



Duval County Public Schools

November 3, 2015, Regular Board Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief Officer of Legal Services, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. after a short performance by students from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

[INVOCATION OR THOUGHT OF THE DAY](#)

Minutes: The invocation was given by Pastor Spike Hogan from Chets Creek Church.

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Minutes: After the Pledge of Allegiance, NJROTC students from Ribault, Sandalwood and Lee High Schools performed a flag folding ceremony which explained the symbolism of each fold.

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

[RECOGNITION OF COLONEL ROBERT PORTER](#)

Minutes: Board Member Hall presented Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Porter with a resolution acknowledging his many years of service to his community throughout his military career (see attached).

[KERNAN MIDDLE SCHOOL](#)

Minutes:

Julie Hemphill, Principal, Kernan Middle School

Ms. Hemphill showed a PowerPoint presentation to help showcase all the different programs offered at Kernan Middle School. Board Member Shine thanked Ms. Hemphill for coming out to highlight the school's programs. He noted that his son attended Kernan Middle School and was very happy there.

Communications

[RECOGNITION - VSA FLORIDA STUDENT OF THE MONTH](#)

Minutes:

Maxwell Fane - VSA Florida September 2015 Student of the Month

- Our first presentation of the evening celebrates the significant contributions that Duval County Public Schools students with disabilities are making in the arts.
- In this case, it's the artwork of an 18-year-old Atlantic Coast High School student, and he has earned statewide recognition as a VSA Florida, September Student of the Month.
- VSA Florida is a private, not-for-profit organization that champions artists with disabilities through art education programs, performances, an artist registry, workshops, and more.
- The VSA Florida student of the month program aims to increase public awareness as well as recognize the impact the arts are making on students with disabilities.
- Atlantic Coast student Maxwell Fane received this honor by the nomination of his art teacher, Kelly Delaney.
- Delaney wrote that Maxwell is a dedicated and motivated artist who has grown over the past few years through problem-solving and embracing challenges.
- Maxwell is a participant in the school's Fine Arts Program, where much of his work is "sculptural in nature, using precise measurements, skilled selection of paint colors, and attention to detail in developing a piece that may take months for him to complete."
- In fact, he will often head straight to the art department first-thing in the morning, dropping off supplies or work that he began at home.
- Delaney shares that Maxwell, who is on the autism spectrum, is a good citizen, a leader, and a friend to others who continues to grow not only as an artist, but also personally, and in confidence.
- Please join us in recognizing Maxwell, and his outstanding work.
- Joined by teacher Kelly Delaney, Atlantic Coast Principal Debra Lynch, and VSA Florida Director of Programs Wendy Finklea. Congratulations Maxwell Fane, VSA Florida September Student of the Month.

[RECOGNITION - COMMUNITY PARTNER JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF NORTH FLORIDA](#)

Minutes:

Community Partner - Junior Achievement of North Florida

- Our next presentation of the evening recognizes a successful and impactful partnership between Duval County Public Schools, and Junior Achievement of North Florida.
- Junior Achievement is the nation's largest organization

dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices.

- Junior Achievement of North Florida has worked to educate local students on financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and workforce readiness since 1963.
- But it was during the 2014-2015 school year that the organization reached record-breaking numbers.
- Of 115 area offices, Junior Achievement of North Florida currently ranks 25th in the nation and 2nd in the state of Florida.
- Junior Achievement volunteers donated 474,099 instructional hours - a 19.5% increase over the previous year.
- In addition, Junior Achievement of North Florida's programs touched 52,881 students last school year - which is more than the organization has ever reached in its 52-year history.
- Of those students, more than 48,000 were Duval County students.
- Junior Achievement is indeed a strong Duval County Public Schools partner. The organization reaches students in grades K through 12 and also ensures each senior participates in financial literacy programs before graduation, therefore helping to prepare our students not only for college, but also for life.
- Please help us recognize Junior Achievement for North Florida President Steve St. Amand, Board Chair Charlie Kauffman, as well as the Junior Achievement of North Florida staff, for all they do for the students of Duval County Public Schools.

[RECOGNITION - BROADCOM MASTERS FINALIST](#)

Minutes:

Blake Caven - 2015 Broadcom MASTERS Finalist

Our final presentation recognizes a Duval County Public Schools student who earned a coveted spot in one of the nation's top Science, Technology, Engineering and Math - or STEM - competitions for middle school students.

The Broadcom MASTERS Competition invites students to present their own research projects, as well as test their skills. MASTERS stands for Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering for Rising Stars.

Julia Landon College Preparatory 7th grade student Blake Caven is no doubt a rising star, as he was among only 30 students in the entire country invited to participate in this year's competition. As a 6th grader, Blake created a project titled "The Effect of Different Algorithms on Lacrosse Simulation Difficulty." Blake used a computer coding program to create his own

lacrosse game. He created five artificial intelligence algorithms for decision making by a computer-generated goal defender.

After placing in several science fairs, he became one of two thousand students internationally nominated to the Broadcom MASTERS competition. He eventually became the ONLY finalist from this region.

Last month, Blake received an all-expense paid trip to Silicon Valley, California. He not only presented before judges but he also toured Google, boarded a research vessel, and much more.

As a result of his participation in this competition, Blake, his 6th grade science teacher, and Landon Middle School all received exciting prizes. This includes one-thousand dollars for the school to use toward STEM-related activities as well as having minor planets named after Blake, and his 6th grade science teacher, Carrie Coombs.

Please welcome Blake Caven, finalist in the 2015 Broadcom MASTERS competition, who is joined by principal Timothy Feagins, and teacher Carrie Coombs.

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the November 3, 2015, agenda as submitted on October 27, 2015 with the following changes:

1. Approval of minutes - Minutes - Revised
2. Board Members - Letter on State Testing - Item #2 - Page 28 - Attachment Added - PASS
3. School Choice and Pupil Assignment - Charter application for Seaside School Consortium, Inc. to open Seaside Charter School K-8 - Item #9 - Page 162 - Withdrawn

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Ashley Juarez

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Chairperson's Report

[CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Cheryl Grymes, Chairman, Duval County School Board

Chairman Grymes made a point of noting how impressed she is with the community partners we have who make a difference in our students' daily lives after noting a crossing guard in a school zone getting hugged by two little girls on their way to school. Those community partners make a difference. She thanked Jennifer Chapman with Fidelity Investments for organizing a Transformation Day at Terry Parker High School.

Chairman Grymes also attended the GRASP ribbon cutting ceremony and was impressed with how excited the students are with school. She also congratulated the Superintendent and his staff for the job well done on the NAEP results that were released.

Superintendent's Report

[SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools

Dr. Vitti explained to the public the meaning behind the results of the data released by National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP). After giving some background on the type of information released by NAEP, he explained how Duval County Public Schools scored within the top 4 schools in all the categories (see attached).

Department Reports

[DEPARTMENT REPORTS](#)

Minutes:

Mark Sherwood, Assistant Superintendent, Communications

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Sherwood explained the current marketing plan put into play by the Communications Department. He reviewed the key players, target market, and goals (see attached).

Jeff Smith, Director of Arts, Fine Arts Department

Mr. Smith thanked the Board for their support of arts education in the school district. He proceeded to explain how arts education benefits students in other areas besides just art. He also highlighted five of the department's programs:

- Live at the Met
- Any Given Child - Jacksonville partnership
- More targeted Professional Development hours
- STEAM cultural Passport
- District wide art showcase

Public Comment

[PUBLIC COMMENT](#)

Minutes:

Sol Angel Wynter, Parent, Sandalwood High School

Ms. Wynter explained why she is Public Education Strong. She sees teachers working hard for their students and knows their salary doesn't compensate them for the time they put into their work. She learned when she changed her son over from private school to public school at Sandalwood High School, he was behind but they caught him up and he will now finish high school with an AA degree. They taught him organization and time management.

Chris Guerrieri

Mr. Guerrieri read the portion of the Florida Constitution that outlines the Board's responsibilities. He asked everyone to note that the Constitution did not say to outsource children's education to for-profit organizations such as charter schools. He noted that other school districts are saying no to charter schools and listed many reasons he feels the Board should not approve charter schools, namely Charter Schools U.S.A. He feels School Board Member from District 7 should recuse himself from voting on items involving Charter Schools U.S.A. due to his involvement with the charter.

James Walker, Mentor, City Year

Mr. Walker is proud to be one of only three males on the City Year team that is from Jacksonville. He related the experiences he has had with young male students that are much like he was at that age. He thanked both City Year and the Duval County School Board for the opportunity to guide and support these young males.

Andrea Williams-Scott, Principal, S. P. Livingston Elementary School

She is honored to be the first elementary school to have City Year on her campus and feels it has made a world of difference. She explained the role they play in the lives of her students on a daily basis and cannot imagine the school without them.

Bradford Hall, Advocate

Mr. Hall asked the Board to preserve the integrity of the ACE policy as it pertains to school boundaries. He has concerns about multiple answers he gets from district staff when he asks a question pertaining to schools affected by boundary changes. He showed an example of pages of questions given to staff under Doug Ayers and had no problem, at the time, receiving solid answers without complaint. He encouraged the Board to give the community time to process the information they feel they need to give solid feedback to the Board.

Lisa Meisburg, Intern, Tiger Academy

Ms. Meisburg is currently interning at Tiger Academy. She was nervous, at first, not knowing what to expect from Tiger Academy and an urban school setting. Her experience has been very positive. She has seen the impact

of the school on the community and is astounded at the complexity of work at the Kindergarten level.

Nick Conrad, Intern, West Jacksonville Professional Development School

He, too, was nervous about being placed in an urban school. He now feels his experience has been amazing and positive. He is amazed at the level of discussion among the kids in the 5th grade classrooms. His most eye-opening experience is through the Walks of Understanding program. By walking to and from school with the students, he is able to better understand the rigorous route they must endure.

Dr. Susan Syverud, Associate Professor, Department of Exceptional, Deaf and Interpreter Education at the University of North Florida (UNF)

Dr. Syverud is passionate about preventing reading failure including students with disabilities. She explained how the UNF teaching candidates in her program work with Duval County Public Schools students to teach them to read. She noted how Dr. Vitti's changes in the school system with reading coaches and interventionists have improved students' success. She thanked Dr. Vitti for his investment in their partnership.

Anthony Howard, Academic Manager, Jacksonville Job Force Center

Mr. Howard thanked Board Member Wright for her service on their advisory academic counsel. She also spoke at their summer graduation and has spent time tutoring. He spoke about the partnership they have with Ribault and Raines High School and how they would like to expand it to Darnell Cookman School of the Medical Arts.

Comments From Parent Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

Sabrina Zinamon, Chairman, District Advisory Council (DAC)

The District Advisory Council meeting was held Monday, October 26, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Bilgili, School Improvement Office, reviewed the school improvement information for our district.

Mr. Brandon Mack, Family & Community Engagement, shared dates for the

Chat with the Supe and the Discover Duval Tours.

Louisa Alderson, Chartwells, talked about the 2nd Annual Food Expo scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at the Prime Osborne Center at 9:00 a.m.

The next District Advisory Council meeting will be Monday, November 23, 2015, 6:00 p.m. on the 6th floor of the Board building. The Title I and Parent Advisory Council will present.

Comments from District Student Government Association

[COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION](#)

Minutes:

Essence Duncan, President, Jacksonville Association of Governing Students

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to speak about JAGS once again. Our last two meetings were on September 9th and October 7th. During the September 9th meeting we talked about our subcommittees and we also held elections. Our officers for the 2015-2016 year are:

- President: Essence Duncan from Sandalwood High School
- Vice-President: Esther Iya from Paxon School for Advanced Studies
- Secretary: Dana Johnson from Darnell Cookman School of the Medical Arts
- Treasurer: Gwenivere Letourneau from Baldwin High School
- Public Relations Officers: Omar Howard from William M. Raines and Jocelyn Vasquez from Englewood High School

During our October 7th meeting we met with Ms. Wendy Dunlap to talk about Dual Enrollment in high schools and how textbooks are distributed. She touched on some of the issues that occurred with getting textbooks to students and we also got to provide her with our input on how we thought the process might work better.

Afterward, we talked more about our subcommittees and the members of each. This year, we have broken into various subcommittees such as the Executive Board, Research Division, and Public Relations and Event Coordination.

We also talked about our student-led #beheard campaign. This campaign is a way for all students to have a voice and submit issues they have to our website online. These issues will be discussed within the JAGS meetings and resolved to benefit all DCPS students. We will be passing out cards with information about the campaign and displaying flyers

throughout our school campuses.

This month we will begin working on our legislative agenda, determining which issues most affect us and developing a plan to advocate for those items.

The JAGS would also like to congratulate the Board, Superintendent, School Administrators and students for the exciting student achievement results released last year that demonstrated our district is among the best of the large urban districts in the country.

All of the members are very excited about the things we have begun to accomplish thus far and I cannot wait to see more. Thank you.

Comments From Employee Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Approval of Minutes

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the minutes for the meetings listed in the agenda item:

- July 7, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting
- July 27, 2015 – Board Member Meeting – City Council
- July 28, 2015 – Special Board Meeting Tentative Budget & Resolution Adopting 2015-2016 Millage And Budget
- July 28, 2015 – Policy Handbook Review Committee Meeting
- July 29, 2015 – Board Member Meeting – Task Force - Withdrawn

- August 3, 2015 – Board Member Meeting – War On Poverty - PASS
- August 4, 2015 – Regular Board Meeting
- August 10, 2015 – Board Member Meeting – City Council
- August 11, 2015 – Board Workshop
- August 11, 2015 – Policy Handbook Review Committee Meeting
- August 18, 2015 – Board Workshop & Committee Meeting
- August 18, 2015 – Audit Committee Meeting

Vote Results

Motion: Ashley Juarez

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Consent Agenda

Academic Services

3. [AICE ANNUAL AND EXAMINATION FEES](#)
4. [IB ANNUAL AND EXAMINATION FEES](#)
5. [VyStar ACADEMY OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE PROGRAM AT FIRST COAST](#)

Attachment: [Vystar First Coast High School Contract vfinal.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Wright thanked VyStar for their partnership with their career academies, currently at Wolfson and Ribault High Schools. A new one is planned for First Coast High School with 12 interns planned at that location. She noted that the program averages about 24 students a year and an estimate of eight students from the schools who have been hired after graduation by VyStar. They have awarded scholarship money at their first two locations and invested approximately \$160,000 at the First Coast High School location. She thanked VyStar for investing in both our students and community.

School Choice and Pupil Assignment

8. [CHARTER APPLICATION FOR ECA - JACKSONVILLE, INC. TO OPEN EARLY CAREER ACADEMY](#)

Attachment: [Early Career Academy Final Evaluation 10.13.15.pdf](#)

9. ~~CHARTER APPLICATION FOR SEASIDE SCHOOL CONSORTIUM, INC. TO OPEN SEASIDE CHARTER SCHOOL K-8 - WITHDRAWN~~

Attachment: ~~Seaside Charter K-8 Final Evaluation 10.13.15.pdf~~

Human Resource Services - Staffing

11. [HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTION](#)

Attachment: [HRS Attach 11-03-15 TRANS.pdf](#)

12. [MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - SUPERVISOR, FEDERAL PROGRAMS](#)

Attachment: [HRS_Min_Quals_Sup_FedProg.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

13. [APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL-BASED ADMINISTRATOR ASSESSMENT SYSTEM](#)

Attachment: [School Based Administrator's Perf Assess System 10 26 15.pdf](#)

14. [APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE 2015-2016 INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL ASSESSMENT SYSTEM](#)

Attachment: [CAST Manual Revised 20152016.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

15. [EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY - JOSEPH RICHARDSON](#)

16. [EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY - STEPHEN JONES](#)

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

17. [MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS](#)

Attachment: [July August 2015 Monthly Financial Report Package.pdf](#)

18. [SUMMARY FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT- INTERNAL AUDITING](#)

Attachment: [Board Agenda 11-2015 - Summary Audit Report.pdf](#)

19. [ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS SEPTEMBER 2015](#)

Attachment: [Master November 2016 Resolution.pdf](#)

20. [FOURTH YEAR RENEWAL OF THE DISTRICT'S REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE \(RAN\), SERIES 2011](#)

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

21. [APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL OUTLAY AND DEBT SERVICE \(CO&DS\) FUNDS](#)

Attachment: [CODS DCPS PPL- DOE Approved 5-6-14.pdf](#)

22. [APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE OF GAS TAX REVENUE FUNDS FOR DISTRICTWIDE ROAD PAVING AND REPAIR PROJECTS](#)

Attachment: [DCPS Paving Priority List-Proposed 15 Road Projects 10-19-15.pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

23. [PREQUALIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS](#)

Attachment: [Pequalifications - Renewals for 11-3-15 Board.pdf](#)

24. [CHANGE ORDER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2015](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Change Order Report Chart October 2015.pdf](#)

25. [PERIODIC REPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS AND FINAL INSPECTIONS OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER \\$1,000,000](#)

Attachment: [Nov 2015 Agenda Item CSC-CFI-Cont Sav on Proj Chart.pdf](#)

26. [TPHD-99890 HIGH DENSITY WIRELESS AT STANTON COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL NO. 153/DCPS PROJECT NO. TPHD-99890-3153: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [TPHD-E99890-3153 HDW Contract for Stanton College Prep No 153.pdf](#)

27. [QZAB II-GROUP 4-D HIGH DENSITY WIRELESS AT SANDALWOOD HIGH SCHOOL NO. 237/DCPS PROJECT NO. QZAB 15-E99960-3237: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [QZAB15-E99960-3153 HDW Contract for Sandalwood HS No 237 .pdf](#)

28. [QZAB II-GROUP 4-D HIGH DENSITY WIRELESS AT LOUIS SHEFFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 242/DCPS PROJECT NO. QZAB 15-E99960-3242: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [QZAB15-E99960-3153 HDW Contract for Sheffield ES No 242.pdf](#)

29. [QZAB II-GROUP 4-E HIGH DENSITY WIRELESS AT JOHN C. STOCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 88/DCPS PROJECT NO. QZAB 15-E99960-3088: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [QZAB15-E99960-3088 HDW Contract for John C Stockton ES No 88.pdf](#)

30. [QZAB II-GROUP 4-E HIGH DENSITY WIRELESS AT SAMUEL W. WOLFSON HIGH SCHOOL NO. 224/DCPS PROJECT NO. QZAB 15-E99960-3224: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [QZAB15-E99960-3224 HDW Contract for Samuel Wolfson HS No 224.pdf](#)

31. [QZAB II-GROUP 4-E HIGH DENSITY WIRELESS AT TWIN LAKES ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 251/DCPS PROJECT NO. QZAB 15-E99960-3251: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [QZAB15-E99960-3251 HDW Contract for Twin Lakes Academy No 251.pdf](#)

32. [QZAB II-GROUP 4-F HIGH DENSITY WIRELESS AT VENETIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 68/DCPS PROJECT NO. QZAB 15-E99960-3068: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [QZAB15-E99960-3068 HDW Contract for Venetia ES No 68.pdf](#)

33. [QZAB II-GROUP 4-F HIGH DENSITY WIRELESS AT KINGS TRAIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 203/DCPS PROJECT NO. QZAB 15-E99960-3203: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [QZAB15-E99960-3203 HDW Contract for Kings Trail ES No 203.pdf](#)

34. [QZAB II-GROUP 4-F HIGH DENSITY WIRELESS AT STONEWALL JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 234/DCPS PROJECT NO. QZAB 15-E99960-3234: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [QZAB15-E99960-3234 HDW Contract for Stonewall Jackson ES No 234.pdf](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

35. [SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT](#)

Attachment: [NOVFY16 RETIREMENT.pdf](#)

- Attachment: [06NOV16\(2\).pdf](#)
- Attachment: [ROSUM NOV FY16.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [07NOV16\(2\).pdf](#)
- Attachment: [04NOV16\(2\).pdf](#)
- Attachment: [05NOV16\(2\).pdf](#)

36. [NURSING SERVICES - TEMPORARY](#)

General

38. [VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS PLAN](#)

Attachment: [FINAL Arts Plan 2015 10-15-15.pdf](#)

39. [2016 DRIVER EDUCATION SAFETY TRUST FUND GRANT WITH THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE](#)

Attachment: [City of Jacksonville Driver Education Safety Trust Fund Grant 2015 2016.pdf](#)

Discussion

Board Members

1. [CIVIL SERVICE BOARD APPOINTMENT](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Fischer thanked the staff for gathering the information he requested.

Board Member Shine spoke to Ms. Laster directly and supports the Board's nomination.

Motions:

That the School Board of Duval County, Florida, reappoint Ms. B. J. Laster as its representative on the Civil Service Board, for a second full term of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2018. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Connie Hall	
Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Nay
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

2. [LETTER ON STATE TESTING](#)

Attachment: [State Mandated Testing.pdf](#)

Minutes: Board Member Couch indicated she submitted some adjustments to Ms. Chastain to the letter drafted by Board Member Fischer. She asked the Superintendent for his input on baseline testing for one year. Dr. Vitti stated he would be supportive of baseline testing but could see both sides of the issue regarding it. Board Member Couch wanted to discuss what was brought up at the workshop but chose not to make an amendment. Board Member Fischer noted that we, as a district, have reduced the amount of time spent testing students so the Board is not asking the State to do anything the district itself hasn't been willing to do.

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve the attached letter regarding State-mandated testing.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Jason Fischer	
Second: Rebecca Couch	
Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

[41. EXTENSION OF DATES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES TO WAIVE SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 5.44](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Fischer asked Ms. Chastain if the motion was in order. She indicated it was.

Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez clarified with Ms. Chastain that the working groups and/or Dr. Vitti would not be precluded from discussing changes for the 2017-2018 school year if this amendment goes through. Ms. Chastain indicated it would not.

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board amend the motion adopted at the September 1, 2015, regular board meeting regarding the extension of dates for school attendance boundaries to waive School Board Policy 5.44.

2. That the Duval County School Board waive section VII of School Board Policy 5.44, School Attendance Boundaries, to extend the dates so that the public hearing would be held no later than ~~January~~ April 2016, and the Board action would occur no later than ~~February~~ May 2016. This waiver would be effective only for any boundary changes commencing as of the 2016-2017 school year. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Paula Wright

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Nay

Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Nay
Paula Wright	- Aye

Academic Services

6. [ADVANC-ED ANNUAL DUES](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Wright explained that Advanc-Ed is the result of several accreditation teams merging into one body. She asked Dr. Vitti to share some of the things he has done to stabilize the culture which was of concern in their report. He explained that stability begins with the lesson plan design and the focus on the gradual release in the Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 process. Professional Development remains the same. Work with leaders at the school level also remains the same. The core of teaching and learning has not dramatically changed which has been the primary vehicle to student achievement.

Board Member Wright noted the Board has a process in place pertaining to items pulled. She pulled other items and received calls from the Staff except on this one.

Board Member Couch asked that this item be made a workshop priority.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the agreement with Advance Education, Inc. in the amount of \$120,750 for the 2015-2016 accreditation license fees for all district schools. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Paula Wright

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

School Choice and Pupil Assignment

7. CHARTER APPLICATION FOR BRIDGEPREP ACADEMY, INC. TO OPEN BRIDGEPREP ACADEMY DUVAL COUNTY

Attachment: [BridgePrep Academy Final Evaluation 10.13.15.pdf](#)

Minutes: Board Member Couch is concerned whether Bridgeprep Academy will be able to meet the list of requirements laid out. Board Member Shine asked if we are obligated to approve their contract at a later date if the Board approves the charter's application. Ms. Chastain explained that the State offers mediation services that are voluntary to determine equitable treatment. It is not the staff's policy to bring contracts before the Board unless all requirements are met. Board Member Hall doesn't understand why the application is even in front of them with issues that could already be addressed. Dr. Vitti reminded the Board that their role is not to guide or advise charters regarding the application process; it is to review the application based on State policies.

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve the application submitted by BridgePrep Academy, Inc. to open BridgePrep Academy Duval County, a charter school, in the 2016-2017 school year. - PASS
2. That the Duval County School Board approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to negotiate a five year contract with the school.

Vote Results

Motion: Paula Wright	
Second: Connie Hall	
Rebecca Couch	- Nay
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Nay
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Nay

10. [CHARTER APPLICATION FOR RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC. TO OPEN A SCHOOL TO BE NAMED RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL AT COASTAL DUVAL](#)

Attachment: [Renaissance Charter School at Coastal Duval Final Evaluation.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Couch has the same concerns for this charter application that she has for the previous one discussed. Governance and Education Service Provider (EMO's) are the two areas that don't appear to meet the standard. The concerns were noted in earlier feedback to the school, yet the standards are still not met. She wants the record to reflect that shortcomings were noted in the record earlier and are still a problem.

Board Member Hall asked if any changes have occurred since this item was reviewed in the workshop. Dr. Vitti said they have committed to delay the school opening to the 2017-2018 school year. There would also be someone available to oversee principals and address parental concerns.

Board Member Fischer asked Dr. Vitti if, in his opinion, the school would be able to come into compliance by the time they are to enter into a contract. Dr. Vitti's said his concerns don't seem to be a concern at the State level and not all applications that come through Duval County Public Schools make it to the Board level. His original recommendation was to deny based on concerns he had but there have since been commitments by the operator to remedy those concerns.

Board Member Shine noted that the Board's track record of approvals and denials has been pretty accurate and should send a message to charter operators and law makers that they make the right decision.

In light of the issue with charter schools offering summer school with grade recovery and the assistance the district has given, Board Member Wright asked how much it cost the district in staff and time to assist the school in correcting its problem. Dr. Vitti explained that the district collects 5% for the start up of the schools. He and his staff did not calculate the time and cost of helping the schools correct their problems; it would be classified as indirect costs.

Board Member Couch asked how long the Board will raise concerns, yet not do anything. She is tired of voting things through because of fear of an overturn. The Board should vote based on the wise thing to do.

Board Member Wright asked Ms. Chastain to clarify the application process in a case like the one before them where it doesn't appear as though the applicant used prior feedback to resolve items that were of concern. Ms. Chastain explained that it doesn't really become a concern until the process reaches the contract stage. Dr. Vitti noted that the demographics of students in the area of this applicant show the students are on grade level and not struggling.

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve the application submitted by Renaissance Charter School, Inc. to open a school to be named Renaissance Charter School at Coastal Duval, a charter school, in the 2017-2018 school year. - PASS
2. That the Duval County School Board approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to negotiate a five year contract with the school.

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Jason Fischer

Rebecca Couch - Nay

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Nay
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Nay

General

37. [PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS FOR BOARD POLICY 2.20](#)

Attachment: [Policy 2 20 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND STANDARDSv2redline.pdf](#)

Minutes: Board Member Wright explained that by going through the work of updating the Board policy, it addresses the concern Advanc-Ed listed as priority #5 which is why it was important to her to ask the questions she had earlier for the Advanc-Ed item.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the revisions to Board Policy 2.20, Professional Development and Standards for Certificated Personnel. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Ashley Juarez

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

40. [APPROVAL OF 2015-16 DISTRICT MARKETING PLAN](#)

Attachment: [2015-2016 Marketing Plan Final.pdf](#)
 Attachment: [Marketing Plan - Board Statement.pdf](#)

Minutes: Ms. Wright offered an amendment to make a change in the marketing plan that reflects the Board as one body rather than the Chairman. Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez asked Chairman Grymes if she is comfortable with that change. Chairman Grymes assured her she certainly is and emphasized that Mark Sherwood, Assistant Superintendent of Communications, is always ready to welcome suggestions and feedback.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the 2015-16 Marketing Plan, as amended. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Scott Shine

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board amend the Marketing Plan by including the statement from the Board. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Paula Wright

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board Member Travel.

- October 14-15, 2015, Clearwater, FL - FSBA Legislative Committee Meeting - Wright - PASS
- November 30-December 4, 2015, Tampa, FL - FSBA Annual Joint Conference - Smith Juarez

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Nay
Paula Wright	- Aye

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes: There was no travel for the Superintendent this month.

For The Record

[FOR THE RECORD](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Hall

Board Member Hall invited stakeholders to join her on the Discover Duval Tour at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School and commended the Men's Educators Network for their efforts organizing the Male Symposium. She congratulated the I'm A Star students who went to Washington, D.C. and met with the Surgeon General. She reminded everyone of the Northwest classic including the football game between Raines and Ribault High Schools. She commended the mentors at Timucuan Elementary School for their work in helping students at that school advance in their education. Finally, Board Member Hall spoke of her appreciation of the hard work put into the Marketing Plan by Mark Sherwood, Assistant Superintendent, and his staff, noting that the plan is very user friendly in its format.

Board Member Couch

Board Member Couch thanked VyStar for their partnerships with the district and reminded everyone of the boundary change meetings that are taking place. She informed the public about the success Chafee Trail Elementary School has had with their walk/run club and her enjoyment of Literacy Week in several schools in her district. She also commended First Coast High School for the Halloween Flash Mob performance they did in the courtyard and was very impressed with it.

Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez

Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez thanked Board Member Hall hosting the visits to Grand Park and Eugene Butler and appreciates the perspective they gain by the visits. She also mentioned how impressed she was with Youth Leadership Jacksonville and the work they are doing. She also thanked VyStar for their involvement with our school district. She visited Beauclerc Elementary School earlier that day and saw first hand the support at that school for their music and dual language program they offer. She also mentioned how much she and the rest of the Board appreciate the Arts Plan and Florida Blue's involvement in it.

Board Member Wright

Board Member Wright noted that the Teacher Depot would be giving new books to Title I schools. She also congratulated staff members who traveled to the Council of Great City Schools that showcased Duval County Public Schools. She was able to participate in Literacy Week in her district and visited the ATOSS sites at The Bridge and Frank H. Petersen. She thanked VyStar for the work their support and partnership in our district and encouraged everyone to attend the community meetings and participate in the process.

Board Member Fischer

Board Member Fischer thanked VyStar for their partnership and all staff members for their military service. He commended Dr. Vitti for his professionalism and congratulated him on the NAEP data that showed improvement in our district.

Board Member Shine

Board Member Shine thanked Pastor Spike Hogan for coming out to give tonight's invocation. He also gave a salute to Lisa Meisburg, one of the parents who spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting. She and her husband reside in his district and are very involved parents.

Chairman Grymes

Chairman Grymes thanked Florida State College at Jacksonville for their hospitality during the joint meeting with our Board to discuss dual enrollment.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

LBL

Superintendent

Chairman