



Duval County Public Schools

May 5, 2009, Regular Board Meeting

Ms. Betty Burney
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Chairman
Mr. Stan Jordan
Mr. W. C. Gentry
Ms. Nancy Broner
Ms. Vicki Drake
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD with Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel, Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman, Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman and Board members: Ms. Nancy Broner, Ms. Betty Burney, Ms. Vicki Drake, Mr. W. C. Gentry, and Mr. Stan Jordan, present.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes:

Deacon James Scott
Christ the King Catholic Church

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Presentations

[1. 2008-2009 BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Terrie Brade, Duval Teachers United president, commented, as follows:

"For those who don't know, DTU wrote the original bill to establish and acknowledge those individuals who would like to raise the bar for professional development through the National Board Certification. The day we wrote the bill, Senator Horne, at that time... we had one National Board Certified teacher in Duval County. We now, Duval County is in the top 20 in the United States of those of you who have stepped up and done the tremendous task of becoming Nationally Board Certified. I remember the first time DTU partnered for the district to do mentoring and the first time, the first class of teachers got the black box delivered to them and they opened it and said, "what are we in for?" and "what are we doing?" and "the money's not worth it!" Well, at the end of the process, they realized it was more than just about the money...it was about the professional development, raising the bar, and what you were going to be able to do to provide a greater amount of instruction in a more professional level of instruction for each of your students. Each of you get it every day because you stand before your students everyday and you want the best skills possible to move your students forward, so to that, we love the partnership we've had in the district. We love each one of your levels of commitment to your students and to your profession and we thank you and congratulate each and every one of you. Also, the legislature refunded your money for next year so that's a good thing. I want you to know that your level of your Board...you're the only county left in the state of Florida that has a separate stipend for Nationally Board Certified teachers in this county. So, to that, they honor and value you, also, so congratulations!

This year, 79 Duval County Public Schools' teachers 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 would like 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:

Heather Albritton, Edith Atkins, Sarah Baierl; Alexandria Baltimore; Lisa Blake, Kimberly Brody, Tia Brown, Matthew Campese, Sheila Clinton, Jeannie Cook, Jill Cross, Jessica Cumber, Tonya Davis, Jill Diberardino, Rebecca Dobson, Deborah Dresbach, Melissa Dumas, Jenny Feldman, Sherrie Graham, Carol Griffin, Noella Griner, Diane Harvey, Teeha Hawthorne, Elizabeth Herrmann, James Hicken, Michelle Hinkley, Amanda Hohne, David Holcombe, Melanie Holtsman, Brooke Huffman, Zubaidah Jernigan, Peter Keeves, Mary Krieger, Lindsay Layendecker, Michael Levine, Dana Long, Michael Lueckert, Julie Madden, Timothy Maki, Melanie Manuel, Denise McFarland, Shannon McGlynn, Carrie McLeod, Carrie Millican, Elaine Morris, Martin Niebauer, Jennifer Ossi, Amanda Page, Alexis Paul, rosemary Reese, Cynthia Rice, Bria Robert, Katherine Robertson, Tracy Rogers, Kimberly Rowe, Tammy Ruffian, Judith Schmidt, Vicki Scott, Kristin Shannon, Letitia Silas, Sharon Silver, Zabrina Smith, Sharon Soder, April Stephens, Cheryl Steve, Heidi Taylor, Taffee Timmons, Randi Timmons, Jacqueline Tinsley, Marie Tobias, Sherryl Tonge-George, Vincent Viscariello, Darcy Webb, Jaime Weber, Dawn Wiles, Patricia Williams and Derek & Misha Wooten (husband and wife team), Dayna Yarbrough.

Comments From Audience

[COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Alena Hunt said I've lived here in Jacksonville for most of my life and I am certified in gardens 1-6. I was hired in 1998 as a Language Arts teacher and received satisfactory on all evaluations. I stand here before you because I am being terminated for unjust cause. At the Administrative Hearing, I was given only 20 minutes to present my side and was not allowed to present exhibits. There was no evidence that I didn't get along with parents. My representative did not present my exhibits. I taught five years in elementary and five years in middle school. Each time I transferred, it was marked "administrative transfer" by mistake as I did nothing wrong. I can produce my documents to you and it's been a privilege teaching every student. Thank you for letting me present the facts to you.

Mr. D. Gray Thomas, member of a lawfirm, Sheppard, White, Thomas & Kachergus, and I'm here tonight representing Rhona Silver, a teacher who is on the agenda for potential suspension. I provided a letter to the members of the Board earlier this afternoon with respect to this matter and, hopefully, with Ms. Reynolds' assistance, was

distributed to the Board and that may give you a little bit of advance and heads up on what our view is of this situation. Rhona Silver is a teacher who has been with Duval County Public Schools for 31 years. She has an exemplary record. It has never been blemished in the entire 31 years until the present allegation arose. This allegation dates from an investigation that commenced last fall based on an accusation initiated by one individual in the classroom. I'm here to urge you not to suspend her pending further proceedings. This is not the ordinary case of teacher misconduct that should cause this Board to initiate the suspension without pay. Ms. Silver has dedicated her entire career and, indeed, her personal life to the improvement of conditions and the education and growth of autistic children. In fact, she's raised her own child who has Asperger's Syndrome who is now in his 20's. Asperger's is a type of autism. So, she's dedicated herself even on a personal side to this. She is not someone who would have mistreated a child that is alleged in this situation. I'd like to also point out a couple things that suggests that the accusation does not withstand scrutiny because it lacks credibility. An aide in the class who is a full time aide, in there all day long, every day, says it didn't happen. The accusation was made by an intern fresh out of college who had been in the classroom for a very short amount of time and the accusation was made by this intern weeks after the intern claimed that the event occurred. During this entire time, this intern was telling her professor at UNF, that everything was fine in this classroom and there were no problems. Also, in this classroom, is an open door classroom. There are only seven students in the classroom with professionals coming in and out of the classroom all of the time...occupational therapists, physical therapists, coaches, administrators, teachers from other classrooms and had this child been removed in the way that's alleged, it would have been noticed and reported. Thank you.

Ms. Sara Pack said Ms. Silver is why I'm here tonight. Our son was kicked out of prekindergarten. Even in special education, he was still sent home. We tried to get our son at the school with Ms. Silver and we even sold our home and moved into the district where she taught. When has been the only teacher who has helped our son and our family. Ms. Silver is more than just a teacher...she is a saint. Our family could not have made it without her. She taught our son for three years. He had trouble in fourth grade after leaving her classroom. She is being accused of something she did not do. It's not within her being. Please look at the facts.

Mr. Matthew Pack said Ms. Silver is a wonderful woman and has been very nice to my family. She has two sons and they are friends of mine. She has been a wonderful teacher and my brother was in her class and his behavior improved. He wasn't aggressive and the "melt downs" weren't as common. He didn't argue and, basically, became a good kid. Subsequently, he was kicked out of middle school and presently lives with our grandmother in Tennessee. Ms. Silver has always been there for our family and many others. Please reconsider.

Ms. Tanya Tsoutsos spoke in support of Ms. Silver. My daughter spent two years in her classroom. She's a beautiful person and has done so much for the autistic community. We are horrified because the charges are unjust and I'm distraught over this. My daughter entered her class at age three and became a different child.

Ms. Kayleigh Nielsen spoke in support of Ms. Silver. The intern falsely accused Ms. Silver. Her principal, colleagues and friends don't believe the allegations against her.

Please reconsider.

Ms. Christine Creel said she had three children in private school and now they're in public schools - the gifted and academically talented school at Susie Tolbert. We made this choice for their education. Duval County has a gem in this program at Tolbert. Please consider how well the program is working as it is now. The students are being challenged and receive great attention from their teachers. Changing this would force teachers to separate their time and teaching which would not provide a good service. We are extremely pleased with the public education system.

Mr. Bhushan Godbole spoke about magnet teachers and motivated students in the system. I have three children and have seen the entire cross section and feel I'm in the right system and very pleased with it. Please keep the great network you presently have working. Continue working hard at the elementary level to continue through the rigorous curriculum when you reach high school. You have an excellent, model program. Some students need an inclusive program and some have goals that differ from the gifted and academically talented program. You must emphasize the need of the complications in the world today; you must do well in the math and science areas. Please don't do a disservice to the students and please continue with academic excellence and achievement and not demographics.

Mr. Ashu Ganju said his son attends Susie Tolbert which has an accelerated learning program that is not available anywhere else in Jacksonville. That's where we are and there is a challenge in this program. Please don't mix everyone up. I go on bike rides and ride as a group. Not everyone can ride at the same pace and longevity...different makeups for different bodies. My son wants to attend Paxon and the teachers are building these students up for the future.

Mr. Himanshu Mehta spoke in support of the magnet programs at Susie Tolbert and R. V. Daniels. Our daughter is reading challenged on a daily basis. Changing this program will impact the students. It would be impossible to keep an average when you mix up the children and try to bring up the standards which would be a very difficult task. This is not a good choice.

Mr. Tom Gyorog spoke in support of the magnet programs at Susie Tolbert. I have a second grader at R.V. Daniels and have learned about the program. I am requesting that the method not be changed in the accelerated programs. If the program changes in significant ways, I'd like my child to remain with the gifted students without the distraction of classroom shuffling which causes extra burdens.

Mr. Michael Wiley said I have three children attending both R. V. Daniels and Susie Tolbert. My wife is the PTA president at both schools. Dr. Hague challenged a group at both schools - alternatives to reform the structure at the schools. They have completed their work and will submit their memo with recommendations. Please look at this document. These programs are extraordinary, cultural, racial and diverse. A survey Task Force with over 200 participants clearly show any changes to this magnet program will result in large scale departure and a large loss of academic achievement. This would be devastating to all of us. I am a strong supporter of public schools and this neighborhood brings all kinds of students. Please review this memo during the

next few days.

Mr. John Meeks said, "Happy Cinco de Mayo" and this month marks the 35th anniversary of Duval Teachers United which I'm a proud member. I'd like to explain that I have taught at Mayport Middle School since 2002 and we opened in 1978 with 1,000 students and, today, with 650 students. The reason why I'm here is because Horace Mann, the great advocate for public schools, said, "*Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.*" Albeit a small victory we can achieve at Mayport Middle School. I tell my Civic students - if there's something you don't like in government, it is your responsibility, duty and obligation as a citizen, to advocate, advocate, advocate. The decline in enrollment has been an issue that weighs heavily on my heart because if you know that we're aware of this...the students are also aware of this. We must wear more hats. We do have classrooms that are empty and I'm advocating to do something about that. Please don't give up - I won't and you shouldn't either. My dream is on a fair footing with other schools; transportation costs, ACE, and giving all our schools a fair shake.

Mr. Stanley Scott said it's all about our students. I am very disappointed that you have cut other things besides teachers and at the administration building. I'm concerned about the students and what is going on in this world. Ringing a bell...upset about the leadership with the African Americans and students not going to school and not getting jobs. The crime rate is going up and the continual lack of leadership and intellectual stupidity. No one is ringing the bell even the pastors. City Council members won't talk to the community and I'm very disappointed and yet, everyone is getting paid.

Ms. Jeannie Theriault said she has taught multiple languages for 28 years and discussed the integrity of the magnet programs. I support education in many ways and support the efforts of the district. I am a volunteer at R.V. Daniels and Susie Tolbert. The special needs of the gifted are met at these schools; increasing the graduation rate. Teaching is very effective. I invite you to work with us and come up with a model program on how to train the teachers. Please visit us at both schools.

Ms. Nancy Hogshead-Makar spoke in support of Susie Tolbert and R.V. Daniels. Our Task Force has worked very hard and the magnet classrooms are the most diverse group. The children speak in multiple languages, we have incredible diversity and rewards. The curriculum is demanding for both children and parents but they thrive. Differentiated instruction will not work with all children - both high and low - require extra support. It is not fair for a teacher to teach such a wide gap.

Mr. Yibo Huang said his daughter attends R.V. Daniels in the second grade. Please go in the right direction. The magnet program is both outstanding and difficult. Please don't change the program. We are so proud to be an American citizen and to have freedom. We want to choose the best for our children...the magnet program in Florida and in the country. I urge the Board to reconsider changing this program. Thank you.

Ms. Misha Wooten, a parent of two children at R.V. Daniels and we are very pleased with the rigor. We looked at Jacksonville Beach and Axson and saw the diversity. We chose this school because of the hands-on abilities, different cultures and were very impressed. Ms. Wooten spoke about having the magnet program dissolved, intensive reading teachers. I want everyone to succeed. I've taught both types - high and low

levels and it's very difficult teaching both in the same classroom and very challenging. How can we get these teachers endorsed, the materials that they need, etc.?

Mr. Tom Ingram said he has two children at R.V. Daniels and Susie Tolbert and that they chose those programs after a huge amount of research. We pulled them out of private schools for the magnet program, the rigor and diversity. You must apply a rigorous look at this issue and read the Task Force reports. The neighborhood schools are not performing as well. Let's have the magnet students as the same as the neighborhood students. You have one of the best programs in the county and anyone can sign up for this magnet. Please preserve this program which is a great benefit for many families.

Comments From Parent Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

District Advisory Council - Rachel Raneri:

Good evening and Happy Cinco de Mayo! The District Advisory Council met on Monday, April 27, 2007. Unfortunately, the Board was in session for a Special meeting at the same time. Mr. Jon Fox joined us to explain what budget constraints may mean to school athletics in the future. I think the group was relieved by his report.

Kathy LeRoy gave us a very indepth report on how the Stimulus Funds will be used when they come in. She also explained the summer programs and the changes to Title I and what they mean. Ms. LeRoy supplied us with a wealth of information and will make it available electronically for easier distribution.

Normally, the DAC does not meet in May due to graduations, however, with a later starting date, there is no conflict. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26 (Monday is a holiday) at 6:00 pm in the 6th floor conference room.

PTA - Annette Worthen:

I am President of the Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs. I would like to thank the DCSB and Superintendent for the support and recognition that you afford the DCCPTA. We appreciate the wonderful working relationship we have with you. As a small token of our appreciation DCCPTA has placed a PTA Purposes bookmark at each of your places.

On April 23rd the DCCPTA hosted a reception for PTA reflection winners representing Duval County at the State level. This reception was held at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts and was very well attended. Besides a big thank you to Reta our Reflections

Chair I would like to thank Mrs. Cornelius the Principal for allowing us to use the beautiful Atrium and allowing admission into the Art Gallery. I would also like to thank the Art Honor Society students who were docents in the Gallery the night of the reception.

The April DCCPTA General meeting was the turn in date for all PTA County Council Awards. We will announce all the award winners at the Annual Presidents and Principals Luncheon being held at the Jacksonville Municipal Stadium on May 27th. If any PTA or PTSA still needs to purchase tickets, please contact Lenelle Cruse at 363-1936.

Every year DCCPTA hosts a vendor's fair that is open to all PTAs/PTSAs, booster and civic clubs. This year we are trying something new. We will be hosting the vendors fair the same day - May 27th and the same location - Jacksonville Municipal Stadium, as the Presidents and Principals luncheon. The vendors fair begins at 9AM and will close at 11:30 when the luncheon begins. You do not need to attend the P&P in order to attend the vendors fair. This is an opportunity for a school Principal, PTA President, civic club and booster leaders to meet all the vendors' at one time in one location. The Principals have to sign off on any fundraising or programs that are sponsored by any of these organizations and we wanted to make it a simple one stop shop for everyone involved. We know how valuable the Principals time is and our goal is to have everyone involved in the decision making process to be in one location at one time.

We are still reminding our local unit Presidents and PTA members to contact their legislative representatives. The adequate funding of Public Education is not just something we should demand during session. We are asking parents to hold the legislators accountable for their decisions involving the education and welfare of our children year around.

The next Teacher Supply Depot is an invitation only opening and if you are interested in learning how you can receive an invitation call Chris at the Depot 381-7480. I can't begin to tell you how successful the TSD openings have been this year. There have been record breaking numbers monthly and needless to say for the year as well. DCCPTA and local unit PTAs/PTSAs have proudly provided volunteers for every opening as well as the days leading up to, and following an opening in order to stock or restock the shelves.

Rachel Raneri our Membership Chair will give a report on PTA night at the Suns when she speaks. We hope to see all of you there.

PTA is appreciative 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:

Ms. Terrie Brady, Duval Teachers United, president, said even though we're near the end of school of the 2008-09 school year, there are a lot of pending issues that are necessary for us to discuss this evening. First, I want to congratulate the new teachers who just reached the National Board status. The work and dedication that each of them had put forth on top of the day-to-day pressures of their job and personal responsibilities truly need to be celebrated this evening and throughout this year. When we wrote the legislation to promote and fund the National Board program for the state, it was because teachers that expressed a desire to achieve a higher level of skills to meet their student needs. Ever since the law was passed there have been politicians trying to raid the program. They have tried to diminish the effectiveness of the program and the success, but as always, those same teachers continue to apply to participate in the national Board program and they continue to excel in their profession. We, at DTU, will continue to be the lone voice fighting for the financial support at the state level. Again, congratulations.

Well, the session is over...kinda. DTU did everything that we committed to do. We engaged our members in a variety of tasks. We collected 455,000 pennies to demonstrate the need for additional funding through the 1 cent sales tax increase for our students. We sent huge numbers of postcards and emails but the messages of flexibility in funding and the need for new revenue so that our district can continue to grow and to move forward.

Teachers, paras, office personnel and other district unions got on buses on a Saturday morning to travel to Orlando to participate in statewide rally to make our schools a priority and thanks, Ms. Priestly Jackson, for sitting with us at the rally.

We wore red one day to demonstrate that education cuts truly do hurt and we wrote letters to the editor and we attended budget forums throughout this district. During the session,, we had some outstanding stars in the legislature fighting for our issues. Senators Wise, King and Hill did outstanding jobs standing up to pressure because they knew our students were a priority. In the House of Representatives, it was a very different case. As it relates to education issues, only a few had the courage to stand up to do the right thing for our district and students. Representatives Weinstein, Jones and Gibson stood with us on critical votes in committees and on the floor. They deserve our applause and more than that, they deserve our thanks.

Now, the hard work begins. Thanks to each of you for making our art, music, physical education, guidance, and librarians a priority for possibly reinstating of their jobs if the funding does become available. They are partners in building a total learning community in our schools and do serve a real interest and role in our schools and in our children's lives.

Now, our paras and office personnel - so far, we have 125 surplussed paras with only 63 vacancies. 10 clerk typists and 20-30 office assistants all of which have been surplussed with no indication of the number of vacancies as of yet. What we need to understand that in most cases, without these education support professionals, it makes running a school a lot more difficult. Who's going to be in the front office answering questions from the community and parents? Who helps with duty before and after school and during cafeteria duty? Who assists with the instruction of our students in

critical needs areas? Please, if resources become available, consider placement of individuals back at school sites and the Business Services to help keep the schools running and the business areas running efficiently and effectively.

Now, 71 - an important number - that stands for 71 professionals who chose to teach our students for 30+ years of their career in this district. 71 - they were who were brought back from retirement because they demonstrated excellence in their area of instruction - 71 - individuals and professionals who follow the rules and past practice of our district - 71 - who were Teachers of the Year, Nationally Board Certified recipients, recipients of school recognition money, for moving their school grades. They received MAP money for performance recipients. They received outstanding evaluations. Many of them were president of their state subject area organizations. 71 - professionals who just followed the process. 71 who have been through every reform that this district has initiated in the last 30 years. Which by the way, is alot. They received training for new programs, new initiatives, demonstrated outstanding knowledge of their subject area, and, oh and by the way, wouldn't have been brought back by their current administrators if they had not been able to demonstrate that high skill and knowledge. 71 individuals - 71 professionals who helped to build a true learning culture and community at their schools. 71 individuals and professionals who don't have a single disciplinary concern on their records. 71 who among them just might challenge their administrators if it's in the best interest of their students. 71 who are non-reappointed because they were brought back from DROP and placed on annual contract for a second and third year while 1,731 true first, second and third year teachers were allowed to follow the contract and the budget process that has been established through contract language and past practices. 71 teachers, 71 professionals who are the only ones from the other six urban districts that were non-reappointed. No other urban district treated their veteran teachers in this manner. 71 teachers, 71 professionals who deserve better, who deserve respect from the district that they have worked for for over 30+ years. If only we had waited for the session to be complete to take any action. The legislature even agreed that the current change to reemployment status in the law that passed for DROP, should not affect those currently in the process. They made the starting date in the new bill 2010 so that the rules don't change midstream and we give the dignity and respect to veteran employees. For once I can say, the legislature got it right. 71 people whose lives have changed because of a line item and a proposed budget cut list.

I'm remind of a quote by Michael Phelps that really hits home right now during these hard times and it just reads very clearly, *"So many people along the way, whatever it is you may aspire to do, will tell you that something can't be done, but all it takes is a little imagination and your dream and your plan and you can reach anything you desire. You know there will be obstacles and they'll be doubters and there will be mistakes made along the way, trust me, I know that, but with hard work and with belief and with confidence and trust in yourself and those that are around you, there are no limits. Everything can be achieved."*

Please consider your action with these 71 employees and professionals who've dedicated their lives to this district and rescind the action that has already been taken up in non-reappointment of these 71 individuals.

As in the past, DTU is always ready to partner and to move our students forward and

we look forward to our future work together. Thank you members of the Board and Mr. Superintendent.

Student Achievement, Reform Activities, And Reports

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Minutes:

TALKING POINTS

- 5TH GRADE RECOGNITION PROGRAM – CONGRATULATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD. WE APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING IN ATTENDANCE, HOWEVER, WE WERE IN A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON FOOD SERVICE UNTIL AFTER 7:00 PM
 - RECENTLY PASSED 3 IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEMS – TRANSPORTATION CHANGES SAVING THE DISTRICT \$4.8 MILLION DOLLARS; MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULING CHANGES SAVING THE DISTRICT \$13 MILLION DOLLARS; STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN CHANGES
 - WE EXPECT TO REACH A CONCLUSION REGARDING THE FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT NO LATER THAN NEXT TUESDAY, MAY 12TH. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD 2 SPECIAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER
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- HOPEFULLY, WE EXPECT TO HAVE A SHORT MEETING TONIGHT

TONY HANSBERRY:

TONIGHT WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE TONY HANSBERRY. TONY IS A 9TH GRADE STUDENT AT DARNELL-COOKMAN'S SCHOOL OF THE MEDICAL ARTS. TONY MADE LOCAL HISTORY BY BEING THE FIRST 9TH GRADE STUDENT TO PRESENT HIS RESEARCH ALONGSIDE EXPERIENCED PHYSICIANS AT THE MEDICAL EDUCATION WEEK HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA THIS PAST APRIL.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA PHYSICIANS HAVE PARTNERED WITH THE SCHOOL TO ADD SPECIAL EVENTS TO THE MEDICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND SERVE AS GUEST SPEAKERS. IT IS BELIEVED THE PROGRAM AT DARNELL-COOKMAN WILL BE THE FIRST MEDICAL MAGNET IN THE COUNTRY TO DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED MEDICAL CURRICULUM FOR GRADES 6-12.

BECAUSE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UF AND DARNELL-COOKMAN, TONY SPENT HIS SUMMER BREAK LAST YEAR INSIDE UF'S CENTER FOR SIMULATION EDUCATION AND SAFETY RESEARCH (CSESAR) AT SHANDS JACKSONVILLE. THE DIRECTOR OF CSESAR, BRUCE NAPPI, TOOK TONY UNDER HIS WING ALLOWING HIM TO TINKER WITH THE SAME EQUIPMENT AND HIGH-FIDELITY MANNEQUINS THAT PHYSICIANS AND NURSES USE IN TRAINING.

TONY BECAME INTERESTED IN MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY DURING HIS TIME AT CSESAR. OVER THE SUMMER HE DEVELOPED A TECHNIQUE THAT REDUCES SURGICAL TIME FOR MINIMALLY INVASIVE HYSTERECTOMIES. HANSBERRY PRESENTED THE PROJECT AT THE REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR AND CAME IN SECOND PLACE IN THE SENIOR GRADE 9-12 DIVISION, ALLOWING HIM TO COMPETE IN THE STATE FINALS. HIS PROJECT GOT THE ATTENTION OF UF FACULTY WHO DEEMED IT WORTHY OF BEING PRESENTED ALONGSIDE PHYSICIANS DURING THEIR MEDICAL EDUCATION WEEK.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE TONY HANSBERRY.

HIGHLAND'S MIDDLE SCHOOL:

AND NOW FOR UR BOARD MEMBERS'S SCHOOL RECOGNITION FOR THE MONTH.

HIGHLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL OPENED IN 1969. SINCE THEN THE SCHOOL HAS CHANGED IN MANY WAYS. IN 2005 THE SCHOOL WAS CHANGED TO HIGHLANDS AVIATION AND MILITARY ACADEMY. CURRENTLY THERE ARE 989 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HIGHLANDS WITH OVER 120 TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF SERVICING THE STUDENTS DAILY. THE SCHOOL OFFERS STUDENTS A RIGOROUS CURRICULUM THROUGH ADVANCED COURSES AND A HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF. THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO EXPERIENCE SUCCESS THROUGH VARIOUS SCHOOL BASED PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS. PARENTS ARE ALSO SUPPORTED THROUGH HAMSA UNIVERSITY WHERE TEACHERS VOLUNTEER TO MEET WITH PARENTS FOR ONE WEEK IN THE EVENING TO EXPOSE THEM TO COMMON ASSESSMENTS, CLASSROOM STRUCTURE, SUBJECT AREA REQUIREMENTS, AND ELECTRONIC RESOURCES TO ASSIST THEM IN BEING AN ACTIVE PARTNER IN THEIR STUDENT'S OVERALL SUCCESS.

OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS HIGHLANDS HAS ADDED A MARCHING BAND PROGRAM TO HELP INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND BUILDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT. THE BAND HAS BECOME THE PRIDE OF THE NORTH SIDE IN JUST THIS SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. AS THE ONLY MIDDLE SCHOOL MARCHING BAND IN THE DISTRICT, THE BAND IS OFTEN INVITED TO PERFORM IN HIGH SCHOOL PARADES, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY FCAT PEP RALLIES, OPENING EVENTS SUCH AS MAGNET MANIA, AND AT OTHER EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. HIGHLANDS' BAND WAS THE ONLY MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA. THEY WERE RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE. MR. MOSES EVANS, THE BAND DIRECTOR, HAS PARTNERED WITH EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE TO OFFER THE STUDENTS PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT IN EXPANDING THEIR MUSICAL BASE AND INCREASING THEIR EXPOSURE TO POST SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES. OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS THE BAND HAS GROWN FROM 25 STUDENTS TO OVER 125 STUDENTS AND IS STILL GROWING. THE GOAL OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO INCREASE THE STUDENT'S INTEREST IN MUSIC, PREPARE THEM FOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND TO CREATE STRONG MUSICIANS WHICH WILL BUILD THE LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAMS.

THROUGH THE USE OF MANY SAFETY NET PROGRAMS PARTNERED WITH INTENSE FOCUSED INSTRUCTION THE SCHOOL HAS EXPERIENCED ACADEMIC GROWTH OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. CURRENTLY THE SCHOOL OFFERS SUCH REMEDIATION AND EXTENSION PROGRAMS AS TEAM UP, ELITE ACADEMY, SATURDAY SCHOOL, AND BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING. TEACHERS IN ALL OF THESE PROGRAMS ARE TRAINED TO DELIVER QUALITY INSTRUCTION USING RELEVANT INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES DESIGNED

SPECIFICALLY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS THEY SERVE. THESE PROGRAMS OFFER STUDENTS SUPPORT AND HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN INCREASING THE LEVEL OF LITERACY IN THE SCHOOL, INCREASING THE PROMOTION RATE, INCREASING OUR SCHOOL GRADE, AND REDUCING THE OVERAGE POPULATION OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THE PRINCIPAL OF HIGHLANDS MILITARY AND AVIATION ACADEMY, MS. KATHY BARNES, AND THOSE MEMBERS OF HER STAFF WHO ARE JOINING US AT TONIGHT'S MEETING.

THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT.

Update on Food Services Contract by Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel:

"Good evening Board members, Superintendent, staff and everyone else. After we recessed yesterday evening, late in the evening, Michelle Begley who is the Board's Internal Auditor, employed by the Board, has been in communication with Aramark, primarily with Steve Molozzi, their General Counsel who was at your meeting yesterday, and by the way, Michelle Begley, is not feeling well and has gone home. She is not here to give the report herself. I was just on the phone with her to get the quick update. It is fair to say that she has received some information and she is reviewing that, however, she has advised me that she is working on obtaining an additional information that would be responsive two-fold to the district. We have a couple of issues. We have the existing 2005 contract and it has to do with our monitoring for compliance with the contract requirement that we've been receiving as set forth in the contract the discounts, rebates and credits that should be provided to us, and then we also need that information, if you may recall, because in our question to the Florida Department of Education and USDA, there's an open question as to whether, it was the fourth issue of the questions that came back from DOE, whether the district has been receiving the discounts, credits and allowances for the life of the contracts. So, we need the documentation for two reasons: for our own benefit and the contract issues and our monitoring and compliance and then the additional issue, in the context of the Food Service Procurement that we've been reviewing for some time.

Ms. Begley is arranging for a call or meeting. It just depends on our schedules, tomorrow, hopefully, tomorrow morning among myself, Ms. Begley, and Aramark's representatives. We believe it will be with the General Counsel and we want to go over getting this last bit of information that Ms. Begley needs to cross that gap and respond to the question that DOE and move that issue forward. We need it, obviously, as soon as possible so that we can respond and, hopefully, close that last issue so that the Board would get a response from DOE and USDA so that you can decide what to do with your procurement issue. It is my understanding that Aramark is contending that that information is confidential and proprietary and one of the things that I want to discuss with them tomorrow is that although the existing contract sets forth that Aramark makes the contention that certain of its documents are proprietary and confidential, the contract also expressly acknowledges that the district is a public agency subject to Chapter 119, Public Records. The existing contract goes on to tie together these two divergent issues that on the one hand, we need to be provided information so that we can make sure we're getting the things that we need and in this case, it's the discounts, rebates and allowances, but that if the vendor feels there's confidentiality issue, the vendor is free to, for example, get in front of a judge and get a Protective Order so that we satisfy two things: we get the information we need but we also have the protection to not be the subject to sanctions under a Public Records Request in

case there is, in fact, an exemption as to the documents being provided. That's not something in the case of a government agency. We're not suited to advocate a third party, a vendor's issues as to confidentiality and proprietary information. They're best suited to do that and that's how I intend to address the meeting tomorrow."

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

A very brief report in terms of where we are with the legislative action, primarily on funding, but also a couple of other quick issues. First, I'd like to commend our primary representative in Tallahassee, our lobbyist, Martin Miller. He did, as usual, an excellent job. I was over there more than usual and a number of Board members were over there for extended periods of time and we continue to hear from House and Senate staff members and representatives what a quality a job he does for us over there. While he's paid for, he's not a volunteer, we still want to recognize him and thank him for a job very well done and that we appreciate his depth of knowledge and the way his knowledge is respected over there, truly serves us well.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to a number of our representatives; it wasn't necessarily universal, but for the most part we got very good service particularly this session and a special session from Senator Wise - I'd like to recognize his efforts in a number of issues.

The last time I reported, we were facing \$120 million dollar deficit. It appears at this point assuming the legislature supports the leadership's proposal, we'll be instead about \$44 million dollars short. Now, that's much better than we were. That is still not restored to hold us particularly if you consider where we were two years ago which was a funding level of \$400 more per student and during those two years, we've increased costs. We're very appreciative that we didn't hit that \$120 million dollar figure, and again, for the support of our local legislative team, we're much appreciative.

One of the ways they balanced the budget was to take an addition 1/4 mil out of our 2 mil Capital and transfer that to the Operating Budget. We did support this on a short term basis because our biggest issue right now is Operating Budget which funds our teachers and other staff. However, this does then reduce our local millage for all of our Capital needs which is new constructions, additions, major rehab and major maintenance as well as a portion of the regular maintenance budget that is supported, so we're now down to 1.5 mils so this will impact our Capital Plan, our Five Year Plan

that we'll be presenting to the Board this month for feedback and direction.

We also received support on postponing the Class Size to the classroom level and it's now held at the school level. Further action is still needed either by signature or legislative action to put the Class Size Amendment back on the ballot. The best estimate at this point is to hold it at the school level and there will still be further action necessary to make that more of a permanent change. We'll have more information as that moves forward. This helped us avoid a \$40 million dollar cost to the district had we gone to the classroom level.

As far as the federal Stimulus money, the money that came directly to the state was put into the basic per student allocation. Again, we appreciate the leadership of the Governor and the Senate, in particular in moving to this direction and keeping us as close as possible to the funding that we received after the mid-year hit this year. The local money which is primarily in Title I and for Students with Disabilities, we have had to submit some initial budgets. We are going to be workshopping that with the Board this month. We anticipate that will be next week. It does appear and we'll make a decision next day or two and no later than Friday that we will be able to add back in based on the Board's priorities, art, music, physical education, guidance and media back to this year's levels and at least some reaugmentation of the cuts we had to make in Instructional Coaches and Assistant Principals, as well as supplements to those who perform extracurricula activities. That is a negotiated item that we will be working with DTU, but we certainly don't see any kind draconian cuts that we look like we were going to have to do when we were looking at \$120 million dollar shortfall.

We are still facing, however, in 2011-12 and 2012-13, a huge funding cliff. What the federal Stimulus package has done is postpone a problem; it hasn't erased a problem. So, without it our revenues would have gone down like that and as the economy recovers, come up. What the Stimulus package has done is improve the slope. So, we're much better over the next couple of years because the federal Stimulus money but in 2012-13, we'll end up in the same bad spot. We'll have to be very careful in terms on how far we can lean forward this, what we need in reserves, and the Board has been excellent as far as understanding these issues and we'll try to find that balance between adding back what we can while still having sufficient reserves to cover what we anticipate as possibly another shortfall this year in our budget.

There was passage support for moving to a number of hours of instruction rather than specifically 180 days. So this would create some opportunities that we will discuss later with the Board. We were able to maintain, while it's at a lower funding level than we received in the past, for students who made a good score for AP exams, IB and ACE. They did maintain it at the level we have this year. Again, this year was reduced but there was discussion about reducing it even further and that would have hurt us in terms of being able to support and expand those programs.

We also got good news on the Schultz Center. There were problems in terms of the original statute and the way it was interpreted by the auditors. The credit goes to Representative Proctor in the House who primarily represents the St. Augustine area; Senator Wise in the Senate and Mr. Gentry who all worked collaboratively with Mr. Miller, our lobbyist to successfully change that so, hopefully, next time we have an audit, we won't have a hit there. Representative Jones also had efforts on modifying

the School Advisory Council makeup and fortunately, that did not get enough support to pass but we will come back next session and pass that.

One of the major pieces of legislation that came out this time was sponsored by the Commissioner of Education and that moved the differentiated accountability model with our current sanctions for Title I schools that do not meet certain requirements under *No Child Left Behind*, it moved those sanctions into all schools. Now, the thinking was we didn't want that just in Title I schools. The downside is now we have a number of other schools that are going to potentially face those same sanctions. So, again, that will be a challenge and we will spend some time discussing that with the Board so there's understanding and what the impact may be on programs and finances.

At this time, Ms. Willis will respond to some of the concerns expressed earlier by the Susie Tolbert parents. Ms. Willis is our Deputy Superintendent and is over all school supervision as well as the Academic division and was a former principal at Matthew Gilbert and Susie Tolbert.

"Thank you, Mr. Superintendent, to the Chair and the Board, I'm glad to be able respond to the parents tonight on this. I will tell you what I want parents to understand is that first of all, we are committed to work with the parents and to look at the transition program for Susie Tolbert. As you said, Susie Tolbert was my second school as principal from 1994-95 until 1998 and when I went to Susie Tolbert, it was a 3-5 school and R.V. Daniels had K-2. As we moved to bring in the Montessori program, we transitioned those students to Susie Tolbert and we did not have a very inclusive program there at the time. We were committed to work towards an inclusive program so we went from three classrooms that were gifted and talented to five. We expanded that program to where almost half of that building had inclusive classrooms. We had not reached our goal but we certainly had moved forward because we knew that children learn in different ways. We were committed and ensured that our teachers were all trained in gifted and talented and we assured parents that they were going to get exactly what they expected. All the teachers were trained as gifted and talented teachers. We also committed to our teachers to be trained in multiple intelligence because all students are not verbally linguistic and mathematical smart. There were also students who were kinesthetic, musical, spacial and our faculty and staff committed to that. Dr. Hague has asked the parents to come together as a task force to do this work. I know that Dr. Lingren, Dr. Hague and Ms. Sonita Young were there on Tuesday night at the last meeting that these parents had and also Ms. Burney was there. The Superintendent and I were not in town so I encouraged Dr. Lingren as the Chief of that school, to be there with Dr. Hague. We previously discussed how we could take what the task force is suggesting and work together for a year transition because concerns of parents saying we didn't know that this would happen in August. So the intent was that a proposal would be brought to parents at that time and there would be a district committee that would have representation from the task force with their recommendations as well as principals from R.V. Daniels, Susie Tolbert and district staff to work together. So, again, we still commit to that. I understand there will be a proposal coming from the task force tomorrow. We will look at that and I will get with the Chief who will get with the principals and with our parents. Again, we will commit to the hard work that they put into their recommendations that representatives from the task force will be able to work with us as we look at how do we transition this year so that as we come to the next school year, we'll look at how we can continue to

expand the program at Susie Tolbert and it will be more inclusive for all of the students in the school."

Reports

1. OPERATIONS REPORT - MR. DOUG AYARS - WITHDRAWN
2. ACADEMIC SERVICES REPORT - MS. PAT WILLIS - WITHDRAWN

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE MAY 5, 2009, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the May 5, 2009, Agenda as submitted on April 28, 2009, with the following changes: Operations Report - Mr. Doug Ayars - Withdrawn Academic Services Report - Ms. Pat Willis - Withdrawn Approval of Minutes - Revised Agenda Item Human Resource Services - Professional - PASS Standards - Item 1 - Suspensions Without Pay - Revised Attachment Human Resource Services - Professional Standards - Item 2 - Final Order Re Duval County School Board vs Michael Altee Board Member Travel - Revised Agenda Item Superintendent's Travel - Revised Agenda Item

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Betty Burney

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following minutes:

- April 7, 2009 - Regular Board meeting
- April 14, 2009 - Board Workshop
- April 21, 2009 - Board Workshop
- April 27, 2009 - Special Board meeting

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Minutes for the Meetings listed in the Agenda Item. April 7, 2009 - Regular Board Meeting - PASS
 April 14, 2009 - Board Workshop April 21, 2009 - Board Workshop April 27, 2009 - Special Board Meeting

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Nancy Broner

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motions:

- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Brenda Priestly jackson

Second: Nancy Broner

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly jackson - Aye

Consent Agenda

Human Resource Services - Staffing

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

Attachment: [agenda_05-05-09_trans.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

[1. SUSPENSIONS WITHOUT PAY](#)

Attachment: [HRS_attach_5-05-09_susp.pdf](#)

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

[1. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS](#)

Attachment: [February 2009 Final Board Statement Worksheet.pdf](#)

2. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

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

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

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

Attachment: [Spec Revenue Other Resolution May 5.pdf](#)

Operations - Information Technology

1. RETROFIT FOR TECHNOLOGY AT LOVE GROVE ES NO. 82, WINDY HILL ES NO. 94, LAKE LUCINA ES NO. 95 AND NEPTUNE BEACH ES NO. 246: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD

Attachment: [B and C Southside Schools Retrofit May 09.pdf](#)

2. HEARTLAND DATA SYSTEMS ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL

Attachment: [HDS Price Quote 0910 May.pdf](#)

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

Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment

1. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) - PATHWAYS ACADEMY

Attachment: [Pathways April 14 2009 Renewal FINAL Report.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Fulfillment of Provisions of 2006.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly Jackson said she wanted to show her support for this item. We had an opportunity to meet with the Florida State College, the new name for the Florida Community College. We met with their Board today and we had a presentation based on Pathways during that time and that's an At Risk Charter School. They are doing phenomenal work with some of our most challenged young people, particularly those who have dropped out of school and are facing other hardships and challenges at this time. They have a great academic focus and their theme is a "Holistic Education" for every child in the school which I definitely support. One of the things I want to highlight for the public which is something new that they're doing over there now, is they are actually starting an evening and afternoon program. I think we understand when you have a diverse, urban environment like we do, all young folk are not going to go to school from 7:00-3:00 and some because of the socio-economic dynamics have to work and have other commitments during the day. They said they have 23 students enrolled in their evening program right now and of those 23, 15 have already satisfied their GED requirements which is phenomenal. So, again, we want to thank them and Mr. Superintendent, I look forward to our continued partnership

in trying to create a seamless, aligned system with other education partners in the area.

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

[1. LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND MOTORCYCLE TRAINING INSTITUTE, INC. FOR USE OF THE DRIVER'S ED RANGE AT ENGLEWOOD HS NO. 90](#)

Attachment: [B-C-LIC-AGMT-NO.90.DOC.pdf](#)

[2. AMEND THE 2004-2005, 2007-2008, AND 2008-2009 LONG RANGE FACILITIES CAPITAL PLANS](#)

Attachment: [XX-REV-ATT-B-C-Amend Facilities Capital Plan.pdf](#)

Attachment: [xx-REV2-Capital-MM Reprogramming List 4-21-09 \(2\).pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

[1. NEW AUTISTIC CLASSROOMS AT KERNAN MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 279: AMENDMENT NO. ONE TO CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT, DCSB PROJECT NO. C-91200](#)

Attachment: [B-C-C-Autistic-No 279-Amend-No-One.doc.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Broner said although this is an Operations side on construction issue, I wanted to take the opportunity for the Superintendent to give a very brief update for the public on the opportunities we have for meeting the needs of autistic children.

Ms. Willis, Deputy Superintendent, said even though this is an Operations item, as I talked with Mr. Sutton today, we're really excited about these six brand new classrooms so that we can better serve our autistic students and ensure that we have facilities that are appropriate for them and high quality instruction for these students. This is actually replacing the Southside Middle School with area concerns in the exceptional education department for several years about that facility. We will see these classroom available at Kernan Middle for middle school students there and it really flows nicely for the classrooms that we have at Kernan Elementary and high schools that we have across the district. This supports high quality instruction for all of our children and certainly our autistic children.

[2. DW ROOF REPLACEMENT AT JOHN LOVE ES NO. 73, SOUTHSIDE ESTATES ES](#)

NO. 76, RAMONA BLVD. ES NO. 79, AND TERRY PARKER HS NO. 86:
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD, DCSB PROJECT NO. M-84470, STAGE I

Attachment: [xx-DW-Roof Rep.-Stage I-DP-Rec.pdf](#)
Attachment: [XX-DW-Roof Rep.-Stage I-MBE RECC.pdf](#)
Attachment: [XX-ATT-REV-M-84470 STAGE I Bid Tab.pdf](#)

3. REMOVAL & CLOSURE ASSESSMENT OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS AT
VARIOUS SCHOOLS; AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENTS WITH FL DEPT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR PETROLEUM CLEANUP PARTICIPATION
PROGRAM AT PINE FOREST ES & HIGHLANDS ES, DCSB PROJ. NO. M-81980

Attachment: [B-C-PCPP-PineForestES-No159.pdf](#)

4. FL DIV OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT-HURRICANE
PROTECTION FOR THREE PUBLIC SHELTERS: DESIGN & INSTALL HURRICANE
SHUTTERS AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS ES 226, CHIMNEY LAKES ES 232, MANDARIN MS
259 STATE OF FL CONTRACT NO. 09HM-16-04-26-03-014

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

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

Attachment: [B-C-SC-CFI.DOC.pdf](#)
Attachment: [xx-ATT-REV-SC-CFI-APR09.DOC.pdf](#)

6. PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: NEW AND RENEWAL

Attachment: [XX-PREQUAL-NEW-05-05-09.pdf](#)
Attachment: [XX-PREQUAL-RENEWAL-05-05-09.pdf](#)
Attachment: [B-C-PREQUAL.pdf](#)

7. CONTRACTS FOR A/E SERVICES FOR PORTABLE CLASSROOM INSTALLATION,
REPLACEMENT, RELOCATION, REPAIR AND ASSOCIATED COVERED WALKWAY
PROJECTS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS: SELECTION AND CONTRACT AWARD

Attachment: [B-C-AE-Services-Portable-Instal.doc.pdf](#)
Attachment: [XX-ATT-SEL-Matrix-Portables -Walkways4-14-09.pdf](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

1. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

Attachment: [05May09.pdf](#)
Attachment: [ROMAY09.pdf](#)
Attachment: [AGENDA step BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM.pdf](#)
Attachment: [06May.09.doc.pdf](#)

Attachment: [May 09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [04May09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [07May09.pdf](#)

2. CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES

Attachment: [CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES ITB 032 09 LM.pdf](#)

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

3. NURSING SERVICES - TEMPORARY

Attachment: [NURSING SERVICES ITB 030 09 LM.pdf](#)

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

4. FLOOR COVERING AND CARPET INSTALLATION

Attachment: [Floor Covering and Carpet Installation Bid Tab Sheet 2009.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES MAY 2009 FLOOR COVERING AND CARPET INSTALLATION BID.pdf](#)

5. CLASSROOM FURNITURE

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

Attachment: [CLASSROOM FURNITURE TIB025 09 DB.pdf](#)

6. MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM Mental Health Support Services.pdf](#)

7. PHARMACY BENEFIT PLAN

Attachment: [PHARMACY BENEFIT PLAN COST EVALUATION POINTS - FINAL.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PHARMACY BENEFIT PLAN EVALUATION - FINAL.pdf](#)

Academic Services

1. PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE LICENSES FOR GIZMOS

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges Gizmos 09.pdf](#)

2. TRUANCY GRANT

Attachment: [Public Service Cover Sheet.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Public Service Grant Narrative.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Public Service Cover Letter.pdf](#)

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Discussion

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

[2. FINAL ORDER RE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD vs. MICHAEL ALTEE](#)

Minutes: Speakers:

- Mr. David D'Agata, Counsel representing the district
- Mr. Tad Delegal, Counsel representing Mr. Altee
- Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
- Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
- Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
- Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board render a Final Order in the case of Duval County School Board vs. Michael Altee which adopts, rejects, or modifies all or part of the Recommended Order issued by Lisa Shearer Nelson, Administrative Law Judge, dated April 1, 2009. This Recommended Order finds cause for termination of Mr. Altee's teaching contract under the Duval County Teacher Tenure Act. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: William Gentry

Second: Brenda Priestly jackson

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

[3. FINAL ORDER RE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD vs. ALENA HUNT](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. David D'Agata, Counsel representing the district
Mr. David Hertz, Counsel representing Ms. Hunt
Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Officer of Human Resources
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Alena Hunt, Respondent
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Jordan offered the following *substitute motion*:

"That we defer taking action on this item to allow the teacher to obtain personal, private, self-funded counsel until we can see what affect that may have on the finding of fact or in the process."

No second; the motion *dies*.

Speaker:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board render a Final Order in the case of Duval County School Board vs Alena Hunt which adopts, rejects, or modifies all or part of the Recommended Order issued by Suzanne F. Hood, Administrative Law Judge, dated March 17, 2009. This Recommended Order finds cause for termination of Ms. Hunt's teaching contract under the Duval County Teacher Tenure Act. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: William Gentry

Second: Nancy Broner

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

Motions:

Substitute Motion -

Vote Results

Motion: Stan Jordan

Second:

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

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

June 9-12, 2009 - FSBA/FADSS Spring Conference - Tampa, FL - Drake

June 19-20, 2009 - NFUSSD Executive Committee Meeting - Albuquerque, New Mexico - Drake

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board Members Travel: June 9-12, 2009 - FSBA/FADSS Spring Conference - Tampa, FL - Drake June 18-20, 2008 - NFUSSD Executive Committee Meeting - Albuquerque, - PASS

New Mexico - Drake

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

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

June 11, 2009 - FSBA/FADSS Joint Meeting - Tampa, FL

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following travel for the Superintendent: June 11, 2009 - FSBA/FADSS Joint Meeting - Tampa, FL - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

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

For The Record

[FOR THE RECORD](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Drake said she had the lovely opportunity to visit New Berlin and read to two wonderful classes of five year olds. It hit me really hard when I told them the book I was reading to them that I had that book read to me when I was five years old...that was 50 years ago. I brought Mr. Jordan's book back for whomever is next on the list...that they may enjoy it, also.

Mr. Hazouri reminded everyone that next Tuesday, it could be a long day and we haven't set the workshop agenda and we have four expulsion hearings starting at 9:00 am; maybe food services and then the Five Year Plan. Mr. Gentry mentioned that he would be late on Tuesday since I'm having skin surgery that morning.

Ms. Priestly Jackson commented about the expulsion hearings coming down the pipe in that we need to formalize our process in terms of engaging of counsel because I anticipate with some of these expulsions that are coming before us, they could be represented by private counsel. We're really not as structured when we just have the parents, so before that happens next week.

Ms. Broner commented how wonderful it was to be able to recognize the teachers at the EDDY Awards. It was a great night and I think there were 1,100 in attendance. Congratulations to all of the Teachers of the Year.

Mr. Jordan said he needed to clear a "conflict of interest" on the food service issue that has become so entangled that I shall declare right now the Beach Diner is now be the food vendor. We've opened our third restaurant and I think we're now ready to take on the 126,000 students. I also had the opportunity to appear before the United States House of Representatives Committee on Military Veterans' Affairs and testify. I told them of our action on this Board to recognize World War II and Korean Conflict veterans and giving them a high school diploma and shared that we could do things for

veterans that don't really cost any money but has alot of impact. They were very impressed by the things this Board has done. In fact, I received a report from the administration that we now have, I believe in excess of 24 members of our community who will receive their high school diploma at their choosing - at a Board meeting or graduation ceremony. These are the kinds of things that really make a difference in the community. The House of Representative members said it was refreshing to see ideas come forth and not asking for money but asking for leadership. I think that's some of the challenges ahead of us. It was an honor to represent you before that committee and I told them that I was the Military Liaison for the Duval County School Board and it went across real well.

Ms. Burney said this is the first time since I've been on the Board that I have not pulled an item for discussion.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman