



E-AGENDA MANAGER

# Duval County Public Schools

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June 16, 2015 - Special Board Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD : All Board Members were present with the exception of Board Members Constance Hall, Jason Fischer and Scott Shine. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

[Call Meeting to Order](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

[COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE](#)

Minutes:

There were no public comments.

[APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 16, 2015 AGENDA](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

That The Duval County School Board Approve The June 16, 2015 Agenda As Submitted On June 12, 2015 With The Following Changes:

- Academic Services - PASS
  - Approval of the Awarded Commodity Service to Drummond Press, Inc. and Arc Document Solutions - Attachment added.

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Ashley Juarez

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Not Present
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Not Present
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Not Present
Paula Wright	- Aye

#### [APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Minutes:

Vice - Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez requested to move the following item to discussion:

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF MATHEMATICS SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FIFTH GRADE FROM EAI, INC.

This action was approved with the vote on the Approval of Consent Agenda motion and action item.

Later in the meeting, Vice - Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez requested that the Board move to reconsider the Consent Agenda because she originally

requested the EAI, Inc. item to be moved to the Discussion Agenda. She intended the EngageNY item to be moved to the Discussion Agenda. These actions were approved with the two subsequent votes in this section.

Motions:

Approval of the Consent Agenda. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Ashley Juarez

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Not Present

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Not Present

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Not Present

Paula Wright - Aye

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board move to reconsider the Consent Agenda. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Ashley Juarez

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Not Present

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Not Present

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine	- Not Present
Paula Wright	- Aye

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board move the approval of the purchase of supplemental materials for grades 3-5 EngageNY (Expeditionary Learning) from the American Reading Company from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Ashley Juarez

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Not Present
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Not Present
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Not Present
Paula Wright	- Aye

Academics

[APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF MATHEMATICS SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FIFTH GRADE FROM EAI, INC.](#)

Attachment: [EAI Quote.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

That the Duval County School board approve the purchase of EAI, Inc. supplemental materials for kindergarten through Fifth Grade in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, as - PASS

amended.

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Ashley Juarez

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Not Present
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Not Present
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Not Present
Paula Wright	- Aye

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board amend the item by striking Common Core from the description.	- PASS
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Vote Results

Motion: Ashley Juarez

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Not Present
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Not Present
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Not Present
Paula Wright	- Aye

[APPROVAL OF THE AWARDED COMMODITY SERVICE TO DRUMMOND PRESS, INC. AND ARC DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS](#)

Attachment: [Printing Services Bid Tab Sheet.pdf](#)

Minutes: This agenda item remained on the Consent Agenda and was

approved with the vote on the Approval of Consent Agenda motion and action item.

[APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS FOR GRADES 3-5 ENGAGENY \(EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING\) FROM THE AMERICAN READING COMPANY](#)

Attachment: [ARC Quote.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Vitti Superintendent read the description of this item for clarity.

- Approval of the purchase of supplemental materials for grades 3-5 EngageNY (Expeditionary Learning) from the American Reading Company. Discussion included the following:
  - Board Member Becki Couch expressed concern for two of the novels selected for students. Parents who reviewed the books felt they were very intense for this grade level. Also, the books do not reflect the military in a positive way.
  - Dr. Vitti indicated that the strength of the curriculum is the explicitness of the questions and the performance tasks. Most books have some plot or characteristics that can be perceived as controversial. We can look at these books closer.
  - Board Member Paula Wright voiced her concern with this item since the Board approved Houghton Mifflin at an earlier meeting and we are making a change so late. How will the professional development be provided? Does the Board need to vote again on Houghton Mifflin since we have made a change?
  - Dr. Vitti, Superintendent, indicated that many teachers are already using EngageNY as a supplement. Training will be provided during the summer.
  - Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services, explained that this agenda item is for supplemental materials and the district can have more than one adoption so no additional vote on Houghton Mifflin will be needed.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the purchase of supplemental materials needed to implement EngageNY (Expeditionary learning) curriculum in grades 3-5. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Ashley Juarez	
Rebecca Couch	- Nay
Jason Fischer	- Not Present
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Not Present
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Not Present
Paula Wright	- Aye

[PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: ADOPTION OF DISTRICT-WIDE GRADES K-2 READING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS](#)

Minutes:

- Vice - Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez requested Common Core be struck from the item since the district uses Florida Standards only.
- Board Member Paula Wright asked the Superintendent if she could see a sample of the materials because of the large amount of printing. A sample of the teacher issue was provided to the Board.
- Dr. Vitti, Superintendent, indicated that at the teacher level the modules will be printed and put in a binder. This material will also be online for parents to view. At the student level, materials will be packaged to accommodate three hole prong folders . The folders are traditionally part of what the teacher, student or the school provides. Materials that are designed to be in color will be in color. If we have parents that are concerned about the materials we will engage the parent and explain the reasoning. The Superintendent explained the core is a one-size-fits-all. The teachers can always use other supplemental materials which the district provides.
- Vice - Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez asked if the cost of all materials are included in the total.
- Dr. Vitti, Superintendent said all items that are linked to the core materials and mentioned in the teacher edition are included in the cost.

PASSED AS AMENDED- 2-2 (This is the vote for the Motion below, as amended.)

Cheryl Grymes	AYE
Ashley Smith Juarez	AYE
Becki Couch	NAY
Paula Wright	NAY

Pursuant to Section 1001.365, Florida Statutes, in the event of a tie vote

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

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the adoption and purchase of the recommended District-Wide Grades K-2 EngageNY (Core Knowledge) Reading Instructional Materials, as amended.

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Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Ashley Juarez

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board amend to strike the words Common Core from the description of the item.

- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Ashley Juarez

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Not Present

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Not Present

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Not Present



Paula Wright - Aye

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: ADOPTION OF DISTRICT-WIDE GRADES K-5 MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Minutes:

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the adoption and purchase of the recommended District-wide Grades K-5 EngageNY (Eureka) Mathematics Instructional Materials, as amended. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Ashley Juarez

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Not Present
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Not Present
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Not Present
Paula Wright	- Aye

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board move to amend the item to strike Common Core from the description and the gap analysis. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Ashley Juarez

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
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Jason Fischer	- Not Present
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Not Present
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Not Present
Paula Wright	- Aye

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: ADOPTION OF DISTRICT-WIDE GRADES 3-5 READING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Minutes:

Board Member Becki Couch asked Dr. Vitti, Superintendent, how reading and writing will be wrapped together.

Dr. Vitti, Superintendent, indicated that there will be a lot of writing and essay prompts linked to what students are reading. Writing is one of the strengths of this curriculum.

Vice - Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez asked the Superintendent if we went with Houghton Mifflin could we still receive the materials on time.

The Superintendent indicated that if the Board voted to stay with Houghton Mifflin it is possible to receive the materials on time.

PASSED AS AMENDED - 2-2 (This is the vote for the Motion below, as amended.)

Cheryl Grymes	AYE
Ashley Smith Juarez	AYE
Becki Couch	NAY
Paula Wright	NAY

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

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the adoption and purchase of the recommended District-Wide Grades 3-5 EngageNY (Expeditionary Learning) Reading Instructional Materials, as amended.

Vote Results

Motion: Paula Wright

Second: Rebecca Couch

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board move to amend by striking Common Core from the description and the Gap Analysis. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Ashley Juarez

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Not Present
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Not Present
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Not Present
Paula Wright	- Aye

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman