



Duval County Public Schools

November 3, 2008, Regular Board Meeting

Ms. Betty Burney, Chairman
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Stan Jordan
Mr. W. C. Gentry
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 6:01 p.m.

Invocation

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman called for a Moment of Silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Presentations

[1. 2008 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS](#)

Minutes:

In September, Darnell Cookman and James Weldon Johnson middle schools were named 2008 No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon Schools. This year, they were two of only 413 schools nation-wide to receive this designation.

For the past 26 years, this distinguished award has honored more than 5,800 of America's most successful schools for helping their students achieve at the highest level, and for making significant progress in closing the achievement gap. With the elimination of the achievement gap being one of our district's core commitments, receiving this prestigious award proves that we are doing just that.

A few weeks ago, the principals of both schools, along with former James Weldon Johnson principal, Connie Hall, who is now the director of Community and Family Engagement, were honored among their peers at the 2008 No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon Schools Award Ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Darnell Cookman Middle/High School - Principal Mark Ertel, Misha Wooten, and Angela TenBroeck

James Weldon Johnson, Principal Sharwonda Peeks, Mary Browning and Kristi Ephriam

Congratulations to both schools on a job well done! Schools like yours help to move the district forward with our mission of providing all of our students with high quality educational experiences.

[2. 2008 MET THE TEN PERCENT CHALLENGE ENERGY AWARD](#)

Minutes:

Last month, 75 Duval County Public Schools were granted the Southeast Rebuild Collaborative "Met the Challenge" Award in recognition of their commitment to superior energy performance. The Southeast Rebuild Collaborative is a joint effort by the Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina energy offices that promotes energy efficiency.

To tell us more about this project is Paul Soares, Duval County Public Schools' Chief Officer of Operations, and Susan P. Carew, Duval County Public Schools' Director of Facility Engineering and Energy.

I would like to take this time to acknowledge Susan for her outstanding leadership in this project and also congratulate all of these schools on a fantastic job. Receiving this award shows that Duval County Public Schools are distinguishing themselves as environmental leaders.

[3. PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHING FINALIST](#)

Minutes:

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is the highest recognition a kindergarten through 12th grade mathematics or science teacher can receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. Enacted by Congress in 1983, this program authorizes the President to bestow up to 108 awards year.

This year, Mandarin Oaks Elementary School's 5th grade math teacher, timothy Kenney, was named one of Florida's three finalists. If selected as the state's finalist, Timothy will receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation, as well as a trip for two to Washington, DC for a weeklong series of recognition events and professional development.

In addition to teaching math at Mandarin Oaks, Tim serves as a facilitator for the professional development of other math teachers in the district and he's the president of the Duval Elementary Math Council.

Tim, congratulations on being named a finalist in this outstanding program and best wishes as you move on to the finals next spring.

4. CFE RECOGNITION – BANK OF AMERICA

Minutes:

This month, our Community and Family Engagement program is recognizing Bank of America for their support of Duval County Public Schools. In 2001, Bank of America was a part of the initial PASS (Program Partnership for Advanced School Success), in which the bank partnered with Justina Elementary and has enjoyed several successful years at the school.

Bank of America also has an on-going program known as "BOAT", which stands for "Bank of America Tutors". Through this program, associates volunteer by tutoring students in various schools throughout the county. Many Bank of America associates also volunteer through the Take Stock in children program, where associates enjoy the mentoring relationship they have with their mentee.

As an organization committed to building effective leaders, Bank of America introduced the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative in 2004. One of the components ins the Student Leaders Program. Five student leaders are chosen each year to participate in an 8-week internship with a non-profit. This internship is paid by the bank and for the last 5 years, Bank of America has partnered with Communities in Schools in Jacksonville.

In 1993, Bank of America opened the Bank of America Learning Academy which is part of the Duval County Public Schools System, located in the bank's Office Park off Southside Boulevard. this market is the only market in the entire Bank of America enterprise which has an elementary school located on the same property.

Joining us tonight from Bank of America is market president Greg Smith, Melinda Zetrouer of Market Development and our very own District 1 School Board Member, Martha Barrett. On behalf of Duval County Public Schools and the Duval County School Board, I would like to personally thank your organization for the many acts of your associates have given to benefit the students of Duval County Public Schools. It is through strategic partnerships like the one we have with Bank of America that makes it possible for our district to realize its vision of ensuring that all of our students graduate with the knowledge and skills to be successful in post-secondary education and/or the workforce.

~~5. CFE RECOGNITION – JACKSONVILLE SPORTS MEDICINE PROGRAM – WITHDRAWN~~

6. RECOGNITION OF KRIS BARNES & MARTHA BARRETT

Minutes:

The Board and Superintendent presented a plaque to outgoing Board members Kris Barnes and Martha Barrett for their eight years of dedicated service.

Comments From Audience

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Minutes:

Mr. Jim Moser said in December, 2007, I was assaulted by a student at Lee High School causing my back to hit the lockers with severe injury. This is the third time I was assaulted at Lee. I reported each of my problems to a Board member and a district administrator. Six teachers were assaulted at that school in 2007. Due to the fact that I reported the assaults, I received daily harassment and retaliation from the principal. I reported this to my Board member and that person could not help me as the Superintendent was their only employee. District administrators turned their backs and my condition has worsened as now I need surgery on my spine due to the assault. We need support by Board members and district administrators for our teachers. Thank you for hearing me.

Mr. John Turner talked about renaming Nathan B. Forrest High School. After tonight, there will be no more public hearings on this matter. Next month, we'll have a new agenda with two new School Board members coming on board. Tonight, you must address waiving the policy to deny what the School Advisory Council is requesting for Forrest. This is deliberate, willful and unethical. Waiving public hearings should only be done in an emergency. How is this an emergency? I'm hearing about threats and the Sheriff's Office should have been notified. Why not continue with the legal process in renaming the school? You're not interested in my solution to this problem...tonight, you will have your legacy...vote wisely.

Ms. Melissa Beckworth spoke about safety concerns at First Coast High School; trust issues and trying to make it a safe environment for everyone. Parents thought their voices would be heard at School Advisory Council meetings; a spin on questions when read; coffee being banned on campus; new principal being appointed at the end of last school year. We must open our hearts and minds with our new principal and have a fresh start. Many people have turned this into a battle.

Ms. Dayna Garraway, parent of a 10th grader at First Coast High School, spoke about the violence and theft reports. Ms. Garraway is a School Advisory Council Member said 500 students recently signed out early due to a riot atmosphere. We requested a meeting with our School Board representative regarding this. It was suggested at a SAC meeting that everyone wear a badge on campus. We need more community resources to better equip the school for safety for our children. We need to find a solution to the growing problems like the stabbing incident. We're presently in a crisis situation at First Coast.

Mr. Robert Bledsoe, has a child who attends First Coast High School, said he was very concerned about our children, school and neighborhood. Additionally, we're concerned about decisions that are being made. My son is an honor roll student who wants to become a teacher. These students need to have an opportunity to learn and grow up in their neighborhoods. I'd like to see something done and receive a phone call as to what is happening. We'll volunteer and want to see that our kids receive a good education.

Mr. Jimmie Snipes said his daughter attends First coast High School and is in the 10th grade. We have not had any communication with the school during the last 18 months. We need to be more accountable and take our schools back - the students, also, should be accountable. As parents, we must do the same at home. Please look at some policies and allow the accountability. It's not acceptable in my neighborhood nor for my kids. Let's set the bar higher and make some differences. Let's keep the focus on the kids.

Ms. Amanda Hawk, a senior at Paxon School for Advanced Students, said we heard we may cease being a magnet. I stand firm in this - admission to Paxon beings with a lottery process, academic rigor, students excel because of amazing teachers. I challenge you to raise the bar all over Duval County. Please do not move our magnet status. I plead for my legacy.

Chairman Betty Burney reiterated that the Duval County School Board is not considering moving the magnet

status at neither Stanton nor Paxon...that is a myth.

Mr. Eddie Bennett, president of First Coast High School class and a senior said I've never felt endangered for my life at First Coast High School, not to say that these comments are not valid. Never before have I been so proud to be a First Coast Buccaneer and the policies are making an impact at our school. We're increasing the safety at First Coast. We have 104 National Honor members at First Coast and we're working hard together.

Ms. Sarah Anderson, a senior at First Coast High School, said I don't feel unsafe at my school. Many parents are disgruntled with some things that have happened at school. They only hear about the negative things...they hear more about the cons instead of the pros. These altercations occur at every school and not just First Coast. I know there are people at our school we can talk with and we are surrounded by support. It's much better with the new rules and regulations - they come with benefits. The negative things have been blown out of proportion by the media. Our programs are very good.

Mr. Marty Lee said he has been involved with First Coast High School since 1990. My son was valedictorian of his class and my daughter graduated last year. As a parent and as a faculty member, there are some issues with students who don't want to be there. We want to attract those students who want to be there and if they don't, they should be walked out the door. There are many positive events - chorus, band involved in several homecomings, football team who has won four districts - but, we don't hear these types of things in the media. We must come together to find some resolutions and improve our grade. We have good kids who work extremely hard. Additionally, our budget was cut by \$800,000. We need community support and certified volunteers. First Coast High is the Jewel on the northside. Please give us your support as we're the 4th largest high school in Duval County...Go Bucks!

Mr. Dave Siebert said it is my privilege to thank the two Board members who are leaving the Board due to term limits. Mr. Siebert spoke about the lawsuit *Brown v. The Board of Education*. What can be put on a bumper sticker? Mr. Siebert also spoke about the name change for Nathan Bedford Forrest High School. He said his child is embarrassed by the name and that it's time to change it. I'm proud as a white guy to see the change. Do the right thing. Thank you for your service.

Mr. Mike Schaedel (Erwin) said my daughters have been picked on at Lone Star Elementary School for the last 5 years. Last year, I told the teachers that my child's class was full of head lice and nothing was done. I took my daughter to the doctor and she was treated twice. There were no letters sent to parents and nothing was done. I transferred my child to another school. Please look into this problem and thank you.

Mr. Cecil Donaldson spoke about an RFP for the school bus contracts...for the amount of money being spent on transportation, there should be some sort of local control that would evaluate and monitor this revenue. The current system has cost this community millions of dollars per year over the past seven years. The results show the overall job is not getting done - poor job performance, poor quality for student safety. You will continue receiving calls and complaints. The program you currently have is not working. A change needs to take place to fix this broken system. I recommend you break the GSAs down, make change in the staff, put qualified, local people in positions whose primary interest is centered for the success of the school district as opposed to large companies who live outside of our neighborhood whose only interest is in their personal gain and with no intent to give back to this community in no shape, form or fashion. Thank you.

Ms. Shelia Andrews said greetings and farewell to Ms. Barnes and Ms. Barrett. We've spent a lot of time with this ACE process, cuts in district dollars...why are we making all of these plans once we close a school? An empty building in the heart of a community? Fund the programs...I understand we have many myths. We either have the bucks or we don't have the bucks. Every child should receive a high quality education in this district. We want our children educated. I appreciate Mrs. Willis' openness.

Mr. Lane Eunice opposes the name change of Forrest High School. I was born in 1960 in Jacksonville in the 32205 zip code area and have bought 3 homes in that neighborhood. My daughter graduated from Paxon. We're not talking about what the General did or didn't do. Nathan Bedford Forrest High School is a tradition on the westside and I've attended many, many traditional football games growing up. I graduated in 1978 and have attended several School Advisory Council meetings. The students voted to keep the name as is. Please don't change the school's name. Thank you.

Ms. Teresa Cluff said I am a N. B. Forrest alumni said we currently have issues with the budget, literacy, faculty (difficulty in keeping good teachers), unattended children in elementary and middle schools going home every day alone each day - all real issues. Mentoring would make a huge difference, supplies need to be donated to schools. Spending dollars on signs for a new name change is unjust. Those dollars could be

better spent on computers to enrich the learning environment. Lastly, history is what it is and we can not change it without all of it good and bad. It is what it is...the education should not be affiliated. Please keep the name of Nathan Bedford Forrest High School as is. Thank you.

Mr. Henry Russ, parent of a child who attended N. B. Forrest High School and proud that I sent him there. Some believe that General Forrest was a grand wizard of the KKK which is not true. Following the Civil War, Nathan Bedford Forrest was looked at as an authority and did have some involvement with the Klan but he was not the Grand Wizard of the Klan and he was most remembered for the fact that he had suggested that the Klan had outlived any usefulness and it should be disbanded. There was a Congressional investigation which was chaired by General William Sherman. Sherman had no great love for N. B. Forrest and he would have liked to see him killed during the Civil War, but the investigation determined that he had no involvement with the Klan. That is in black and white and it is history. In 1875, N. B. Forrest was the honored guest of the Pall Bearer's Association which was a fore-runner of the NAACP (Mr. Russ read an excerpt). Please do not change the name of this high school.

Ms. Joan Miller Cooper said I sent you an email and I am a Forrest alumni who graduated in 1970. It was a great school then and could be one today. The teachers are working hard and they need money to hire coaches to help the students. The alumni wants to keep the name as is. The principal did take a survey and the students voted to keep the name the same even though it is 53% black. N. B. Forrest started businesses to the freed slaves and gave them jobs. He was a very good man and a military genius. If you vote to change the name, be prepared to change the name of many schools in Duval County. Please don't do that.

Cathy Lehman has a child that attends First Coast High School and a daughter who has already graduated from there. The community is not supporting our new principal and this is Ms. Smith's first year. She has had to make several changes to her faculty and staff. Please reconsider the budget to allow Ms. Smith to run the schools. Please give her a chance as First Coast High is a great school.

Ms. June Reynolds is employed at First Coast High School and said it is an improving school. I've seen it over the last four years and our principal is doing a great job, but she needs support from all of our parents. The opinions of parents have an affect on the school by the students. My grandchild attends First Coast and it is not unsafe. We do need more security personnel as all schools do. We must support Ms. Smith and the faculty.

Mr. Dave Nelson, parent of a Duval County student and mentioned that Martin Luther King was a Republican. The oldest neighborhood in Jacksonville is St. Nicholas. Who was the first Civil Rights activist in Memphis, Tennessee? Nathan Bedford Forrest. These are actual facts as I am a professional historian and researcher. I specialize in the Civil War and possess many vintage books and manuscripts. Your vote tonight should be based on fact and not perception.

Mr. Aaron S. Dean, a professor at the University of North Florida, spoke about the renaming of N. B. Forrest High School, Fort Pillow, slave trade was legal during that period. Mr. Dean urged the Board to read the history during that period and see what happened. Support the School Advisory Council and change the name of the school.

Mr. David Morris, teacher at N. B. Forrest High School, current History department head, and read in part of 1871 into N. B. Forrest's alleged participation in the KKK.

Mr. Richard Lee, Sons of the Revolution, opposes the name change of N.B. Forrest High School. You would need to change many other schools. This would be a blow to our Southern heritage. Thank you.

Mr. Edward Exson gave reflections and observations on education by an unlettered! There is no handicap or disability man suffers worst than ignorance, more crippling is those denied an opportunity for a good education. Dr. Mae Jamison, astronaut, Rice, Secretary of State, General Colin Powell, Secretary of State and Senator Barack Obama, president-elect of the United States of America. All of these contemporary achievers took advantage of an opportunity and got a good education. Raines and Ribault also have had achievers in spite thereof. Now, some vociferous, angry bellicose parents with some trepidation that those students opting out of failing (F) schools might contaminate or bring down their elite magnet public school, so keep them out. Without appearing racist, John Doe (Twinkle), was solicited to lead the charge, and how reminiscent of slavery, Twinkle, begging his master not to let those others (code for blacks) come in the big house. Twinkle, admitted intelligent and articulate, a young rising star, if only could become wise enough to understand the perimeters that awaits him, that he, too, maybe confined. He has no appreciation for the ones (beaten and killed) that made possible his opportunity. More sinister is the Superintendent's decision to defer implementing a plan that would exalt him by applying the law that would admit students from "F"

schools to Stanton. To defer is analogous to suppressing rights, which is arbitrary and capricious. I cannot but think that the Superintendent is having exparte meeting whose agenda is to keep the magnet status quo, by excluding some students. I exhort this Board that some students may have legal standing for another long court fight. It is impossible for the achievement gap for African-Americans be what it is had there been equality throughout America!

Mr. Michael Tubbs spoke about N. B. Forrest High School as asked, "Why are we having this debate?"

Mr. Bodie Catlin encouraged the Board to keep the name of Nathan Bedford Forrest High School as it is. There is no reason to change the school's name. Please honor the community you represent.

Mr. Walker Blanton teaches history at Jacksonville University for 41 years, spoke about Nathan Bedford Forrest who was a tremendous successor and a great Southerner who had extraordinary accomplishments. He was the finest soldier during the war; gifted and enormously talented. During Fort Pillow, he did not order a massacre, but ordered the slaughter to be stopped. Please don't judge him.

Mr. Dan Copeland said that in May, 2007, there was a report sent to the Board about changing the name of N. B. Forrest High School. The report included the School Advisory Council meetings and how those meetings were conducted; three days written notice and Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel, could not obtain these notices. It is not proper to change the school's name at this time.

Ysryl said "good bye" to both Kris Barnes and Martha Barrett. Why don't we change all school names to numbers or after a city? We've heard from both sides from educated men. What are we going to do about this change of the name of N. B. Forrest High? Allow the school's name to be the same and let the students go where they want to go and then, let's move on. Let's focus on the 20,000 mentors and other things.

Mr. Mikhail Mohannad said we're leading a city that is divided. We need to stop complaining about a school's name and changing it. There are many honorable black men in our community other than General Forrest. We must be honest...change the other schools, as well. We know you have already made your decision.

Pastor George Harvey, Jr. from Mount Charity Missionary Baptist Church spoke about school names that have alleged racist names. Why don't you change Forrest's name to Firestone High School (the street it is on)? Pastor Harvey spoke about boundary changes; communication change; Henry F. Kite Elementary; marketing plans for closing schools and the properties not sitting dormant; political elections; adding modules to assist students and families. Superintendent Pratt-Dannals has had a good first year. Please consider some non-partisan modules for our students in the near future.

Mr. Antonio Owens said he was sorry to see Board members Kris Barnes and Martha Barrett leave the Board due to term limits. It would be a waste of tax payers time and funds changing the name of a school. We have more serious issues before us. West Jacksonville Elementary School is being considered as a model school. It would be detrimental to close this school and allow it to sit dormant. This is a family oriented school and a neighborhood school. Students at UNF train at West Jax by interning. Please reconsider.

Ms. Chantay Owens, a concerned West Jax Elementary parent. The ACE meetings have been unfair and found out that these meetings have been going on since March. We only found out about them in September and the working groups were made up by the community; merging West Jax with S. P. Livingston. The West Jax community was not informed properly about these meetings, etc. There was no one to represent us on the working groups so our voices were not heard. Please look at the progress at West Jax Elementary. We have been considered as a model school and we still are. The ACE process didn't look into this.

Ms. Geneva Cotton said she has worked for over 50 years at West Jax Elementary School. It is truly a neighborhood school. Please change your mind and allow our children to remain where they currently are located. Thank you.

Dallas Cook said this is my first time coming before the Board. There's an issue with First Coast High School and the safety there. I've only been involved for about two weeks. I graduated from Andrew Jackson High and I presently have grandchildren attending First Coast. My grandson is scared attending that school. We all know about the stabbing and the bomb threats concerning the election tomorrow. I met Ms. Smith for the first time last week and she presented herself very well. Ms. Smith is not a police officer and you don't have a background in security. You need to hire security as I was a part of the Sheriff's Office in Jacksonville. This is not a black and white issue at First Coast...it's the safety of our children. Please keep the criminals out as we have laws in the state of Florida. Thank you.

Mr. Stanley Scott spoke about General N. B. Forrest and stated that he was part of the KKK. I call it like I see it. when are we going to get real? Stop playing the game. You don't care about these kids. You're running secret games. You need to change the name of the school and get it over.

Mr. James Mahorner said he was involved in race wars twice in Miami and there's much to forgive between each other. You're failing education if you don't give to both sides. New York was the first port to bring in the slaves. Salem, MA burned women who were witches. There were many injustices and you must teach the facts.

Mr. Conrad Dove, a N.B. Forrest alumni Class of 1990, said I still have historical items. I've heard "hate" speeches tonight. General Forrest was a great military leader. We have rebel pride and Forrest High School has produced doctors, lawyers, fighter pilots, etc. I'm not a historian or teacher, but I've stayed in a Holiday Inn Express before. Students are not going to change into racists. General Forrest was accused but never proven guilty. You're not the judges nor lawyers set to try him.

Mr. Derrick Bermudez spoke about all this hate. General Forrest did some bad things and he did some good things. I don't care about the name change; let's talk about the budget. You should write a letter to the President of the United States and let him know we need more money in Jacksonville.

Mr. James Colwell spoke about N. B. Forrest High School's name change. I've been a Forrest SAC member since 2001. There are two schools in the United States with the name of N. B. Forrest. It is insensitive in 2008 to have this ongoing...I can not say "Go Rebs!"

Mr. Joseph Nairon said I am a conservative Christian and am in favor of the name change of Forrest High School. You can not honor people with things that were done. General N.B. Forrest is the worst of the worse. He was good at leading for evil purposes and he was wealthy.

Mr. Keith Green said I've heard alot about N.B. Forrest over the past few hours. General Forrest did not represent my people; he owned slaves who are people. People see history differently. General Forrest was a businessman and you represent the future of this city. General Forrest is not the type of person to be honored in Jacksonville.

Ms. Jardyn Lake spoke on behalf of her daughter and is in favor of changing the name of N.B. Forrest High School. If not, this is a destructive organization on black people.

Mr. Robert Wimbley said it is unjust naming a school after this man. What about Adolph Hitler? Do you think the Jewish community would want a school named after him? I don't want to send my kids to a school with the name of N.B. Forrest. Why vote on something like that? Do the right thing and change the name immediately. No one should defend it.

Mr. David Pickering said I'm here to support leaving the name of N. B. Forrest High School as is. Please consider all of the facts.

Ms. Maureen Pickering, mother of three students who have attended/graduated/attending Nathan Bedford Forrest High School. We all agree the name should remain the same.

Mr. Matthew Pickering said I'd like to keep the name in place. I've spent four years at Forrest and that's more than at my home. My class ring has the name of N.B. Forrest as well as all of my year books. All my friends want to keep the name. If you change the name, you'd be changing my life as a citizen in Jacksonville. The name of the person doesn't reflect the students at the school.

Mr. Tim Pickering, 9th grader at Forrest High School, is against changing the name. It doesn't have an affect on us. We don't want it changed.

The Chairman recessed the meeting for a 15 minute break.

COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

Minutes:

PTA - Annette Worthen:

Good evening, I am Annette Worthen, President of the Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs.

As of the end of October, about 125 PTAs have been organized in Duval County for this school year. We are still working with about 20 schools that are organizing and electing officers for their local units. As always, we are here to serve the local units. If you know of a school principal or PTA that needs us for any reason, please let us know.

Our October General Meeting was held at the Teacher Supply Depot where over 80 people representing 60 schools attended and voted to determine what the Duval County PTA positions would be regarding the proposed changes to the State PTA Bylaws and the proposed platform items. A final vote will be held by the general membership attending the Florida PTA Convention later this month with the Duval County representatives casting their votes based on the results of last month's meeting. At the end of the meeting, those in attendance were given a tour of the Teacher Supply Depot and were allowed to shop for both school and PTA. On behalf of the DCCPTA, I would like to thank Chris Buckley and Larry McDonald who agreed to host this meeting while they were standing in a sea of pallets and surrounded by organized chaos as the move of the depot was in full swing.

The meeting at the depot was intended to highlight the wonderful items that are available to the teachers and PTA presidents that attend the monthly openings. The meeting was a huge success as we overheard several people talking about setting up displays and making lists. The next opening is scheduled for November 13 - 3:00-6:00 pm. At this opening, Aramark has donated two truckloads of materials. Monthly, over 1,000 employees of Aramark will have the opportunity to participate at the depot by donating their time, materials or supplies. Each month, Aramark will host a drive where all the materials and supplies that are collected will be donated to the depot. The success relied on the generosity of businesses and individuals of the Jacksonville community. The PTA is appreciative to all, to whom on a monthly basis, donate to the depot ensuring its continued success. We are excited that Aramark has become one such company.

Ms. Lenelle Cruse, the current Florida PTA president, past Duval County Council President and past local unit President in Duval County, will be stepping down due to term limits. On the local, state and national level, Ms. Cruse has gracefully represented Florida PTA one the past two years and will continue to do so as she sits on the National PTA Board. DCCPTA would like to thank Ms. Cruse on behalf of the over 125,000 children she spoke for in this county alone over the past two years. PTA - Every child - one voice!

In October, Melissa Kicklighter, the second vice president for DCCPTA and I had the opportunity through the Honorable Vicki Drake to meet the president-elect for National PTA, Charles Saylor. We had breakfast with him and it was a wonderful opportunity for us to get ideas of what his vision for PTA will be during the next few years. He will take office in Florida this summer at the National PTA Convention in Fort Lauderdale. One program that he will highlight during his term is "Three for Me". This program asks everyone to volunteer at a school for a minimum of three hours per school year. We know that most people donate much more than three hours per year and we thank you. We'd like to invite all to get involved in your local PTA and help support your child's school.

Each year, vision screening takes place in every school in Duval County. PTAs all over the county support this program by providing volunteers. It's a wonderful screening process that helps schools identify students who may be visually impaired. This is just one of the many programs that take place in our schools where volunteers take an active role, ensuring that our children are successful.

At our November meeting, DCCPTA will be collecting Buddy Bucks benefiting the "M line". If you would like to make a donation, DCCPTA would be most appreciative. As most of you know, several schools and local PTAs have made generous contributions to the M line and have been featured in both the Times-Union and First Coast News. Much of the theme music and vocals are performed by students from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts.

Many times, the unsung hero at the schools is the principal. I would like to thank the principals that have supported their PTAs this year. We know you have much on your plate and we appreciate your support and communication with your local PTA board. The positive feedback I receive from the presidents about their relationship with the principals is exciting. Thank you.

On behalf of the DCCPTA, we would like to thank Kris Barnes and Martha Barrett for their years of service to the children in Duval County. You have made wonderful contributions that have led to successes for our children. The policies and practices you have helped to be put in place have put the needs of our students first. Again, thank you both for the hours you have spent working for and with students, teachers, parents, administrators and the members of this community.

District Advisory Council - Rachel Raneri:

We had a good DAC meeting on Monday, October 27, 2008. We had representation from all areas as well as several guests. I would like to thank Board member Vicki Drake for her attendance.

We heard from Jim Streit, Executive Director of Communications. He explained the changes on the DuvalSchools website including the new piece DCPS T.V. It is located on the front page and is a link to videos highlighting our schools and other current information. Mr. Streit invited anyone who is not already receiving a copy of the eNews, to please sign up to receive it. A sign-up sheet was distributed and anyone can sign up by going to the front page of the district website. This is a monthly newsletter to help all stakeholders keep abreast of what is going on in the district.

Marge Hayden, coordinator of the PROMISE grant, presented an explanation of the changes in Math and Science standards and the implementation of new instructional design. Ms. Hayden is available to present to parents at the pilot schools. She provided a copy of the Parent Newsletter that will go home with students in the participating schools.

I want to thank Pat Carley for clarifying the procedure for principals to submit their School Advisory Council rosters. I'd like to remind all principals they will submit their roster and School Improvement Plan to Pat Carley and not to me. Ms. Carley is the SAC and SIP guru for the district. REMINDER: All principals should check the front page of the district website to ensure all contact information is up-to-date. Any changes, please contact Keith Pittman in the Communications Office - 390-2126.

Many thanks to Doug Ayars as he gave us a detailed explanation of the Academic and Community Excellence (ACE) Plan. This included both facilities and academic models (which includes the acceleration programs in all high schools). Please attend one of the Community meetings: November 10 at Wolfson HS; November 13 at Ribault HS. The meetings begin at 6:00 pm. Now is the time to get involved and become a part of the solution.

Cynthia Humphrey in the Community Engagement Office explained how to receive assistance for mentoring students by contacting Mr. DeWitt Robinson in that office. She encouraged DAC members to look at Goal 5 in the Strategic Plan.

As our bylaws state, the election of officers are held in October each year. All officers were re-elected to their present positions with no other nominations. My personal thanks to Mary Lobello to serve as Vice Chair and Dean Fiandaca to serve as Secretary.

Mrs. Annette Worthen, president of Duval County Council of PTAs shared news of the upcoming state convention and platform items that are up for a vote.

Mr. Wiley Swanson, Aramark, explained that a food service representative will be available to attend SAC meetings as well as Area Advisory Councils, with advance notice.

The next meeting of the DAC is Monday, November 24, 2008, 6:00 pm in room 613.

As a point of personal privilege, I'd like to thank all DAC members and parents who have put in long hours to prepare for the District Accreditation Process as well as the ACE process. We are the catalyst of change for our students.

Comments From Employee Organizations

COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

Minutes:

No comments.

Martha Barrett offered a motion to extend the meeting past 11:00 o'clock
Nancy Broner seconded the motion.

Vote Results: PASS

Motion: Martha Barrett
Second: Nancy Broner

Nancy Broner - Aye
Betty Burney - Aye
Vicki Drake - Aye
W. C. Gentry - Aye
Tommy Hazouri - Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye
Stan Jordan - Aye

Student Achievement, Reform Activities, And Reports

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Minutes:

In our Chairman's report, what we've done thus far has been to highlight schools in each of our Board members' district. This is my final report as Chairman and I wish to address four items:

Fellow Board Members - at our January, 2008 retreat, we provided the Superintendent with our top goals for him to consider. The first was the development of the Strategic Plan linked to our Theory of Action. That has been done. We were also concerned about the financial health of the district. With that in mind, we have just recently hired our Internal Auditor who will be introduced tonight. We wanted our neighborhood schools to be addressed and any inconsistencies within the district. That is being looked at through the ACE process and in addition to that, we are now preparing to look at all of our programs in schools and our District Accreditation Report shows that is one of the things that is going to be highlighted. We wanted to make sure that Duval County Public Schools provided a child centered environment with regards to the culturing climate for all students and adults. I feel that still needs more work but as we pass the gavel on to the next chair, we will be diligent in making sure that we get to the point where we've met that goal. So, the things we decided were priorities, we have been diligent and have met those priorities.

Parent Involvement in Education Month - On September 8, 2008, Governor Crist officially proclaimed the month of September, 2008 as Parent Involvement in Education Month. To recognize and celebrate the important roles parents play in their children's education. The Florida PRRC's have developed calendars of activities for parents and schools to use to promote the home/school relationship through communication, student achievement and school planning review and improvement. I would like to thank the office of Family Community Engagement for sharing this information with me. There is a calendar of exciting events and activities and I recommend that you contact Dr. Connie Hall, 390-2960 for additional information.

Tonight, I also want to recognize teachers and a student- Dr. Benjamin E. Mays who was a mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King and who is president of Moorehouse College said that every child should be told at an early age that he is someone worthwhile and is capable of doing noteworthy things...and, when a child is told at an early age that he is capable of noteworthy things, that child can dream. If a child does not have a dream, then it is the adult who has to become the dream-maker. I have two sons and I would always say to them when they were little, "You may not have a dream now, but Mommy's going to dream for you...and then soon, you'll be able to dream for yourself." Tonight, I want to share the spotlight and shine the spotlight on two teachers and a principal who have been true dream-makers because dreams are what this world is made of. Tonight, I'll like to ask Paul and Yvette Montgomery, who are teachers in the Duval County Public Schools system to come forward along with Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Jones, Sr. and their son, Daryl, Jr. We all know Daryl Jones, Sr...he is D.J. who manages our mail division and his wife is a teacher in our system. Please come forward. The reason that I asked them to come forward is that Mrs. Montgomery is a teacher at Jacksonville Heights Elementary School and she initiated a book project at her school and her husband followed suit at his school, Crystal Springs Elementary. They made reading relevant to every child that came in their purview and those children were able to write books and have those books published. That's what I call making sure that the child's education is relevant and that the child is understanding that his dream can become a reality. They've made children understand that literacy is important, they brought literacy to life and made children understand that reading brings knowledge and knowledge brings power. This young man has already authored a book. I think we need to give him a hand, his parents, his teachers and all children who have written a book over the past 4-5 years. That is just phenomenal. Thank you so much for all that you continue to do for our children!

There's a principal that I want to recognize tonight...we've been recognizing our traditional academics institutions for each of the Board members. Tonight, I want to recognize some good works that are going on in our alternative schools. Mattie V. Rutherford Alternative School is a short-term program serving middle school students who have committed a serious Code of Student violation. Under the leadership of Kenneth Reddick, principal, the school has undergone a significant transition over the past five years. From a school where students were housed to a school that provides an educational setting where learning is the primary focus. The faculty and staff have been moving forward to a status as a highly structured, standards based program. The faculty provides itself with instituting a workshop model in each classroom including the guidance classes. The students are afforded the same academic curriculum as that of their home school. In addition, students are enrolled in a counseling class that focuses on peer remediation, substance abuse and career choices. Every student is enrolled in Fast ForWord class regardless of their FCAT level. Each week, grade level teachers select a student of the week. These students receive recognition and a T-shirt with the school's creed, "I Am Somebody" emblazed upon it. Also, the principal, faculty and staff encourage students to come to school by recognizing them with incentives made possible through the Chartrand Foundation. Each Friday, students who are eligible to exit, are recognized through a high energetic exiting ceremony. The students are recognized for student achievement, positive behavior, dress code, attendance and reciting the student creed. The student creed is the foundation of the work that the administrator, faculty and staff instill in each student. I have personally attended Mr. Reddick's Exit Ceremony and I would recommend everyone in here to attend one of these ceremonies. I was so impressed with his Creed that I used it several times with other kids I've been working with because it gives kids hope and that is what true education can do...making kids understand that they are somebody. Please join me in recognizing Kenneth Reddick and his wonderful faculty and staff from Mattie V. Rutherford Alternative School. Mr. Reddick gave a T-Shirt to every Board member, as well.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Superintendent said he'd like to respond to a few things that were said this evening, particularly in the relationship to the safety at First Coast High School. Safety is our utmost concern. If we don't have that then we can't have high quality academic program and we certainly concur with that. It's one of our major goals to have safe and respectful schools.

There were some mis-statements, however, and I feel it's important to correct those. First, in the process of selecting principals. One described the meeting where they were going to elect their principal. The process is to go through the School Advisory Council and also have some student representatives, describe the

qualities and characteristics of what the school wants in their principal. I did review those qualities and characteristics that were described and the decision was not made until after I saw that. There were several names that were floating around in terms of who was going to be the principal at First Coast High School. It was already announced that Mr. Bellamy was moving over to be an Executive Director...it was a known vacancy. Several principals did indicate, as we always ask principals, if they're interested in moving. Several did indicate that they're interested and their names were out there. So, Ms. Smith's name was one of those that was being considered, however, she was not named until after I reviewed that. It is my responsibility to recommend to the School Board who the principal should be. The School Board hires the Superintendent. The Superintendent hires the staff. I think we made an excellent choice in Ms. Smith. Were there issues and concerns at First Coast? Yes. Until we get to zero referrals every day of the year and every single student is respectful of every other student on campus, we haven't arrived. So, that is our goal.

There were some statements tonight about gunshots being fired at First Coast High School. To our knowledge anytime we're there, that's never happened. If that's happened, it's happened after hours. There were other statements that 500 students checked out because it was a riotous atmosphere last year. There was a scare email that said some gunman held up a teacher and some students in a closet and was holding them hostage. Again, none of that was true.

What was recommended earlier by one of the parents was, if you hear a rumor, call the school and check it out. It does not help us for parents to pass on unsubstantiated rumors and create a sense of chaos where there is no need for chaos. Ms. Smith has two organizations, both her SAC and PTA that are working diligently to continue to improve safety. I've been there and almost all high schools in Duval County and it's a safe campus. Are there issues of students getting to class on time? Yes and we need to work on that. Are there times when students don't do the right thing? Yes, but it's as safe as any other school we have in this school system, however, we need to be diligent in working together as parents, principals, and teachers in order to make it better. We welcome the input of the parents who are concerned tonight and welcome their engagement. We need someone right now to call 300 students who didn't show up with their ID and we want their parents to know this so we won't have to wind up putting them in ISSP and perhaps, eventually suspending them if they don't show up for that. There's one thing we need a lot of help on. We need someone to sit in front of the security cameras because we lost our staff person due to budget cuts. There's a number of things we need help on. So, once again, for all those who are concerned whether it's First Coast or any other school, get involved with your school. Go and volunteer!

I would say the same thing for those who expressed so passionately their concerns about whether or not we rename Forrest High School. Regardless of how that decision is made by the Board, I encourage everyone that is concerned about Forrest High School, to call Ms. Kirkpatrick, the principal and say, "I want to help Forrest!" It's been tagged with another "F" by the State of Florida. Students have been given Opportunity Scholarships to transfer. We need to improve the academic performance of the students and the graduation rate. Many, many students need a mentor or tutor to help them. So, I encourage you if you're truly interested at Forrest High School whether or not you support the name change, to call the principal. Thus far, no one has called her as a result of the article in the Florida Times-Union newspaper. I encourage your volunteerism and I appreciate the passionate energy and let's channel it in some ways that will truly help students and moves this district forward.

Rumors about Paxon no longer being a magnet - not true. Ms. Willis will give us a brief update tonight on the ACE Academic committees that have begun. This is how we spread the Acceleration Programs within our high schools beginning as early as next year and what kind of criteria will be each of those programs regardless of the school, as far as entrance and exit criteria. There was some mis-information as far as what is planned either on the part of the administration or the Board. The only question was about the exit criteria.

Another person mention that I had changed the process in assigning students with Opportunity Scholarships to the academic magnets and nothing could be further from the truth. That was a joint decision on the part of the Superintendent and the Board given the consideration of the choices we had. We agreed, jointly, that it was the right thing to do and worked together on how to make it work, which grade level should go, how we should look at students going to Douglas Anderson - whether or not they had any artistic background...the only concern I have is that sometimes statements are made by members of the public. Again, I appreciate the passion and concern but it is important to be informed on the issues.

I'd like to turn it over to Mr. Doug Ayars who will describe the process of the ACE Facilities and then I will present the recommendation I have for consideration. These have not been voted on by the Board. There's still much work to be done between now and February where we do intend for the Board to take action. There will be significant follow-on meetings with the schools - either consolidation or boundary changes and

receive plenty of input. For those who felt they didn't know about it before, you'll know about it now. The Times-Union and other media did an excellent job in providing coverage on this and we did make every effort to get the communication out to the public.

Reports

1. OPERATIONS - MR. DOUG AYARS

Minutes:

It's been a long road and a lot of things have happened and it's been actually a year since the first workshop last November, 2007, when we first began to talk about the process. Since that time, we've held many meetings; we created a tool kit of guidance for the working groups; we pulled much data together; we've had various workshops and meetings. As we began the process in March of this year, we did a couple of rounds around the district to advise and make people aware, to get some reaction and ideas on the scope of the work and from that we created and finalized the process in our data packages that we use with the community working groups. Between June and October, we conducted 24 community-based meetings with close to 900 individuals participating in either the community working groups or community dialog meetings with about 2,500 participation hours. We've had many hours and a pretty good exposure and good coverage with the press. We've also had eight Executive Steering Group meetings - that group which consists of internal staff and a member of the NAACP was used as an independent look at what the working groups were doing and a data resource for the working groups. So, we had many requests for information from the working groups which were forwarded into this entity which responded to the working groups with information. As the working groups developed scenarios, the Executive Steering Group took a look at those scenarios and checked them for validity.

Overall, about 2,000 district staff hours and 1,000 hours for our consultant. So, we've had quite a bit of effort. In fact, one set of all our documents is 500 pages of information - survey material - and that's been replicated many times. That would be one complete set including 185 pages of feedback and comments from the community input groups.

Communications have been as inclusive as we can make them. About 100 hours in our conference calls and over 1,600 emails so we've done quite a bit of staff work in working with the community.

Regarding the scenarios, I attended all but a few of the meetings due to other schedule conflicts but I'd like to share a couple comments from observing these working groups. First, the scenarios came from a facility usage, data driven fit (seat comparison, utilization enrollment, projected growth)...so we really looked hard at the numbers and the data. We must consider concurrency and class size compliance. We also looked at facility condition and dealt with growth management realities. There's much history and we had to look at long term usage of the facility and come up with scenarios that the working groups provided to us. Some of the issues that came up were feeder patterns of student attendance continuity between neighborhoods. There was quite a bit of interest in curriculum related questions specifically about the magnet programs and transportation. Most of that will be addressed in the transportation study that we're starting in the Academic model for high school accelerated programs and the upcoming ACE magnet review, as well.

We hope to capture most of those curriculum based and support concerns in those detailed reviews although we will address those in the final recommendations.

The package that was presented to the Superintendent is really a summary of the scenarios that were presented to me. My task was to take all of the information and build a program. I started with 2009 as the basis and then I separated the scenarios in 2010 and beyond. These items are generally items that would require extensive review beyond the time we've had or they've entered dependencies with other actions that were yet to happen and we need to look at them with further detail. What we tried to focus on in 2009 are things that data driven and have clarity; a solid recommendation. The 2010 listings are not recommendations but simply a placeholder for the work in front of us coming next year. Every quadrant recommended that we do a complete middle school boundary review. Related to that for high schools and AAA coming on line in 2010, we would normally do boundaries in the fall, no later than the fall in 2009. We'll start those in the

spring of 2009, as well. Middle schools throughout the district is a desire of the working groups and high school feeder patterns would be consistent with that. If you consider we're doing the model, we're doing a magnet review, you can see that these things line up nicely so when we do make decisions about those major school issues, we'll have a good deal of information at our finger tips. So, the work load drove a lot of what I provided to the Superintendent simply because the time we have between now and February, we still have a good deal of work to do. This is an interim report as to where we are.

Mayport Middle - the attendance is a concern for the future; the future of James Weldon Johnson in a very confined location related to a middle school and magnet. So, it makes sense to the community, as a group, let's put these things in a perspective where we'll come back to them, dedicated to a scope of work that has been defined and we still have plenty to work on. This is not a one-year issue, either.

What we've done for 2009, was first cut...things I believe we could implement and execute in the summer of 2009 and many items we'll be looking at next spring and fall for 2010 and beyond. We're going to have to consider special facilities needs for certain exceptionalities within the ESE program. It did not come up within the working groups but as we look at long range planning and facilities Master Planning, we need to consider some of our special facilities. Once the process is going forward, some key dates: January 6, a public hearing with action for final recommendations on February 3. Next week, a schedule will come out, we'll have site-based meetings at schools to do detailed planning in big groups for boundary change proposals between now and December. We'll be able to provide summaries on any of the recommendations including the financials and funding

I'd like to say thanks to everyone; the community - the spirit of the groups who participated and volunteered - I was struck by the team work of so many people who came together with opinions and ideas and came to a consensus with one another. It was most impressive and our very own staff who did some incredible work. Mr. Tracy Richter, our consultant, is an expert for us. For all of them, a job well done and I appreciate everybody's dedication.

Speakers:

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member
Ms. Patricia Willis, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice Chairman
Ms. Kris Barnes, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman

See Attachment for the A.C.E. (Academic and Community Excellence) - Superintendent's Tentative Recommendations and Scenarios.

[2. ACADEMIC SERVICES - MS. PAT WILLIS](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Kathy LeRoy gave the following Reading Report:

Elementary schools are in their first year of implementing a Comprehensive Core Reading Program as well as learning schedules written by classroom teachers to allow new instructional materials. Through collaboration between the Schultz Center and Academic Services, monthly coaching academy and literacy lead teacher training sessions are supporting the classroom teachers to effectively use the Core Reading Program as well as the ancillaries and intervention materials. The delivery of all elementary comprehensive core reading materials to 108 schools has been a challenge, but through ongoing means with the publishers and through the support of the Instructional Materials department, the scheduled materials are in schools. All Houghton-Mifflin textbooks and teacher additions have been delivered to schools. Teachers have received all textbook ancillary materials as well as Student Assessment Workbooks for every student. Further, teachers have received the first part of their 500 classroom library book set in the first of three deliveries.

Our technology department is working closely with the publisher to provide online resources for students

and teachers in every school. This includes online level books, the online version of the student textbooks and online assessments. All school accounts will be operational by November 9, 2008.

Additionally, middle school English Language Arts is embarking on the first year of Learning Schedule Implementation to support our standards-based curriculum. Furthermore, experienced middle school teachers have written aligned district assessments to include test items with low, moderate and high levels of cognitive complexities for the learning schedules and the reading section of the FCAT. We realize as the new Core Reading Program and Learning Schedules are implemented, teacher and administrator feedback is crucial to the successful implementation of the program.

To that end, we continue to support schools through weekly site visits to schools with intensive focus. On Turn Around Schools, meetings with principals, elementary teacher focus groups and a district-wide survey about the new series. Like Math and Science, ELA is seeking ongoing feedback from schools and classroom teachers that will enhance and improve the quality of the Learning Schedules and the assessments.

For the second year, district-wide high school ELA students are engaged in the research-based College Preparatory Curriculum SpringBoard. Curriculum writers experienced in teaching SpringBoard and representing schools from across Duval County, revised the Learning Schedules based on year one teacher implementation and feedback. They also wrote assessments with careful attention to cognitive complexity of test items and fidelity to FCAT assessment format.

Finally, in order to support an increase in graduation rate which directly supports Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan, the ELA department is collaborating with high school Intensive Reading teachers at grades 11 and 12 to examine individual student data, target deficiencies, examine Best Practices and Curriculum, thereby, improving student preparation for the SAT, ACT and FCAT retakes. Academic Services is conducting ongoing data and analysis of these students' performances and will facilitate the working group of lead teachers through an ongoing monthly professional development opportunity. Thank you.

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2008, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the November 3, 2008, Agenda as submitted on October 27, 2008, with the changes listed in the agenda item. - 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

Approval of Minutes

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#)

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Minutes:

- October 7, 2008 - Regular Board Meeting
- October 8, 2008 - Special Board Meeting
- October 9, 2008 - Special - Student Expulsion Hearing
- October 27, 2008 - Professional Services Committee

Motions:

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Vote Results

Motion:

Second:

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Minutes for the Meetings 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 Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motions:

- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Kristanna Barnes

Kristanna Barnes - Aye

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly jackson - Aye

Consent Agenda

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

[2. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS](#)

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Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

[1. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS](#)

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

[2. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS](#)

Attachment: [General Fund Resolution Nov 3.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Food Service Resolution Nov 3.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Internal Fund Resolution Nov 3.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Capital Resolution Nov 3.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Special Revenue Other Nov 3.pdf](#)

[3. RESOLUTION SERIES 1992 SINKING FUND](#)

Attachment: [Sinking Fund Resolution Oct 2008.pdf](#)

[4. SCHOOL INTERNAL ACCOUNTS FUND AUDITS](#)

Attachment: [Internal Accounts Audit Nov 2008.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Burney said she spoke with Mr. Mike Perrone. I'd like him to share with the general public what actions are taken whenever a bookkeeper, Booster group or others don't follow our rules and practices. What is our course of action?

Mr. Mike Perrone, Budget Director, gave a procedure and then a purpose of the internal auditing. Each year, all schools have their Internal Accounts audited by our district's Internal Auditing Department. The purpose is to ensure compliance with the rules of the Duval County School Board and generally accepted accounting principles. In the case of non-compliance, the auditing department notifies the principal and the Cluster Chief and recommendations are made to

prevent further non-compliance. So, they work with each school and try to get them back into compliance. If, however, non-compliance issues continue, the principal in conjunction with Human Resources, can begin the process of progressive discipline which can ultimately lead to termination of employment.

The Chairman asked if we do any training? I know we do PTA training for individuals who will work with funds that are incoming to the school. What about the Booster Clubs and things of that nature? Does the district train them as to what is required?

Mr. Perrone said, "No, not with the Boosters - they'll give them information but they don't train them as they are not employees of the district. These are internal accounts for our employees are handling money within the school accounts and there is a special software that they use. They don't use the SAP software. They are trained on that."

Operations - Information Technology

[1. SAP ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL](#)

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges Form SAP.pdf](#)

[2. RETROFIT FOR TECHNOLOGY AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS ES, CHIMNEY LAKES ES, SABAL PALM ES, ALIMACANI ES: CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-BID-EXT-RETROFIT-4-SCHOOLS.pdf](#)

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Attachment: [XX-ATT-DP-REC-RETROFIT-4SCHOOLS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [B-C-RETROFIT-4-SCHOOLS-CA.DOC.pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

[1. EGRESS IMPROVEMENTS AT FORREST HS NO. 241: REVISED PROJECT, PROJECT BUDGET AND AMENDMENT NO. ONE TO DP AGREEMENT, DCSB PROJECT NO. C-91270](#)

Attachment: [XX-B-C-C-91270-ADD-WOLFSON.pdf](#)

[2. ANNUAL CONTRACTS – CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF PORTABLES, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES: SELECTION AND CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [xx-ATT-ANNUAL CONTRACT.pdf](#)

Attachment: [XX-B-C-ANNUAL CONTRACTS.pdf](#)

[4. NEW AUTISTIC CLASSROOMS AT KERNAN MS - PHASE III \(CONSTRUCTION\) DOCUMENTS](#)

Attachment: [XX-B-C-C91200-KERNAN.pdf](#)

[5. DW ROOF REPLACEMENT AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS-STAGE II: CHANGE ORDER NO. 3, DCSB PROJECT NO. M-84890](#)

Attachment: [XX-B-C-DW-ROOFING-C-O.pdf](#)

[6. PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: NEW AND RENEWAL](#)

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[7. FACILITIES SERVICES CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER REPORT \(OCTOBER 2008\)](#)

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Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

[1. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT](#)

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

[2. CAFETERIA SUPPLIES](#)

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Attachment: [CAFETERIA SUPPLIES 08 TAB SHEET.pdf](#)
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[3. CHAIN LINK FENCE PARTS](#)

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[4. CLASSROOM AND ART SUPPLIES](#)

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[5. ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES](#)

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Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES 09-4-08.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Bid recommendations Electrical Supplies 2008 \(2\).pdf](#)

[6. PER CAPITA AND EXAMINATION FEES](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly Jackson said she wanted to show her support for this item and talk about that it is the first round of testing for the IB students at Ribault Senior High School, so they're including this item along with Stanton and Paxon and to show this Board is committed to neighborhood schools and increasing the rigor at neighborhood schools. There is no attempt to lower standards anywhere. This is an item that shows we're putting out financial resources to increase the rigor at neighborhood schools and you will have your first round of students from Jean Ribault Senior High School sitting for their IB exams in the spring of this school year.

Academic Services

[1. OUT-OF-COUNTRY FIELD TRIP REQUEST - DOUGLAS ANDERSON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA](#)

Attachment: [Benefits Challenges DA Trip.pdf](#)

[3. PARTNERSHIP WITH RITZ THEATRE & LAVILLA MUSEUM TO TEACH AMERICAN HISTORY WITH](#)

EMPHASIS ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY IN FLORIDA

Attachment: [La Villa Museum Along This Way budget.pdf](#)

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

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly Jackson said she wanted to show her support for this item and thank Mrs. Burney for spearheading and making certain this issue was addressed. I think this item addresses the diverse needs of our students with approximately 40-42% of our students are African American. Sometimes folk don't know where they've been so they don't have any idea where they're going to go and so a connection is exemplified by the people...the young man that Mrs. Burney recognized earlier tonight...a relevance in education will go along way, so I want to show the support for this and thankful the district is moving in this direction in the partnership with the Ritz Theatre and LaVilla Museum.

Chairman Burney also pulled the item to say "thank you" Mr. Superintendent, for your due diligence in making sure this happened. We heard so much tonight about history and all of those kinds of things and we do know that Jacksonville, itself, has a rich history and our children deserve to know all there is to know so we can become better citizens.

4. CONTINUATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Attachment: [BGClub20082009SitesSchoolsEvaluationData.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BenefitsandChallengesFormBoysandGirlsClub20082009.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly Jackson said, again, showing support. This is going to be aligned with district and state standards for remediation on math and reading and we're impacting about 3,500 students in our district. That whole village concept that we can not do this alone, so we partner with other entities and I want to show my support.

5. COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITION TO THE DISTRICT COURSE TITLE FILE

Attachment: [November 3 08 BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM.pdf](#)

6. PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION GRANT

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

Attachment: [PDM Grant Budget Summary for Agenda.pdf](#)

7. AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE-DRIVER SAFETY TRUST FUND GRANT AWARD

Attachment: [Dr Ed Safety Trust Fund Budget 2008-2009.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Dr Ed & Safety Trust Facts.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges Dr Ed Trust Money 2008-2009.pdf](#)

8. FUNDING TITLE I SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS FOR 2008-2009

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

Attachment: [Program Matrix School Improvement.pdf](#)

9. AGREEMENT WITH FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA TITLE I SUCCESS BY DESIGN INITIATIVE

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM - Florida Institute of Education.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FIE Contract Budget for Title I School Readiness & Parent Involve Initiative .pdf](#)

Discussion

Board Members

[1. RENAMING OF NATHAN B. FORREST HIGH SCHOOL NO. 241](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

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

Motions:

- 1. Pursuant to Policy BGF, that the Duval County School Board waive the public hearing requirement set forth in Subsection (1)(a) of Policy FF in order to decide whether to rename Nathan B. Forrest High School, #241. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Kristanna Barnes

Second: Thomas Hazouri

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

Motions:

- 2. If the Duval County School Board waives the public hearing requirement, that the Board deny the request to rename Nathan B. Forrest High School, #241. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Kristanna Barnes

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

Human Resource Services - Staffing

1. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

Attachment: [HRS Attach 11-03-08 TRANS.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Chairman Betty Burney announced the School Board's new Internal Auditor, Mrs. Michelle Begley. Mrs. Begley will be joining us. She is a Certified Public Accountant with 14 years of work experience with the Florida Auditor General's Office and she will be our second arm. We have our right arm here, Mr. Superintendent, who carry's out our administrative policies and now our left arm who will make sure that all of those administrative policies are being looked at financially, expeditiously, and as a Board, we're doing things are fiscally accountable. Mrs. Begley will report directly to the Board and we're happy to have her and she will begin this position on November 12th. Thank you very much for accepting the position and we look forward to working with you.

Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment

1. CHARTER APPLICATION FOR GLOBAL OUTREACH CHARTER ACADEMY

- Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Global Outreach Rev..pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Global Outreach Academy Exec Summary 2008 Rev.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Global Outreach Scoring Matrix Rev.pdf](#)

Minutes: Speakers:

- Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member
- Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. Lorenda Tiscornia, Director, Charter Schools

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the application submitted by Global Outreach Charter Academy to open a charter school for the 2009-2010 school year. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Thomas Hazouri

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

Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

[3. CONVERSION OF DARNELL-COOKMAN INTO NEW GRADE 6-12 MEDICAL ACADEMY: PHASE III \(CONSTRUCTION\) DOCUMENTS \(BLDG 6\), DCSB PROJECT NO. C-91160](#)

Attachment: [XX-B-C-C91160.DOC.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speaker:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve Phase III (construction) documents as prepared by the firm of Harvard Jolly, Inc., for site work and Building No. 6 at Darnell-Cookman Middle School No. 145.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Nancy Broner	
Second: Kristanna Barnes	
Kristanna Barnes	- Aye
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Nay
Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Nay

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

[7. SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL - PROQUEST INFORMATION & LEARNING](#)

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

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member
 Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief of Academic Services

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve renewal of subscription from Proquest Information and Learning in the amount of \$112,575 for	- PASS

the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Nancy Broner

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

Academic Services

[2. ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS FOR MASTER INSERVICE PLAN FOR 2008-2009](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES PROMISE components 11-04-08.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Grades 3-5 Component.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Science Inquiry and Content for Elementary Updated.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Science Inquiry and Content for Middle School Updated.pdf](#)

Attachment: [6-8 Math Component Updated.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Grades K-2 Component.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Academy of Science.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Grades 6-8 Science Component.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Algebra Component.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve and authorize the Board Chairman and Superintendent to affix their signatures to the components necessary to provide professional development for the PROMISE (Partnership to Rejuvenate and Optimize Mathematics and Science Education) grant as a part of the partnership between the district and the partner universities and related science and mathematics professional development. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

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

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following travel:

December 2-5, 2008 - Tampa, FL - 63rd Annual Joint Conference - All Board Members

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board Members Travel: December 2-5, 2008 - Tampa, FL - 63rd Annual Joint Conference - Barrett, Broner, Drake, Hazouri, Priestly Jackson, 2 new Board Members - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Kristanna Barnes - Aye

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

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

December 2-5, 2008 - Tampa, FL - 63rd Annual Joint Conference

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following travel for the Superintendent: December 2-5, 2008 - Tampa, FL - 63rd Annual Joint Conference - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner	
Second: Thomas Hazouri	
Kristanna Barnes	- Aye
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

For The Record

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Minutes:

The Board waived this item due to the lateness of the meeting.

Both Ms. Barnes and Ms. Barrett expressed thier sentiments and said it's been a pleasure being a part of the Board and working with fellow Board members, Superintendent and our great staff.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman