



## Duval County Public Schools

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October 26, 2010, Joint DCSB-JPEF Board Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS JOINT MEETING OF THE DCSB-JPEF BOARDS: All Board Members were present. Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent, was also present.

Call Meeting To Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

The Joint DCSB-JPEF Board meeting was called to order. Everyone present introduced themselves and gave a brief statement on why they had decided to join their respective boards.

In attendance from the School Board were:

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

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

Ms. Pat Willis, Deputy Superintendent

In attendance from the Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF) Board were:

Mr. Gary Chartrand, Chair  
Ms. Cindy Edelman, Vice Chair  
Ms. Carol Alexander  
Mr. John Baker  
Mr. Jordan Baker  
Mr. Zachary Champagne  
Reverend Torin Dailey  
Judge Brian Davis  
Mr. Ronnie Ferguson  
Mr. Preston Haskell  
Mr. Cleve Warren  
Ms. Delores Barr Weaver

Mr. Trey Czar, President  
Ms. Pam Paul, Vice President, Program and Strategic Partnerships

## Items To Be Discussed

### [1. JOINT DCSB-JPEF BOARD MEETING](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Gary Chartrand, President, JPEF, and Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Chairman, Duval County School Board, led the discussions.

Both Board's missions, visions, core values, and theories of action were compared. A copy of the agenda with this information is attached to the Minutes. The floor was then opened up for discussions.

- Nancy Broner, DCSB, shared her concern about the lack of trust and understanding between the two Boards. It appears that all want the same thing and we need to work on building relationships.
- Tommy Hazouri, DCSB, spoke about the lack of communications from both sides. He indicated that we had a good working relationship with our local teachers union and JPEF's involvement with PEN.
- Gary Chartrand, JPEF, said JPEF was trying to be careful about the issues, sharing that they chose not to endorse any candidates for school board seats. He also indicated his involvement with PEN was a personal project and not JPEF.
- Betty Burney, DCSB, shared that sometimes when you are part of a Board like the School Board or JPEF that you have to be careful what you do on a personal level because it reflects back on your board involvement.
- John Baker, JPEF, said that he was a critical friend of the school system and that

they needed a way to interact with each other.

- W. C. Gentry, DCSB, said that JPEF should be a critical friend, however, we needed better communications between the two boards. He indicated that the PEN issue was important and that Duval Teachers United has played an important role in the schools and shared examples of how they work with the Board and Superintendent. He also spoke about Mr. Chartrand's involvement in the *Waiting For Superman* movie and the message it had sent, and that we all need to be sensitive to the power we have and what we do.
- Gary Chartrand, JPEF, said that he believes in competition and was not a union buster. His involvement with PEN was on a personal level.
- Brenda Priestly Jackson, DCSB, shared that we needed to work toward finding mutual ground and to be partners.
- Reverend Torin Dailey, JPEF, spoke of his experience in the school system as a student, and he looked forward to working with the school board.
- Judge Brian Davis, JPEF, shared that he felt the conversation had been good. He understands that funding is an important issue.
- Carol Alexander, JPEF, agreed that it was a good conversation. She was not aware of some of the issues raised and was also concerned with the lack of communications. She indicated that community engagement was important in all aspects of education.
- Cleve Warren, JPEF, said that it was all about the success of children and the need for systemic change.
- Nancy Broner, DCSB, said that we needed to talk about next steps and should meet again soon.

Gary Chartrand, JPEF, and Brenda Priestly Jackson, DCSB, will work together to develop a process for on-going communications between the two Boards.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman