



E-AGENDA MANAGER

# Duval County Public Schools

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November 4, 2014, Regular Board Meeting

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

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

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

Music by First Coast High School Men's Ensemble, John Larsen, Director.

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

Invocation or Thought of the Day

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes: Pastor Mike Hohman gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

[1. SCHOOL RECOGNITION - DISTRICT 4 - LAKE FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL](#)

Minutes:

Lake Forest Elementary School  
Sylvia Ajluni, Principal  
District 4

After giving an introduction to her school, Ms. Ajluni introduced Mr. Richard Wright, Music and Strings teacher and the beginning string students who performed. Student Council President Ja'Niyah Rivers then gave highlights of what the school offers. See attached.

Board Member Wright thanked Ms. Ajluni for coming out to help showcase Lake Forest Elementary School.

Communications

#### [1. EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD](#)

Minutes:

##### 1. Employee Excellence Customer Service Award Recipient

- Tonight's first presentation continues the district's monthly recognition of employees' exceptional customer service.
- Jacque Washington is one of the district's most familiar and friendliest faces working in Chartwells' River City Café, located on the fifth floor of the district's central administrative building.
- Jacque has been a staple of the River City Café since 1995 where she began working in meal preparation and service. Over the past 19 years, she has worked in a number of capacities, including her current position as cash register manager, where she greets visitors each day.
- She still gets the opportunity to demonstrate her culinary skills on occasion by baking and preparing her famous and beloved curry chicken dish recipe.
- Café Manager, Nanette Pittman, describes Jacque as accurate, consistent, dependable and pleasant. She adds that Jacque is an asset to the district's operations as a whole and a truly valued member of the Chartwells family.
- Jacque is known just as much for her kindness as she is for her delicious food and we are pleased to name her this month's Employee Excellence Award recipient.
- The award this evening is being sponsored by the "I'm A Star Foundation." Betty Burney is CEO and former School Board Member planned to be here this evening to present you with this award, but had a family emergency that prohibited her. However, Ms. Burney did send a message to be read to you and it reads, "It is my honor to do this for Miss Jacque because in all of my interactions with her, I most remember how she would encourage me to try to eat healthy and new things. When I would not be adventurous in my food choices, she would call me 'plain Jane.' Jacque has always had the most radiant smile and was always so inviting. On behalf of the "I'm A Star Foundation, it is my honor to present to you with a \$100 gift card to a restaurant to serve you. We truly hope you enjoy the Olive Garden." Congratulations!"

#### [2. DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACCREDITATION PLAQUE PRESENTATION](#)

Minutes:

This award was not presented at the meeting.

#### [3. FLORIDA TAXWATCH 2014 LEADERSHIP AWARD](#)

Minutes:

### 3. Florida TaxWatch Principal Leadership Award Recipient

- The next presentation recognizes a principal whose creativity, passion, determination, and commitment to students have earned her a state-wide distinction.
- Debbie Crotty, Principal of Rutledge H. Pearson Elementary School, is one of only six recipients of Florida TaxWatch's 2014 Principal Leadership Award – an award given to school leaders who have made significant gains in improving student achievement in high-risk schools.
- With more than three decades of education experience, Ms. Crotty has demonstrated her expertise in providing a quality education and the academic support needed to help close the achievement gap for the district's most challenged students.
- She has used her philosophy, "teaching is a responsibility, not a title," throughout her career, earning Teacher of the Year recognition on two occasions and receiving numerous other honors.
- As the principal of Rutledge Pearson, Ms. Crotty has helped move the school from one of the lowest-performing in Florida to an A school four-times over.
- We are proud to recognize Debbie Crotty, a 2014 Florida TaxWatch Principal Leadership Award winner. Congratulations, Ms. Crotty!

### PRESENTATION FOR BOARD MEMBER AND PAST CHAIRMAN FRED "Fel" LEE

The Board members gathered in the front to honor Board Member Fred "Fel" Lee who was serving at his last board meeting. Chairman Couch read a resolution and presented him with a plaque on behalf of the Board that commemorates his contribution to his community and the students of Duval County.

### Approval of Agenda

#### [APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014, AGENDA](#)

#### Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the November 4, 2014, Agenda as submitted on October 28, 2014, with the following changes:

1. Academic Services - Item 10 - Middle School Reform Plan - Item withdrawn
2. Academic Services - Item 13 - Receipt of JPEF QZAB II Matching Grant - Attachment added - PASS
3. Academic Services - Item 14 - Microsoft Portal Contract Documents - Attachment added
4. Human Resources - Item 29 - Revised
5. School Choice and Pupil Assignment - Item 24 - Charter School Application for River City Education Organization, Inc. to Open Southwood High School - Withdrawn

#### Vote Results

Motion: Fred Lee

Second: Cheryl Grymes

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

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Chairperson's Report

[CHAIRMAN'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Becki Couch, Chairman, Duval County School Board

It has been a very busy year for Duval County Public Schools. We are in our second year of our strategic plan and things are beginning to settle. The Board and Superintendent have spent a considerable amount of time working to recognize the governance role of the Board, the Board has taken a leadership role in updating outdated board policies and aligning them with the new strategic plan including the Board's Core Values.

Student Achievement Progress

- Increase in graduation rate by 16.29 percentage points over 5 years from 55.81% to 72.1% with an increase in graduation rate by 4.4 percentage points from 67.7% to 72.1% in most recent year data.
- Highest performance in reading proficiency in past four years in 6th, 8th, and 9th grade
- Increase in ninth grade Algebra Proficiency by 9 percentage points in most recent year
- Increase in science proficiency by 5 percentage points (grades 5 and 8) in most recent year
- Increase in Dual Enrollment courses taken and completed from 6,405 to 9,059 (+41%) over two years
- Increase in Advanced Placement Course Performance from 26.66% to 37.05% (+39%) in most recent year
- Among the largest 7 districts in FL, Duval ranks 1st in narrowing the achievement gap among African American Students and Caucasian students in math (3-8th grade), 3rd in reading, and 3rd in overall graduation rate

We recently passed a resolution asking the Department of Education to allow for a baseline year for the new Florida Standards Assessment and hold students and teachers harmless as well as avoiding assigning school grades. The Board supports more rigorous standards but we feel it is imperative they are implemented thoughtfully so as not to create a larger movement against accountability and the new standards.

While we fully support the new standards and the state's accountability system, we are concerned that these tests have not been properly field tested with Florida students, there is no fair method of calculating learning gains for students, which accounts for a significant portion of the school grade calculation, and, stakeholders will still judge a school's performance, or academic health, on the grade that is assigned. Ultimately, that is the purpose of issuing school grades, to communicate with stakeholders in a simple method about the academic performance of a school.

Although we believe that all 2014-15 testing should continue as planned with the full publication of results following the administration of the test, we respectfully ask that you suspend issuing grades to schools during this one year of transition so that proper field testing can occur.

It is simply unjust to hold teachers and students accountable to an assessment that has not been properly field tested within Florida. This has the potential to negatively impact our states ability to recruit businesses. We need your help in communicating this concern to the State Department of Education.

Innovation in Public Education and Expansion of Choice Options

- Ranked in the top 20 for choice options in the nation
- Nationally ranked schools including Stanton, Paxon, Douglas Anderson, Darnell Cookman, James Weldon Johnson, and Landon
- Introduced new schools including GRASP for dyslexic students; single gender at Butler Middle; and military school at Stilwell Middle
- Established choice themes at every school
- Increase in Industry Certification Exams earned from 870 to 3,230 (+2,360) over two years. We expect to see these Career Education programs continue to flourish with a renewed partnership with businesses like Vistakon, Vystar, and Florida Blue. These partnerships would not be possible without the support of the Chamber.

Middle School Reform

- The Board has identified middle school reform as one of our priorities for this year. We have invested in technology for our middle schools and recently we acquired a grant that will help us foster student interest in Science. Several Middle Schools will be receiving PITSCO labs.

- Technology will be upgraded in middle schools to include one to one devices and technology carts

Technology Improvements

- Secured nearly 80M in low-interest bonds to establish wireless districtwide within two years
- One to one in two years in all middle schools and schools within Ribault, Raines, Jackson feeder pattern
- Moved from 3:1 to 2.5:1 for district-wide computer to student ratio
- Converted curriculum to blended learning from Prek-12
- All Prek using i-Pads
- Established an IT program at each secondary school

Public Education Strong Campaign.

Going forward, reform continues - reengineering community engagement, focusing on choices for students within our district, supporting our highest needs and improving student achievement.

A partnership between DCPS and JPEF, a new initiative called "Discover Duval Schools." We invite you to tour and visit our schools to formulate your own opinion about the ability of DCPS to safely educate the children of this community. We need you to pledge your support for public education.

#### Superintendent's Report

##### [SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools

Superintendent Vitti spent time explaining more about the new assessments which they are still learning about along with showing a compare/contrast power point on FCAT 2.0 vs. FSA. See attached.

#### Department Reports

##### Public Comment

##### [PUBLIC COMMENT](#)

Minutes:

David Goins, City Year

He recapped successes he has seen so far this year and thanked the Board for their support.

Kirsten Holtzendorff, Intern, RV Daniels Elementary School

David Versprille, Intern, West Jacksonville Elementary School

Jennifer Gouge, Intern, Tiger Academy

The interns all thanked the Board for their support and permitting them to work in the Duval County School system.

John Stokes, Esquire, Nabors, Giblin and Nickerson, P.A.

Ava Parker, Esquire, Lawrence & Parker, P.A.

Served as the district's bond counsel over the past 14 years. Three firms responded to the district's RFP. This firm only ranked 1/2 of 1 percentage point behind the top scoring firm. It was due to their local partner's certification had lapsed. It has since been renewed. Please consider pulling Item #36 from the Consent agenda.

#### Comments From Parent Organizations

##### [COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

Margaret Godke, President, Duval County Council of PTAs

All of our local PTA units are providing educational programs for parents and students, providing volunteer hours to their school communities and advocating on behalf of children are also running a small 501(c) 3. This means they have to file each year with the IRS by November 15, operate under an approved budget, file monthly reports to the school bookkeeper, conduct a financial review/audit at the end of their fiscal year, keep up-to-date officers on file with Florida PTA, keep minutes from meetings and the list goes on. That being said, we are pleased to say about 100 local units have participated in our required President's and Treasurer's trainings; making our PTA leaders more effective leaders and officers of a 501(c) 3.

All high school principals and PTSA units have received their Superintendent's Student Leadership nomination packets. All high schools may nominate three students and each high school PTSA may nominate a student for the program. Our first Saturday session is in January 2015.

Local units are currently running their school level Reflections Program giving students an opportunity to showcase their skills in dance choreography, film production, music composition, literature, photography and visual arts. Local units are reminded National PTA has a special artist category serving our students with exceptionalities.

During this month of November, it is important that we send a thank you to Dr. Vitti who always takes time to address our DCCPTA Board at our board meetings and our PTA leaders at our General Meetings. Thank you to each of the DCPS School Board members who have spoken at our meetings.

Our next General Meeting is Tuesday, November 25. All are welcome.

Sabrina Zinamon, Vice Chairperson, District Advisory Council

Attendance:

Superintendent Vitti  
Honorable Cheryl Grymes  
Don Redmon, City Councilman  
Niki Micheau, Supervisor (Office of School Improvement)  
Melissa Kicklighter, Wellness  
Mary Lobello, PTA

Thanks to Honorable Cheryl Grymes, Superintendent Vitti for their attendance. Also Honorable Juarez stepped in to observe.

Grymes:

- Area Advisory Councils from the appropriate areas should be present at the District Advisory Council meetings
- Reviewed the issue of guns in our schools
- Budget, district will be starting early to have things in place for the schools

Vitti:

- New Teacher Training (Will be added for next year)
- CHAMPS (district wide)
- Ruby Paine
- Mental Health
- Teacher Surplus
- They will have positions unless teachers have resigned or post for a different position

Micheau:

- School Recognition Funds
- Schools have begun voting this year for the next year's funds (if school grade increases, all of the school's staff should be included)
- November 18--Digital Training for School Advisory Council Chairs
- November 20--FACE2FACE Training for Principals and School Advisory Council Chairs at 5:30 held here at the School Board Building

Thanks to the School Board, Superintendent Vitti and his staff and Duval Teacher United (Terrie Brady President and staff) for working together to help further our district to another level.

The District Advisory Council will hold its next meeting Monday, November 24 at 6:00 p.m. This will be election night. We encourage all Area Advisory Council Chairs to be present as well.

Thank you.

Comments from District Student Government Association

Comments From Employee Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

Terrie Brady, President  
Duval Teachers United

Thanked Board Member Lee for his service and noted he will be missed.  
DTU brings concerns to the Board tonight that have been noted by them over the last three weeks, some of which have already started getting addressed:

- Technology challenges – lack of bandwidths, affects student and teacher performance
- Employee climate in the schools, staff schedules, duty rosters, academic balance, class sizes in electives, school security are all concerns
- Check lists to go to SDM showing collaboration are not all getting done; 25 schools have not filed lists; the number should be 0; grievances have been filed
- Elementary teachers are not being given enough time to prep and teach
- Principals aren't implementing the waiver process; need better education to abide by contract
- ES teachers are tired and it's only November; they're giving a lot of their personal time
- Concerned that there is not enough staff to run schools safely and efficiently; teachers being used in offices during their resources; security being used in offices
- Security not being trained properly
- Not enough SLP

Building families and community in our schools will help us get back to basics and solve a lot of our problems.

Approval of Minutes

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Minutes for the Meetings listed in the Agenda Item.

- September 9, 2014 - Special Board Meeting - PASS
- October 16, 2014 - Policy Review Committee Meeting

Vote Results

Motion: Fred Lee

Second: Cheryl Grymes

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Fred Lee - 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: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Fred Lee

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

## Consent Agenda

### Academic Services

#### 1. VITALYST AGREEMENT

Attachment: [Vitalyst SOW - Duval County Schools v2-Revised-Clean - 10-15-14.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Standard Contract Addendum - Vitalyst LLC-10-15-14.pdf](#)

#### 2. APPROVAL OF 2014-15 DISTRICT SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCILS

Attachment: [SAC Handbook 2014\\_Draft\\_3.pdf](#)

#### 3. "NOW IS THE TIME" PROJECT AWARE GRANT

#### 4. APPROVAL OF 2014-15 DISTRICT AND STATE IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Attachment: [District SIP Review - Agenda Item.pdf](#)

#### 5. LEARNING FOR LIFE GRANT

Attachment: [LFL Grant 43 Schools 2014-15.pdf](#)

#### 6. FLORIDA AWARE "NOW IS THE TIME" PROJECT AWARE STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCY GRANT

#### 7. STRIVE: SCHOOL CLIMATE TRANSFORMATION GRANT

#### 8. APPROVAL OF TITLE I SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE 1003(a), 160-2265B-5CS01

#### 9. DUVAL INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP & FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

#### 11. DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL PreK -12 LITERACY PLAN

Attachment: [FINAL 2014-15 DCPS Literacy Plan.pdf](#)

Attachment: [DCPS\\_Literacy\\_Summary\\_2014v5.pdf](#)

#### 12. OVERAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPORT PARTNERSHIP WITH I'M A STAR

Attachment: [I'm a Star 2014 First Amendmentvfinal.pdf](#)



13. [RECEIPT OF JPEF QZAB II MATCHING GRANT](#)

14. [MICROSOFT CORPORATION - DCPS EDUCATION PORTAL PROGRAM](#)

- Attachment: [SOW \(DCPS - Education Portal\) \(FP\) USSLGE-E14097655 \(7\).pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Duval County Public Schools - Manage Services SD-FNC \(102914\) \(2\).pdf](#)
- Attachment: [SHI International Enrolment Agreement 2014.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Exhibit A to School Board Addendum - SHI - Combined.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Exhibit B Combined.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [SOW \(DCSD - Managed Services\) \(FP\) USSLGE-E14097655 \(5\).pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Exhibit A Combined.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Exhibit B to School Board Addendum - Combined - SHI.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Duval Standard Addendum - SHI International.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [WO \(DCSD - Education Portal\) \(FP\) USSLGE-E14097655 \(7\).pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Duval County Public Schools Addendum - Microsoft Ed Portal.pdf](#)

School Choice and Pupil Assignment

15. [SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR WAYMAN ACADEMY OF THE ARTS](#)

- Attachment: [WAA SIP 2014-15.pdf](#)

17. [SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR ACCLAIM ACADEMY CENTER](#)

- Attachment: [Acclaim Charter Duval School Final SIP 10-24-2014.pdf](#)

18. [SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR SOMERSET PREPARATORY ACADEMY](#)

- Attachment: [SIP5501FinalDraft102414.pdf](#)

19. [SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR SOMERSET ACADEMY EAGLE HIGH](#)

- Attachment: [Somerset Eagle High SIP 2014-2015.pdf](#)

22. [SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR DUVAL CHARTER SCHOOL AT WESTSIDE](#)

- Attachment: [2014-2015 DCSW School Improvement Plan v2.pdf](#)

23. [CHARTER APPLICATION FOR KIPP JACKSONVILLE, INC., TO OPEN KIPP JACKSONVILLE K-8](#)

- Attachment: [KIPP Jacksonville K8 Final.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Chairman Becki Couch

Questions for Ms. Chastain - How will this school show accountability if there won't be a school grade assigned?

Ms. Chastain – A school grade will not be available for accountability – other data such as math performance will be used in the early years

Chairman Couch – We are told how important it is for us to have school grades issued to us; however, charter schools are using other data to show accountability when they don't have school grades issued to them. Hopefully we can do the same.

24. [CHARTER APPLICATION FOR RIVER CITY EDUCATION ORGANIZATION, INC., TO OPEN SOUTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL](#)

- Attachment: [Newpoint exhibits.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Southwood High School Final.pdf](#)

25. [CHARTER APPLICATION FOR THE ARTS ACADEMY OF JACKSONVILLE PREPARATORY SCHOOL INC., TO OPEN THE ARTS ACADEMY OF JACKSONVILLE PREPARATORY SCHOOL](#)

- Attachment: [Patterson Academy Attachment to AAJP Final.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Arts Academy of Jacksonville Final.pdf](#)

26. [CHARTER APPLICATION FOR EARTHA WHITE SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMY, INC., TO OPEN EARTHA WHITE SERVICE](#)

LEARNING ACADEMY

Attachment: [Eartha White Service Learning Academy-Final.pdf](#)

27. CHARTER APPLICATION FOR RIVER CITY EDUCATION SERVICES, INC., TO OPEN RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY AT MANDARIN

Attachment: [River City Science Acadmey at Mandarin Final.pdf](#)

28. CHARTER APPLICATION FOR STEPHEN BIKO HIGH SCHOOL, INC., TO OPEN STEPHEN BIKO CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Attachment: [Stephen Biko Charter High School Final.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Staffing

29. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES TRANSACTIONS

Attachment: [HRS Attach 11-04-14\\_TRANS.pdf](#)

30. WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM SETTLEMENT - JACQUELYN HARRIS

31. WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM SETTLEMENT - MARY LOW

32. AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND SGS TECHNOLOGIE, LLC

Attachment: [HRS Attach SGS Technologie First Amendment Exhibit A1 IPDP 11-04-14.pdf](#)

Attachment: [HRS Attach SGS Technologie First Amendment Exhibit A2 DCPS CAST Portal Report Upgrades 11-04-14.pdf](#)

Attachment: [HRS ATTACH SGS Technologies First Amendment 11-04-14.pdf](#)

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

33. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Attachment: [July August 2014 Monthly Financial Report Package.pdf](#)

34. AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE TRANSACTIONS

Attachment: [Authorization to Initiate Trans-Goldman Sachs.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Authorization to Initiate Trans-Special Purpose Investment Acct.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Authorization to Initiate Trans-Bank of America.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Authorization to Initiate Trans-Florida Prime.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Authorization to Initiate Trans-Cutwater Investment Services.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Authorization to Initiate Trans-TD Bank \(Custodian\).pdf](#)

35. THIRD YEAR RENEWAL OF THE DISTRICT'S REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE (RAN), SERIES 2011

37. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS September 30, 2014

Attachment: [01 General Fund Resolutionmastercopy.pdf](#)

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

38. COMPLETE A LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA

Attachment: [AERIAL OF THE LAND EXCHANGE PARCEL LOCATED AT SAN PABLO ES NO 80.pdf](#)

Attachment: [DCSB-CJB Utility and Access Easement Jax Beach ES 144 10-9-14.pdf](#)

Attachment: [LAND EXCHANGE PARCEL LOCATED AT JAX BEACH NO 144.pdf](#)

Attachment: [San Pablo ES #80-Quit Claim Deed to City of Jax Beach 10-9-14.pdf](#)

Attachment: [City of Jax Beach Quit Claim Deed to DCSB 10-9-14.pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

39. PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

Attachment: [Board Approval - Renewals 11-2014.pdf](#)

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

Attachment: [Nov 2014 Agenda Item CSC-CFI-Cont Sav on on Proj Chart for Oct 2014.pdf](#)

41. [CHANGE ORDER REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2014](#)

Attachment: [Nov 4 2014 Agenda Change Order Report Chart for July, Aug, Sept 2014.pdf](#)

42. [QZAB II: HD WIRELESS AT JOSEPH FINEGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 247/DCPS PROJECT NO. TPW99850-3247/ITB-TP-001-0-2015/SF: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [HDW TPW99850-3247 Contract - WW Gay and JSA at No 247.pdf](#)

43. [QZAB II: HD WIRELESS AT NORMANDY VILLAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO 221/DCPS PROJECT NO. TPW99850-3221/ITB-TP-001-0-2015/SF: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [HDW TPW99850-3221 Contract Premier w Haddad Eng at No 221.pdf](#)

44. [QZAB II: HD WIRELESS AT TIMUCUAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 98/DCPS PROJECT NO. TPW99850-3098/ITB-TP-001-0-2015/SF: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [HDW TPW99850-3098 Contract - WW Gay w Haddad at No 98.pdf](#)

45. [QZAB II: HD WIRELESS AT MERRILL ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 228/DCPS PROJECT NO. TPW99850-3228/ITB-TP-001-0-2015/SF: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [HDW TPW99850-3228 Contract - WW Gay and JSA at No 228.pdf](#)

46. [QZAB II HD WIRELESS AT WHITEHOUSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 51/DCPS PROJECT NO. TPW99850-3051/ITB-TP-001-0-2015/SF: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [HDW TPW99850-3051 Contract WW Gay w JSA at No 51.pdf](#)

47. [FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS UPGRADE AT HYDE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 214/DCSB PROJECT NO. M83970/OFDC-ITB-005-15](#)

Attachment: [M-83970 Contract for FAS Upgrade at No 214 10-21-14.pdf](#)

48. [FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS UPGRADE AT NORMANDY VILLAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 221/DCSB PROJECT NO. M-83970/OFDC-ITB-006-15](#)

Attachment: [M-83970 Contract for Fire Alarm Upgrade at No 221 10-21-14doc.pdf](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

49. [SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT](#)

Attachment: [Retirement Order Highlight outlinE NOV 2014.pdf](#)

Attachment: [06NOVEMBER15.pdf](#)

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Attachment: [05NOVEMBER15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Copy of NOV FY15 RETIREMENT.pdf](#)

Attachment: [07NOVEMBER15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [04NOVEMBER15.pdf](#)

50. [EXCESS MEDICAL LOSS INSURANCE](#)

Discussion

Academic Services

10. [MIDDLE SCHOOL REFORM PLAN](#)

Attachment: [FINAL Middle School Reform Plan.pdf](#)

School Choice and Pupil Assignment

16. [SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR WAVERLY ACADEMY](#)

Attachment: [2014-15 Waverly Academy's Final.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Chairman Becki Couch asked what type of assessment will the school will use? The principal indicated they will use FAIR and iReady for reading and math.

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve the 2014-2015 school improvement plan for Waverly Academy. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Fred Lee

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

20. [SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR SAN JOSE ACADEMY](#)

Attachment: [SIP 5391 San Jose Academy Oct 24.pdf](#)

Minutes:

The school now has an EMO that was not in the report earlier. The assessment they are using is Discovery. Board Member Lee asked the Superintendent if the school would be successful. Superintendent Vitti - Strategies are not necessarily strong and are weak on specificities and feels better that they are using assessments beyond teacher based assessments.

Board Member Smith Juarez – Free and reduced lunch rate shows TBA. Do we have that info? School rep – Free and reduced lunch 25%; white 56%; black 27%; Hispanic 11%. In the high school—free and reduced lunch – 10%; white 60%; black 17%; Hispanic 18%. Data was not available when the plan was written.

Board Member Smith Juarez clarified that if the school improvement plan were approved tonight and the school later implemented a more specific plan they later agree to follow, our district team could go to the school to monitor for things that are not there due to the change in plan. Ms. Chastain confirmed that to be true but reminded everyone that the data is the data.

Board Member Hall – She is concerned about this plan; it's not a quality document. – To Ms.

Chastain: If the Board delays, does that prevent the improvements from going forward?

Ms. Chastain: No. If the Board wants a more robust plan, it could defer agenda item until later to prevent killing the application and giving the school the opportunity to pull plan together.

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve the 2014-2015 school improvement plan for San Jose Academy. -

Vote Results

Motion: Fred Lee

Second: Cheryl Grymes

Rebecca Couch	-
Jason Fischer	-
Cheryl Grymes	-
Connie Hall	-
Ashley Juarez	-
Fred Lee	-
Paula Wright	-

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board defer the approval of the 2014-2015 School Improvement Plan for San Jose Academy until the December 8, 2014 Board Meeting. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Fred Lee

Second: Cheryl Grymes

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

21. [SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR SAN JOSE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL](#)

Attachment: [SIP 5381 San Jose Preparatory Revised.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve the 2014-2015 school improvement plan for San Jose Preparatory High School. -

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Paula Wright

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board defer the

approval of the 2014-2015 School Improvement Plan for San Jose Preparatory High School until the December 8, 2014 Board Meeting. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Jason Fischer

Second: Cheryl Grymes

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

36. [BOND COUNSEL SERVICES](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Jason Fischer asked Dr. Vitti if anyone on staff look into the item since the last meeting?

Superintendent – Evaluation tool was used and it yielded a different company.

Ms. Chastain explained that Requests For Proposals (RFP) creates an even playing field and how the process works – opportunities for protests are given; in this case, no protest was made.

Board Member Wright asked if we are going to lose a firm with more experience.

Paul Soares – When we set up an RFP, we never know what will happen, including the outcome. The other bidders are watching to see if we follow our own process. We have to follow the rules we ourselves set up, even if we don't like the outcome.

Board Member Wright asked if we are in a position to rerank at this point.

Ms. Chastain said if the Board did that, they would be deviating from the rules and opening itself up to a protest.

Board Member Hall asked if the firm losing the bid met the certification requirement. Mr. Soares explained that they had in the past, but not at the time they submitted their proposal; the certification they had in the past had lapsed.

Superintendent Vitti noted he is fearful of setting a precedent of not following our matrix if someone misses a deadline. Staff feels confident we would be happy with the firm who scored the highest.

Ms. Chastain cautioned that if we were to put the RFP out there again for arbitrary reasons, we open ourselves up to protest. There is not much of a learning curve for a new vendor. We pay on an "as needed" basis.

Mr. Soares – The new vendor would not be involved in pending items; they would begin with items beginning after they begin work with DCSB

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board recommends approval to enter into negotiations in order of ranking for Bond Counsel Services for the initial period from

date of award through September 30, 2017. Negotiations will begin with the highest rated proposer and continue in order of ranking until an agreement is reached. Authorize the Board Chairman and Superintendent to affix their signatures to the contract upon approval as to the form by Legal Services. Recommend authority be delegated to the Superintendent or his designee to renew the contract for subsequent years provided terms and conditions are favorable to the school district and subject to availability of funds. There are three (3) potential one year renewals.

Vote Results

Motion: Paula Wright

Second: Cheryl Grymes

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Nay
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Nay

General

51. [PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO POLICY 2.15](#)

Attachment: [Policy 2.15 agenda.pdf](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the attached Board Policy 2.15, Constituent Services. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Fred Lee

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

52. [PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 7.14](#)

Attachment: [Policy 7.14 agenda.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Fischer thanked Chairman Couch and the rest of the committee for the work done on this.

Board Member Lee commented about how it is a big job and they make it look easy.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the attached Board Policy 7.14, Applications for Local, Private, State or Federally Funded Programs. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Fred Lee

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

53. [PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 3 BOARD POLICIES](#)

Attachment: [Policy 3.20 agenda.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Policy 3.50 agenda.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Policy 3.28 agenda.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Policy 3.41 agenda.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

- That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the attached Board Policy 3.20, Responsibilities of the Superintendent.
- That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the attached Board Policy 3.28, School Principal Contracts with Outside Agencies.
- That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the attached Board Policy 3.41, School Climate and Behavior. - PASS
- That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the attached Board Policy 3.50, Public Information and Inspection of Records.

Vote Results

Motion: Fred Lee

Second: Cheryl Grymes

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Board Member Travel



[BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board Members Travel:

- October 11, 2014 - St. Johns County - World Golf Village - Florida Association of Education Office Professionals - Couch - PASS
- October 24, 2014 - Orlando Florida - FSBA Legislative Committee Day - Couch
- April 15-17, 2015 - Indianapolis, IN - National Council On Educating Black Children - Wright

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Paula Wright

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes: *No travel for the Superintendent this month.*

For The Record

[FOR THE RECORD](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Hall

Congratulation to Rutledge Pearson for coming together as a family for the good of the students

Board Member Lee

It's been an honor to serve; it's a tough job; this Board and Superintendent are doing the heavy lifting in the State; please support my successor whoever that may be.

Board Member Fischer

The First Coast High School Men's Ensemble was amazing; public service seems to be the theme of the day on an Election Day; Magna Carta is in town to trace back to freedoms in our country.

Board Member Wright

Noted the importance of seeing young students from Lake Forest Elementary emerging through string performance; it contributes to development of the whole child; thank you to Friend of Andrew Robinson Foundation; on October 18 they had an event bringing together parents and other community members; presented a \$20,000 check to help provide resources; noted upcoming events in the communities

Vice Chairman Grymes

Expressed gratitude to Board Member Lee; thanked Youth Leaders of Jacksonville; highlighted DignityUWear activities that helps provide new clothes to the needy; thank the Superintendent for the Executive Pass Program. It's a great eye opener for CEO's and wonderful way to expose principals to business practices that could help in schools.

Board Member Smith Juarez

Chapter 3 of our policy that was revised addresses behavioral health which contributes to the whole child; part of our strategic plan. The effort to install wireless in our schools through QZAB shows we are listening and working hard to meet technology needs. Election Day serves as an opportunity for our students to learn our civic duty. Thank you to our military this Veteran's Day. I'm A Star has an event called Let's Move this Saturday. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Chairman Couch

Thank you to Big Brother/Big Sisters and Haskell for the Beyond School Walls at Lee High School engineering event. Thank you to the Florida Association of Education Office Professionals for inviting me to speak at World Golf Village. Englewood ROTC was there to teach flag folding on a Saturday morning. The artistic performances at tonight meeting show students are so much more than a test score. Mr. Larson has won a lot of awards. It will be sad not to see Mr. Lee in his usual seat.

Adjournment

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman