



Duval County Public Schools

March 4, 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, Board 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. 2008 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS

Minutes:

Congratulations to the more than 80 Duval County Public Schools' teacher who recently earned National Board Certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Achieving National Board Certification is the highest symbol of professional teaching excellence. Each of these individuals worked hard to achieve this important designation, and we applaud your commitment and achievement!

We also want to acknowledge our partner, Duval Teachers United, who works equally hard throughout the entire certification process. Duval Teachers United assists in every aspect of the National Board Certification process.

We thank Duval Teachers United for their dedication and support in assisting our newly appointed National Board Certified Teachers achieve this important designation, and for helping Duval County public Schools achieve national leadership status in National Board Certification.

The following teachers are being recognized this evening:

Sherrie Anderson	Kelli Bailey
Elizabeth Brennan	Carol Brock
Kimberly Broderick	Gladys Brooker
Elizabeth Bungard	Jill Bunker
Joyce Chalker	Claire Clark
Jennifer Chapman	Antionette Chatmon
Christy Constande	Allison Cooke
Nicole Corbitt	Nikki Cramer
Norma Crespo-Lowery	Julia Crowe
Christen Crimmel	Jamie Deffes
Christine Dix	Amanda Doan
Casie Doyle	Judith Evans
Michele Fleming	Joanne Gaba
Jennifer Gaulier	Patricia Geiger
Kimberly Gerber	Nicole Gilbert
Barbara Green	Melanie Hammer
Anne Henderson	Jayne Hicks
Robin Hogan	Holly Hughes
Corrie Inman	Mary Johnson
Reynirio Jiminez	Brigitte Kimes
Joanne Kresge	Bridget Lee
Marcia Luettchau	Loela Marinelli
Diane McAloon	Anne McConnell
Laura McGough	Doris McNeill
Joanne Mechmech	Mary Mickle
Trina Middleton	Lorraine Morris
Keith Morris	Evelyn Ng
Joni Nightingale	Eden Payton
Barbara Pepper	Mary Phillips
Carol Prisby	Leigh Proctor
Hope Quilal-Lan	Margaret Reece
Angela Reier	Judith Roscoe
Michelle Roulhac	Kymberly Ryan

Tammi Sani
Fay Sharpe
Amber Smith
Yolanda Stevens
Sara Stolkner
Mikey Temples
Eric Weiss
Pamela White
Laurie Wilson

Susan Santos
Lynn Sherwin
Jennifer Stehlin
Amber Stillson
Joanne Taylor
Todd Tinsley
Debra West
Mindy Wilcox

Comments From Audience

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

Minutes:

Ms. Lauri Ellen Smith, representing the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, said they are very excited about a program being offered through our Community Affairs Division - it is the Teen Driver Challenge. Even though our teen drivers in 2006, between the ages of 15-19 accounted for only 5% of those licensed to drive, they account for 11% of all crashes and 10% of all fatal crashes. We jumped at the chance to host this program and it is going to be conducted at FCCJ and it is essentially FREE. For a \$50.00 deposit to reserve the space, the deposit is recovered upon completion of the class. It's a Friday evening and all day Saturday and it is very exciting and an interactive time spent driving on the course. The instructor is a police trainer. I wanted to share with everyone and you can visit our website: coj.net/Sheriff. All of the waivers are there, the enrollment forms and the program is going to be offered five times through the spring and summer with the first class this Friday night (3/7/08). Thank you for your support and the principals have been wonderful getting the word out.

Ms. Ann Fullam, member of the Jacksonville Symphony Guild and ACE (Arts for Complete Education), said we support the School Board in educating the whole child and to improve and increase arts education in Duval County. We recognize the value and importance of music education administers many programs to enhance music education to students in your schools. The Instrument Zoom is a hands-on program for 5th grade music classes designed to enhance music awareness and enjoyment. In this program, guild volunteers bring in an assortment of instruments for students to see, hear, touch and to play. This familiarizes the students with the different types of instruments and how each type creates its own unique sound. This becomes both becomes most informative and enjoyable for all that participate. The Harmony Grants program is a program that awards teachers \$500 grants to enhance their classroom music education programs. These grants can be used by the teachers for the purchase of instruments, sound systems, music scores, books, guest performers, etc. Teachers who have received Harmony grants have been able to provide an experience for their students that would not have, otherwise, been available. The Dosen Program trains guild volunteers to go to elementary schools and prepare those classes that will be attending the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra Young Peoples Concerts. Their role is to familiarize students with every aspect of the concert. The Scholarship Program is a program that each year awards the talented young people \$1,000 scholarships to further their musical education. The guild works for the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and area music teachers to hold auditions for the scholarships. Scholarship winners perform at a special performance at the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. Like you, our emphasis is on the benefits of the students. We thank you for your continued support of the music programs already in place in your schools and ask that you enhance these programs as you have the ability to do so. We will be a help to you and your students.

Ms. Carla Bourg stated that 80% of the prison inmates are functionally illiterate and many have not been diagnosed as dyslexic. Students who perform poorly, must be evaluated and diagnosed early and not be ignored. Corrective action must be taken as they see other students progress. Some children are even taunted by their teachers. It is our responsibility to assist these children. We do have a great support group; please contact me. Thank you.

Mr. Dave Siebert said last weekend, I accomplished something bigger than anything else in my life. I held a

small forum with two candidates that were interviewed by students on my radio station. I was amazed that some of the issues were very adult and these candidates were very accountable to the questions they were asked. You can always find candidates to participate in a forum. This is something the Duval County Public Schools could do. We're educating children but we must make them become citizens. You could publish this on your website.

Mr. Lad Hawkins spoke about the Craig field runway extension and brought an elaborate handout. Comments from DCA: "The City has not sufficiently evaluated the consistency of the amendment with the goals, objectives and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan as they relate to safety and compatibility with the development in the vicinity of Craig Airport. Under Section 163.3177(6)(j)5 and 7, Florida Statutes, local governments should ensure compatibility between future land use and transportation elements; and compatibility of airports, projected airports and aviation development with surrounding land uses through their comprehensive planning process. As such, Section 163.3177(10)(i), FS, requires the State Land Planning Agency to consider land use compatibility in the vicinity of all airports in coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation."

Mr. Hank Oltmanns spoke about the runway expansion and he expressed his opposition. The Department of Transportation has opposed this recommendation and the hazard still exists.

Ms. Melissa Gross-Arnold, representing Imagine Schools, non profit, said we look forward to working with staff and we hope to open this school for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. John Turner shared his five point plan to fix our failing school district: (1) All elementary schools return to the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic with a heavy emphasis on phonics; (2) Eliminate the achievement gap; (3) Do an independent audit of the entire district; (4) Provide clean and safe schools for every student, teacher and staff; and (5) Begin building new schools where they are needed and require heavy impact fees on greedy developers.

This school district has a \$1.8 billion dollar budget which is larger than the City's budget including police, fire and rescue and yet, no full scale audit in over a decade. Why? Now that Amendment One passed, the district must find other ways to save money other than firing teachers or closing schools. I venture to guess that a full scale and independent audit will expose over \$25 million dollars in waste, fraud and abuse. That should be plenty of money to offset the anticipated revenue loose from Amendment One.

Mr. Edward Exson said we are now living in changing times and some of that change is welcome by many. Phenomenal numbers of people are registering and voting, clamoring for change. Some racism is abating. Evolution is now being taught in public schools while great masses of intelligent people are leaving the church. Chief Judge called a fellow judge a "SOB" that was published. Some dedicated, courageous people are standing up and speaking truth to power. However, some unlisted changing experiences are useless and detrimental. Let the world know there are those like Pastor Gundy and so-called Reverend Juan Gray speaking in the name of the SCLC. The local SCLC is not a legal organization in the state of Florida, pursuant to Florida Statutes XXXVI Chapter 617. These men must be exposed as they are hustling, panhandling and hoodwinking - trying to identify as being ones that the city must negotiate with on behalf of the black population. Equally devastating is the oppression that is imposed by black politicians that cast votes for their benefactors that are diametrically against the best interest of their constituents. They have the audacity to think they are free and important!

Mr. Eddie Diamond, Jr. spoke about the contamination at Darnell Cookman and that there is no SCLC in Jacksonville. We have many people doing good work in Jacksonville and they're trying to stop crime. There is one man in Jacksonville that you can trust and go by his word...that is Nat Glover. When he says something will happen, I can tell you, it will. We have too many great minds among us - don't let several divide us. Remember, it's all about education.

Ms. Marilyn Jones spoke about her son, Adrian Jones, and plead with the Board and Superintendent to allow her son to receive an education in Jacksonville. We all have suffered a great deal of emotional problems because of the way Adrian has been treated. Ms. Jones made a formal complaint to Ms. Patricia Willis and to Vicki Reynolds when she met with them on February 5, 2008. There were documents that Ms. Jones could not sign as they would incriminate her. Ms. Jones requested a meeting between the Superintendent, her husband and herself immediately. We are talking about an innocent child - please allow him to have an education in Duval County. He's been out of school for 30 days now.

Mr. Alexander Jones, husband of Marilyn Jones, also spoke about their son. Mr. Jones said he has not been playing an active role in his son's life but would like to sit down and get this matter resolved as soon as possible.

Mr. Amol Khedkar spoke about the cell phone policy on school buses. There are circumstances in enforcing no usage that could put a child at harm. My daughter's activities bus ran 1 1/2 hours late and I wouldn't be informed. Please look into this rule and consider a clause that would cover emergencies, etc. Thank you.

Mr. Stanley Scott said the last time he was here, he spoke about accountability, from the bottom up, goals, the FCAT, discipline in schools, and the lack of decision-making - N. B. Forrest High School's name change. How about selecting Joseph Wise as Superintendent instead of looking within the district? School Board members are not getting involved in the communities and education needs a step up. Mr. Scott said he is disappointed with the African American leadership on the Board. He supports the teachers and we all must get involved in education. We have two of the best schools in the country and way too many dropouts, as well.

Ms. Debra Jahns-Nelsen spoke about Audit Committee meetings. Please continue with these meetings as they are very important. There are four material weaknesses and eight inefficiencies. Accountability is crucial.

The Chairman stated for the record that we have had two Audit Committee meetings since January, 2008. We do appreciate your comments and we'll make sure we're on top of those things.

Comments From Parent Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman wished Rachel Raneri, District Advisory Council chairman, a speedy recovery. Mrs. Raneri emailed the Board members the minutes from the February 25, 2008 meeting. This will be no report this evening.

PTA: Chris Buckley on behalf of Pam Kinnevan, PTA President:

The next general meeting will be held March 18, 2008 in the Cline Auditorium, here in the district building. Hospitality begins at 9:30 am with our business meeting beginning promptly at 10:00 am. This meeting is open to all PTA members.

On March 26-27, PTA members will travel to Tallahassee to discuss adequate funding of education and other education issues with our legislators. DCCPTA took action today to encourage our local units to send a message to our legislators opposing the severe funding cuts affecting our schools now and in the years to come.

On April 17, we will hold our Spring Leadership Workshop at the Schultz Center. This workshop will provide training for PTA officers and board members to be effective leaders in their schools. This workshop will include classes covering the role of the PTA president, treasurer, secretary, as well as the role of various chairpersons. We encourage all PTA members to attend this workshop. Along with our workshop on April 17, PTA will hold a vendor's fair. Everyone with a need to do fundraising is invited to the Vendor's Fair.

Again, many of our members are working to prepare for the next opening of the Teacher Supply Depot which will take place on March 20 - 3:00-6:00 pm. We encourage all teachers and principals to take advantage of all the Teacher Supply Depot has to offer.

PTAs should now be preparing to join the celebration in recognizing their PTA members and volunteers at the May 6 Jacksonville Sun's baseball game. In the pre-game activities, PTAs of the Year will be recognized for their good work in schools. PTA members may show their membership card and will get half off admission and their children may get in for just \$1.00. Additionally, anyone volunteering 50+ hours this year may get a certificate to get them in FREE. Other ways to recognize our schools are being planned. We hope to see many PTA members and volunteers join in the celebration of good things going on in our public

schools.

If there are any issues that the School Board or Superintendent would like PTA to address, please contact us. Thank you.

Comments From Employee Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes: No comments made this meeting.

Student Achievement, Reform Activities, And Reports

[SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Pratt-Dannals spoke on two issues: Strategic Planning and the Budget Process.

The Strategic process is about half way through with common goals for moving by core beliefs and theory of action. A number of elements that are key parts to the plan with goals, key strategies and actions to accomplish this. We don't anticipate a two-inch volume with this plan. There will be visibility to have the public at large see where we're heading and be accountable with clarity. What's important is what to fund and what not to fund - accountability - where to make progress and measure. Engage the public at large and parents with mentoring, etc. We have identified the six goals and they are on our website. We are working with the World Class Alliance and they're assisting us in every way possible. A third session with the Alliance will be held tomorrow, March 5 and in a Board workshop on March 11. We'll have a draft copy available to the public and we'll receive input from the public to finalize this document. We look forward to this process and plan to take it to the Board in May. Our fiscal year begins July 1. This will be a living document to accomplish those large goals. I look forward to working with the Board on this process.

Budget shortfalls - we will workshop this next Tuesday, March 11 with a Special Meeting regarding Budget Reductions. We locked into our budget early on - \$12 million now and another \$10.6 million to cut. This process is becoming more challenging; required cost versus the revenue with a \$75 million dollar gap - a 7-8% cut. Our costs continue to rise as well as medical. We'll look at every line item in the budget and we'll workshop this on Tuesday.

Impact on Class Size Amendment - Jacksonville did not vote for this; Amendment One - Duval County did not approve this but the state did. \$75 million dollars over the next four years; sales tax shortfall; costs increase in the new IDEA (students with special needs); accountability, A+; and No Child Left Behind Act - we're being squeezed into a straight jacket and everything is becoming increasingly challenging. We must acquire high quality principals and teachers which is a very competitive business.

The Superintendent turned the meeting over to Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer:

Darnell Cookman - the February 28 Information Meeting at the school helped reinforce the facts. We continue to work with the city and they will address all of our schools in cleanup and we'll continue to work closely with them.

After spring break, 4/7/08, students will be housed in the new facility at North Shore Elementary. We still have work to do on the site, but we're really excited and a new stadium will be constructed.

We're approaching the groundbreaking for the new high school, AAA, at Baymeadows and 9A around the

end of May. We'll get the word out with much community interest expected.

Boundary Change - Last week I had a meeting with the parents at Martin Luther King Elementary. There had been an item proposed this evening for a boundary change and the boundary change was associated with a magnet grant which was to dedicate Henry Kite Elementary as a dedicated magnet program. After meeting with the parents and listening intently, it was clear to me that the process and the information flow which was stunted somewhat, the community at large could rally around and embrace for any change at that time and I recommended to the Superintendent, subsequently, the boundary proposed change was pulled from the agenda not to be put back on next month, at this time. Henry Kite Elementary will an IB program but not a dedicated magnet - a whole school magnet. Students will maintain the middle school continuity to James Weldon Johnson, Darnell Cookman and will expand to three more schools: Fort Caroline Middle, Lake Shore Middle and Paxon Middle School. In essence, the students who attend Henry Kite, will have a greater choice of five schools. We learned to modify the notification process for parents to be more inclusive and do better in the future.

Academic Community Excellence Facilities Plan - we began an effort to get the word out about what this is going to be and primarily, where it's going to be and what it's going to be. We contacted newspapers, the Superintendent sent out a letter, we have website information, we've been working with the District Advisory Council, School Advisory Councils and PTA for some time getting geared up for this as we want large community awareness for what these meetings are going to be about. Next week, we'll have two meetings: March 11 at Fletcher High School and on March 13 at Englewood High School. Those are the first two next week. A couple of weeks later, we'll have two follow-ons. The locations were chosen around the city in the four quadrants. The idea was to have an access point around the city so that parents could attend a location that was somewhat central to that quadrant. Not every meeting will be held at the same school. The first series of meetings have been identified. We look forward to a good turn out at Fletcher and that first meeting will allow us to fine tune the agenda. The plan is to have a consistent approach for every meeting and we plan to have three different series of meetings. My staff has worked very hard on this to come up with a good plan on the communication side and the content is most important, as well. What's this all about? Education first and also the facilities piece and how that fits. We'll always have some schools that are over-burdened and we must look at the entire district and evaluate the best way for long term changes and recommendations. We plan to bring forth recommendations to the Board that are constructive and eliminate some back log in September. A facility should serve the students well and everyone should be able to learn. We'll have more information coming in the near future.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice Chairman

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member

Reports

[1. READING REPORT - MS. SHARON SANDERS](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Sanders introduced the team and did a PowerPoint presentation on *A Partnership for Reading Success* - (see attachment):

Michelle Spence, Robin Frost, April Croy and Dawn Kaunike

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 4, 2008, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the March 4, 2008, Agenda as submitted on February 26 2008, with the changes listed in the agenda item. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Thomas Hazouri

Second: Martha Barrett

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:

- January 8, 2008 - Board Retreat
- January 30, 2008 - Board Workshop
- February 5, 2008 - Regular Meeting
- February 12, 2008 - Special Meeting
- February 12, 2008 - Special - Student Expulsion Hearings
- February 12, 2008 - Board Audit Committee
- February 12, 2008 - Board Workshop
- February 19, 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: Nancy Broner	
Second: Thomas Hazouri	
Kristanna Barnes	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Kristanna Barnes	
Second: Martha Barrett	
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 RESOURCES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS](#)

Attachment: [HRS_Attach1_03-04-08_TRANS.pdf](#)

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve the Human Resource Services employee transactions listed on the attachment.	-
Vote Results	
Motion:	

Second:

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

2. SUSPENSIONS WITHOUT PAY

Attachment: [HRS_Attach2_03-04-08_susp.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speaker:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

1. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board accept for use and consideration the Superintendent's Final Monthly Financial Statements for the month ending December 31, 2007, and a draft of Monthly Financial Statements for month ending January 31, 2008 as presented.

Vote Results

Motion:

Second:

Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment

~~1. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR HENRY F. KITE ELEMENTARY NO. 37 AND MARTIN LUTHER KING ELEMENTARY NO. 220 - WITHDRAWN~~

Attachment: ~~XX-NEWKiteattachment.pdf~~

Attachment: ~~B-C-SG-KITE.pdf~~

2. CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR IMAGINE CHARTER SCHOOL

Attachment: [xx-REV-ATT-Imagine-Charter-School.pdf](#)

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

1. CONSERVATION EASEMENT AT NEW K-8 SCHOOL "DD" NO. 274 (103rd ST. AND CONNIE JEAN RD.)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-103rdpreservation03.pdf](#)

Attachment: [xx-ATT-103rdpreservation02.pdf](#)

Attachment: [B-C-CONSERV-EAS-274.pdf](#)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-103rdpreservation01.pdf](#)

2. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF FISH DATA

Attachment: [XX-ATT-Annual-Cert-FISH-DATA.pdf](#)

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

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

3. CONSOLIDATION OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS: FIRE ALARM UPGRADES

Attachment: [B-C-FIRE-ALARM066.pdf](#)

4. NEW BARTRAM SPRINGS K-5 SCHOOL NO. 161: CONTRACT AWARD FOR CM AT RISK FIRM AND GMP

Attachment: [B-C-161.pdf](#)

5. NEW WATERLEAF K-5 SCHOOL NO. 160: CONTRACT AWARD FOR CM AT RISK FIRM AND A GMP

Attachment: [B-C-WATER160.pdf](#)

6. EGRESS IMPROVEMENTS AT LEE HIGH SCHOOL AND FORREST HIGH SCHOOL: DP CONTRACT AWARD

Attachment: [B-C-EGRESS-LEE-FORREST.pdf](#)

7. NEW HIGH SCHOOL "AAA" NO. 268: PHASE III DOCUMENTS

Attachment: [B-C-AAA-268.pdf](#)

8. HVAC REPLACEMENT AT A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH NO. 285: PHASE III DOCUMENTS

Attachment: [B-C-HVAC-285.pdf](#)

9. HVAC AT MANDARIN AND FIRST COAST HIGH SCHOOLS – STAGE II: PHASE III DOCUMENTS

Attachment: [BC-HVAC-260-265.pdf](#)

10. PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR ED. FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: NEW AND RENEWAL

Attachment: [XX-ATT-PREQUAL-RENEWAL.pdf](#)

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

11. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: FACILITIES SERVICES CHANGE ORDER RPT. (FEBRUARY 2008)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-C-O-RPT-FEB08.pdf](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

2. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

Attachment: [04March08.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [March 08.pdf](#)

Attachment: [06March08.pdf](#)

Attachment: [05March08.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ROMAR08.pdf](#)

Attachment: [07March08.pdf](#)

1. CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES

Attachment: [RECOMMENDED REJECTIONS1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES-final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM_03-4-08.pdf](#)

3. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA (GSA) 1, 2, 3 AND 4 CONTRACTS WITH LAIDLAW TRANSIT INC. AND FIRST STUDENT INC.

Attachment: [XX-ATT-GSA2final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-GSA3final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-GSA4final.pdf](#)
Attachment: [XX-ATT-GSA1final.pdf](#)
Attachment: [B-C-Amend-GSA.pdf](#)

4. REPLACEMENT ITEM: RENEWAL OF PROPERTY INSURANCE

Attachment: [XX-ATT-DuvalProp08-09final02-28-08.pdf](#)

Academic Services - School Curriculum and Programs

3. FLORIDA MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROPOSAL

Attachment: [FINALBudgetMSPDuval2008Yr1.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Grant BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM 01-14-08.pdf](#)

1. APPROVE EXPENDITURES AS INDICATED IN CHOICE GRANT PROPOSAL

Attachment: [STARS CURRICULUM Invoice Summary.pdf](#)
Attachment: [STARS GIS ACADEMY BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES.pdf](#)

2. GRANT PROPOSAL: PLUS ONE PILOT PROGRAM FOR LOW PERFORMING SCHOOLS

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

Discussion

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

3. SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY

Attachment: [HRS_Attach3_03-04-08_susp.pdf](#)

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Thomas Hazouri

Kristanna Barnes - Aye

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Nay

Victoria Drake - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Nay

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

2. BUDGET REDUCTIONS 2007 - 2008 - WITHDRAWN

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

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board grant authority to the Superintendent to implement possible reductions, if required, to the 2007- 2008 Budget necessitated by State funding reductions estimated at \$10.6 million.

Vote Results

Motion:

Second:

Operations - Transportation

1. FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: AMEND BOARD POLICY: EEAE - BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

Attachment: [xx-ATT-BD-POL-MAN-File-EEAE-Bus-Safety-Program.pdf](#)

Attachment: [B-C-TRANS-POLICY-CHG.pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

Amend Board Policy: EEAE - Bus Safety Program

The Chairman asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak to the Board regarding this item, there being no response, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and approve the attached a changes in language of the Bus Emergency Evacuation Drills, and Instruction in Bus Safety Practices policies, School Board Policy Manual, Section E Support Services, File: EEAE, BUS SAFETY PROGRAM, to include amended language from Chapter 6A-3, Florida Administrative Code, State Board of Education Transportation Rules. - 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

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

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

April 9-11, 2008 - Tallahassee, FL - 21st Annual FSBA Day in the Legislature - Barnes, Barrett, Broner, Burney, Drake, Hazouri, and Priest Jackson

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board Members Travel: April 9-11, 2008 - Tallahassee, FL - 21st Annual FSBA Day in the Legislature - Barnes, Barrett, Broner, Burney, Drake, Priestly Jackson - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Kristanna Barnes

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

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

No Travel for the Superintendent

For The Record

[FOR THE RECORD](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Barnes said that she and Vicki Drake attended "CHOPS" - Jacksonville Film Festival last year with the final showing at the Museum of Contemporary Art. This is a documentary from 2002-2006 whereas a producer who was a father of a child attending at the time Douglas Anderson School of the Arts and was part of the Jazz Ensemble. The movie will be released this May. Douglas Anderson's Jazz Ensemble has been selected once again for the Duke Ellington High School Jazz competition at the Lincoln Center in New York City on May 15, 2008. This Jazz Ensemble was picked in 2004, 2006 and now, 2008. Please see the movie as it is incredible.

Ms. Barnes commended art teacher Ms. Delaney at Southside Middle School - she is doing incredible things with her students. She has many special education students - Art for Autism - and a seventh grader has his art work on coffee bags at Publix - congratulations!

Ms. Barnes spoke about "Holograms at Englewood" - Mr. Pugh exposed the students to something different and this is very exciting!

Ms. Drake congratulated Douglas Anderson School of the Arts for being a finalist in the Duke Ellington Jazz competition.

Ms. Drake spoke about the Jacksonville Children's Zone whereas you identify an area in New York such as Harlem and you start from prebirth through college including prenatal care, parental training, early intervention, pre-kindergarten; reading, etc. through college age. We are replicating what they have done here in Jacksonville in two of our schools - Eugene Butler Middle School and S. P. Livingston Elementary. I am so proud of our children and the principals at these schools. I visited these schools with some community leaders and we were absolutely blown away by the work that is ongoing at these schools. You can't imagine how these programs are turning around those precious lives. This project will continue to offer great things to these children in our district.

Mr. Hazouri thanked the Mandarin and Southside community for attending the recent community meeting. Please mark your calendars for another meeting to be held on March 18 at Lee High School; there are renovations scheduled in the near future and we will invite the alumni to attend the meeting.

Mr. Hazouri wished our schools and students success with the upcoming FCAT; students need to get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast to be prepared for the test.

Ms. Broner said we had a very serious, near tragedy in a LaCrosse game with one of our students from Fletcher High. He's doing very well and hopes to return to school next week. I want to compliment the coaches and staff with their quick thinking in getting Jaime emergency treatment that was vital...thank you!

Ms. Broner reminded everyone about the meeting at Fletcher High School on March 11 at 6:00 pm to discuss facilities and boundaries.

Ms. Broner said she received an email from Dr. Cantor in raising awareness to everyone about March being Multiple Sclerosis month - I want to highlight this.

Ms. Broner mentioned an item on the Consent Agenda this evening - Choice Grant proposal - Sandalwood High School - a career academy that is working; high school diploma, certification, etc. Many wonderful career programs that are ongoing and available to our students.

Ms. Barrett recently attended Fort Caroline Middle Schools Showcase - adding on the IB program there - congratulations!

Ms. Priestly Jackson said she recently spent some time at Kirby Smith Middle School and had a great time. Do you realize that it is a majority male school? Documentaries, editing, filming, humane treatment to animals and animal rights, video game room, computer keyboarding, 6th and 7th grade pre-engineering, robotics, visual arts and 3D art; learning styles based on gender - fantastic curriculum for everyone.

Ms. Priestly Jackson said she visited Northwestern Middle School today and shared some encouragement to the students in preparation for the FCAT. They are ready! There are different learning styles and the students will be successful.

Ms. Barnes wanted to add that the Art Walk downtown is every Wednesday - starts the opening of an exhibit

- the New View - many faces of the St. John's River and it's free. Julie Harris at Hendricks Avenue Elementary School has some of her work on display.

Ms. Burney said that Martin Luther King Elementary School held a contest to name the different hallways in the school. The winner had an opportunity to read their essay and read it with such vivid imagination.

Ms. Burney said that on March 9, the president of Florida A&M is coming to Shiloh Baptist Church and he will be giving away scholarships on the spot.

Ms. Burney said this past week she was in New York - Harlem - and a vast number of parents said they were not going to allow the state to label their school. Every age is important in a child's life.

Adjournment

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The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman