#)

Attachment: [XX-TECHNOLOGY-INSTRUCTION-285.pdf](#)

7. JSO SRO CONTRACT RENEWAL

Attachment: [July08-June09\(School\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [SROs-dutiesboardversion.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Chief David Coffman, with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, is in the audience and we appreciate his coming this evening.

Ms. Priestly Jackson asked for clarification on language in the attachment in paragraphs 7, 11, 13 and 14 and how students' privacies are protected and how to communicate school based administrators and SRO's when SRO's are not school disciplinarians? Please explain how the administrator communicates to the SRO and the SRO communicates to the school based administrator?

The Superintendent said that first, it is part of their training with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office in terms of their roles and responsibilities. Secondly, it's part of our training with our principals and we have 95 of our 160 principals are within their first five years. Each year, we discuss with our secondary principals which is where our JSO officers are deployed, about the roles and responsibilities. This did change dramatically a couple of years ago when we renegotiated the contract and reiterated the role of the JSO officers to not be those who do direct discipline, about attendance, class conduct, etc. the role after we passed Safe Students in Schools, is to work with those students who go through criminal violations and violations at the school level and need extra attention. They do classroom activities, helping students understand the law and the impact of the law in areas of finance and credit, moving violations (licenses lapsed), legal awareness. They are there to make sure we have a safe campus, first and foremost, from outsiders. Finally, if a student does commit a criminal violation while on campus, it is the role of the SRO to intervene in that situation and to make a determination based on their training whether or not a legal violation has taken place and whether an arrest is warranted. It does not involve low level discipline which is the responsibility of the principal and their staff. It is ongoing training with all of those interested parties as well as regular reminders by the school chiefs. We don't want any negative interactions between the SRO and the student.

Ms. Priestly Jackson asked about what happened to Officer Friendly?

The Superintendent said he would discuss it with the Sheriff.

Academic Services - School Curriculum and Programs

[1. TITLE I SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES SES Contract.pdf](#)

[3. COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITION TO THE DISTRICT COURSE TITLE FILE](#)

Attachment: [July 1 08 BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM.pdf](#)

[4. ENHANCED INSTRUCTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECENTLY-ARRIVED IMMIGRANT CHILDREN AND YOUTH](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM - Immigrant Grant 060508.pdf](#)

[5. REVISION OF AGENDA ITEM #32 THE STATE ADOPTION OF ELEMENTARY CORE READING SERIES MATERIALS, K-5, JANUARY 7, 2008](#)

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

[6. APPROVAL FOR INSTALLATION OF AVIATION EQUIPMENT AT FRANK H. PETERSON AVIATION ACADEMY](#)

Attachment: [Budget Information.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Community Based Job Training Grants.pdf](#)

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

Academic Services - Special Services

[1. FLORIDA INCLUSION NETWORK \(FIN\) GRANT CONTINUATION-FLORIDA DOE](#)

Attachment: [ExecSummFIN 08-09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Continuation of FIN Grant Application.pdf](#)

Attachment: [08-09 FIN Budget Narrative.pdf](#)

[2. CONTINUATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS WITH JAX MARINE INSTITUTE, PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS, AND KEYSTONE DJJ LLC. D/B/A JACKSONVILLE YOUTH CENTER](#)

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

[3. CONTINUATION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DCF, FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, AND FIRST COAST WORKFORCE](#)

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

General

[1. ANNUAL AGREEMENT WITH WJCT, INC.](#)

Discussion

Human Resource Services - Staffing

[2. REDUCTION IN FORCE OF TEACHERS FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

- Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member
- Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
- Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
- Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
- Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman
- Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
- Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice Chairman
- Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Officer for Human Resource Services
- Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve a Reduction in Force for the following positions pursuant to Article I, the Duval Tenure Laws of Florida, Chapter 21197 (1941) as amended and Florida Statutes 1012.33. - PASS
6 Social Studies 3 Business Education 4 Health 4 Physical Education 5 Industrial/Vocational Education

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Kristanna Barnes

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

3. REDUCTION IN FORCE OF PARAPROFESSIONALS FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member
 Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Officer for Human Resource Services
 Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice Chairman
 Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
 Mr. Mike Perrone, Executive Director, Budget Services

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve a Reduction in Force for 50 paraprofessionals positions pursuant to Article I, The Duval Tenure Laws of Florida, Chapter 21197 (1941) as amended and Florida Statutes 1012.33. - 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	- Nay

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

1. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: AMEND SCHOOL BOARD POLICY FILE DN - SCHOOL PROPERTIES DISPOSITION - DISPOSAL OF LAND OR BUILDINGS

Attachment: [xx-ATT-6-20-Property DisposalPolicyDNoutline.pdf](#)
 Attachment: [XX-ATT-BD-POL-LandDisposal-FS-Flowchart7-1-08.pdf](#)
 Attachment: [xx-ATT-6-20-Property Disposal Policy DN final \(2\).pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

School Board Policy File DN - School Properties Disposition - Disposal of Land or Buildings

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.

Ms. Priestly Jackson offered the following *friendly amendment* to read as follows:

TITLE: Disposal of Land or Buildings

POLICY:

The Superintendent shall recommend to the School Board any land or buildings (the "property") that is unsuitable or unnecessary for educational purposes because of location or other cause. The School Board shall review these recommendations and shall declare by resolution property that is unnecessary for educational purposes. Upon the Superintendent's recommendation (considering, among other matters, the best value and minimizing liability to the District), the School Board may then authorize the Superintendent to proceed with disposition (sale or lease/option to purchase) of the property in accordance with Sections 1013.28 and/or 1013.15 Florida Statutes. If the property is designated for disposition (sale of lease/option to purchase), then the Superintendent shall cause written notice to be sent to each district charter school of any competitive process for such disposition of the property. If the property will not be offered for sale or lease/option to purchase, but instead be available for use by other district public schools, then the provisions of Section 1002.33(18), Florida Statutes (relating to charter schools) shall be applicable, and the Superintendent shall cause written notices to be sent to the district charter schools of the process for the utilization of such available property.

Ms. Nancy Broner seconded the amendment.

Speakers:

- Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice Chairman
- Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel
- Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief of Operations
- Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
- Ms. Kris Barnes, Board Member
- Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and approve the proposal to amend the policy for Disposal of Land and Buildings. It will address the disposition of land or buildings declared by the Board to be unsuitable or unnecessary for educational purposes. - 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

Motions:

Amendment No. 1 - PASS

Vote Results
 Motion: Brenda Priestly Jackson
 Second: Nancy Broner

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

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

[1.PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REV. BD. POLICY: FILE FEG: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BIDDING AND AWARDS: CHANGE ORDERS](#)

Attachment: [xx-ConstructionContractsChangeOrderPolicyFEG-Redlined5-28-08.pdf](#)
 Attachment: [xx-FS1001-41-1001-42-1013-48SREF4-2Excerpts.pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

Revised Board Policy: File FEG: Construction Contract Bidding and Awards:
 Change Orders

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 policy proposal that the Superintendent's designee be authorized to approve additive change orders not to exceed \$50,000 or 3% of the contract value whichever is greater (in aggregate total) and deductive change orders. Currently the designee is authorized to approve additive change orders not to exceed \$50,000. - 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

Academic Services - School Curriculum and Programs

[2. UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA LASTINGER CENTER FOR LEARNING](#)

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

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve a partnership with the University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning to improve student achievement, teacher practice and administrative leadership in the highest need Title I schools in Restructuring (as determined by the state tiering system) beginning with the 2008-2009 school year in an amount not to exceed \$971,000.00 per year for a four year period. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Kristanna Barnes

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

Academic Services - Special Services

[4. CARL D. PERKINS IV, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SECONDARY PROGRAMS PLAN/GRANT APPLICATION](#)

Attachment: [Regional Certifications from Chamber.pdf](#)

Attachment: [5 year plan for Duval County.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Regional Plan from Chamber.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Executive Summary for Perkins.pdf](#)

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

Attachment: [Copy of Perkins IV DOE101-2.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve and confirm submission of a Carl D. Perkins IV application to the Florida Department of Education to comply with the requirement of the Carl D. Perkins IV, Career and Technical Education Secondary Programs. As required by the law, this work is a collaboration of worksource, The Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce, Postsecondary Partners, and Duval County Public Schools. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Nancy Broner

Kristanna Barnes - Aye

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Emergency Agenda Items

[1. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS](#)

Attachment: [HRS emer attach 7-1-08_min qual.pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

Minimum Qualifications

(No speakers)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the attached Minimum Qualifications. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

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

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

No items for Board travel this month.

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

No items for travel for the Superintendent this month.

For The Record

[FOR THE RECORD](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly Jackson wished everyone a blessed and peaceful 4th of July.

Ms. Barrett said it was interesting when she was in Miami that we learned in Prince George's County, Maryland, every child from kindergarten on meets at least once a year, along with a parent or guardian, with a counselor. They start at that young age to say to them, "What are you going to do and where are you going to college and how are you going to prepare for it?" Every year they must meet with a counselor. I think this is just fascinating. I know we have a little of that here but it would be very interesting. They have followed this through...it does take a lot of time. This school district has almost the same amount of students as Duval has...we may want to look into this.

Ms. Broner said that she and Ms. Barrett attended the ACE meeting last night at Kernan Middle School and I was so impressed with the presentation and the excitement from the community. I believe we'll have some very good involvement. My compliments to Mr. Ayars and his staff.

The other is just a comment about the Jacksonville Journey. Ms. Burney and I were both participants on the Journey and I was really disappointed to see funding related to our educational initiatives cut in half and what bothered me further were some of the comments. This Board has spent many years trying to promote the concept in our city that all of our city leaders, all of our community has to engage in education. It's all part of the domain of all of us and when funding cuts come...this happened a few years ago and we had to fight for the truancy dollars...the comments that came then and I heard, again, this weekend, "Well, that's the school district's area...they need to

take care of that." As of everything between ages 5-18, no matter what time of day or what has occurred has to do with the school district? And, until this city can wrap its mind around the fact that this is a collaborative joint effort, I don't think we're going to progress in the way that we want to. Cities around the country who have made progress for their community in a way that we want to make, have this group mind-set and that the children belong to all of us; they just don't fall under the school district's budget. I don't think we've broken through that...I thought we had, but when times are tight, that's kind of when you show your cards and what you really believe and this is where we got whacked, again. While I'm grateful for any funding that comes our way, to cut in half after we spent months on that Journey with a lot of understanding of the needs of children, I think the children are going to be the ones to lose on this.

Mr. Hazouri said I don't know if we'd be getting into the Jacksonville Journey that ended up, quite frankly, nowhere...I do support the police. You know, when I was mayor, I always felt like and still do that it's a table that everybody comes to and when it comes to education, it's a four-legged table - State Attorney, Sheriff's Office, the Mayor, and the Superintendent of the school system. Our number one priority when we're trying to bring businesses to this community or any community, the first question that business has is, "What is your public education system like?" They check on that before that company moves and where they're going to live. When I listen to the mayor and I see a big portion of that \$30 million dollars going into 50,000 convicted felons that are going to be trained and retrained and going back into the system, it makes me wonder out loud about those students we're trying to graduate - to give them a good education, to keep them from becoming a convicted felon, to get them a meaningful job and that does bother me. I think our priorities are eschewed when it comes to that because we're not really putting our money where are mouths are...making education our number one issue because that to me, is a cure all for most of our ills in this country or any country. I 'd like to also wish a very safe 232nd birthday for this country - July 4th and also make note this Sunday, July 6th, our own Bonnie Sue Cole, will have spent 36 years with our district. We want to wish her well and hope she stays another 30 years!!! Thank you, Bonnie.

Ms. Burney said she wanted to make sure Ms. Willis was able to find the flyer, the Destination Summer Success Parent guide, and the email is riverdeep@duvalschools.org, 348-7740 and finally I was at the most exciting thing that I've seen in a long time, the Urban Debate Summit that took place on this past Friday. A gentleman from William Raines High School is now in Baltimore, Maryland who does debate and they debate all over the country. They have been very successful and he brought three youth with him. One was a former gang member, the other one had dropped out of school and was convinced to come back, and the other one was a troublemaker in the school. If you could have sat there and heard those young men...the level of debate...they were given a topic and the research and level of debate and the intensity with which they debated was phenomenal and I was just so pleased to see what happened and so very hopeful that we will be able to do that. The art of debate has been lost throughout this country because so many schools and school districts are not offering it. I think we may have some private donors who may be able to assist us.

Kris Barnes asked about Tiger Bay getting involved?

Ms. Barrett mentioned that Bonnie Cole sent us information about the NSBA conference in Orlando, she was one of the presenters and she had a 96% favorable rating with her presentations so that's darn good and it was a wonderful presentation.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman