



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

October 7, 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 prior to the meeting was performed by the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Invocation

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes: Prior to giving the invocation, Pastor Dave Austell thanked the Board for allowing pastors to go to the schools to pray for the schools and teachers.

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Presentations

Board Members

[1. SCHOOL RECOGNITION - DISTRICT 2 - JACKSONVILLE BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL](#)

Minutes:

Jill Leinhauser, Principal
Jacksonville Beach Elementary

Some of the highlights for Jacksonville Beach Elementary are:

- 1939 - 1970 Jax Beach School for Colored
- 1970 - 1991 Jax Beach Sixth Grade Center
- 1991 - 1993 Jax Beach Elementary
- 1993 Jax Beach Dedicated Magnet School
- December 2000 New building was opened

Academic highlights include:

- 2014 FCAT results far outrank county and state average
- It ranks the 8th highest school in the state
- Scale score ranking was highest in state of Florida among elementaries

Success factors:

- Keep expectations high
- Promote parental involvement

Board Member Fred "Fel" Lee thanked the school for coming out to the Board meeting.

Communications

[1. EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARD](#)

Minutes:

Employee Excellence Award

- The night's first presentation, the Employee Excellence Award, is the district's monthly recognition of an employee who has a demonstrated record of providing excellent customer service.
- This month's recipient has an outgoing personality and an attitude sure to brighten anyone's day, as shared in comments submitted in the district's front lobby kiosk.
- Pedrito Queeman, who is affectionately known by family, friends, and co-workers as Pogie, has worked for Duval County Public Schools for almost 8 years as Technology's Help Desk Assistant, and in that relatively short time, has impressed both customers and staff alike.
- Consistently, Pedrito has been described as "friendly," "kind," "professional," "prompt," and "skilled." His supervisor, Keith Gooch, said Pedrito's positive attitude not only keeps him calm in stressful situations, but transfers to his customers and people around him.
- Co-worker Beverly Johnson said Pedrito meets each customer's needs while remaining kind and compassionate.
- We are pleased to introduce to you October's Employee Excellence Award recipient, Pedrito "Pogie" Queeman.
- Although Josh Martino, COO of Bono's, is not able to attend tonight's meeting, he wanted to contribute to Pedrito's recognition with a gift.
- Joining us to present the gift on his behalf is Jim Culbert, Executive Director of Technology.

[2. NELSON MANDELA POETRY CONTEST WINNERS](#)

Minutes:

Nelson Mandela Poetry Contest

- The next presentation is to three students whose writing abilities have earned them recognition in a district-wide competition.
- In honor of the South African humanitarian Nelson Mandela the City of Jacksonville organized a benefit banquet to support health programs for citizens in South Africa.
- Duval County Public Schools partnered with the city to celebrate Mandela's life with a poetry contest open to students in grade levels K-12. Poems were judged on the basis of originality and grammar.
- The three winners of the Nelson Mandela Poetry Contest are here tonight to share their award-winning poems with us.
- Welcome third place winner, Abigail Nelson from Fletcher High School teacher Mary Johnson, followed by second place winner, Lauryn Feacher from Julia Landon College Preparatory Middle

School teacher Linda Dennis, and first place winner, Katurah Mann from William M. Raines High School teacher Natalie Lebron.

3. BUSINESS PARTNER RECOGNITION: COACH

Minutes:

Business Partner Recognition: Coach

- Duval County Public Schools has had the pleasure of working with many of the community's most recognized organizations. Business partners at both the school and district level helping to support the needs of students, teachers, families, and staff. For more than a decade, Coach has been one of these corporate partners.

- For more than 14 years, Coach has served the district's Teacher Supply Depot providing new, used, and internal office supplies to teachers. Additionally, Coach has sent dozens of volunteers to the Depot for the past three years to sort, stack, and perform other daily tasks at the warehouse.

- This year, Coach went one step further by choosing the Teacher Supply Depot as one of the recipients of its yearly fundraising activity with a donation of \$10,000.

- Coach has continuously gone above and beyond in its efforts to support public education in Duval County. Tonight, we express our gratitude by recognizing Coach as one of Duval County Public Schools' most valued corporate partners.

- Joining us tonight to represent Coach are Ken Sanders, Vice President, North America and Europe Distribution; and Aaron Sigall, Director of Global Transportation and leader of the Coach Volunteer Council. Let's welcome them.

4. DISABILITY HISTORY AND AWARENESS WEEKS PROCLAMATION

Minutes:

Disability History and Awareness Weeks Resolution

- Of more than 127,000 students served by Duval County Public Schools, approximately 16,582 are participating in an exceptional student education program.

- The range of participation includes students with autism, physical impairments, delayed development, speech or language challenges, and even those who are considered gifted.

- These students are served by more than 1,500 teachers, therapists, paraprofessionals, and other dedicated support staff throughout the district.

- On June 13, 2008, Senate Bill 856 entitled "Disability History

and Awareness Instruction" was enacted requiring school districts to designate the first two weeks of October as Disability History and Awareness Weeks.

- The Duval County School Board reaffirms its longstanding commitment to the success of every student served in all classrooms and takes this opportunity to participate in this observance with a resolution.
- Here to read the resolution is Gail Roberts, Executive Director of Exceptional Education and Student Services.

[5. JACKSONVILLE GOES TO COLLEGE WEEK PROCLAMATION](#)

Minutes:

Jacksonville Goes to College Week Proclamation

- For the past three years, Duval County Public Schools has celebrated equal access to high-quality education after high school with Jacksonville Goes to College Week.
- This event-filled week is designed to engage students, families, communities, faculty, and administration in activities that promote higher education options – all leading to the Jacksonville National College Fair where representatives from colleges and universities across the nation and internationally will share information with students on Saturday.
- Joining us to proclaim October 6 – October 11 as Jacksonville Goes to College Week is Nan Worsowicz, Supervisor of School Counseling.
- The night's final presentation is one involving the Duval County School Board. Chairman Becki Couch will join Board members down front for a special presentation.

Board Members past and present gathered to give their best wishes to Bonnie Cole who will retire at the end of this month. Bonnie has been with Duval County Public Schools for over 42 years and Board Chair Becki Couch read a resolution in her honor.

Comments From Audience

[COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE](#)

Minutes:

Taylor Richardson, 5th grader, Chets Creek Elementary

Miss Richardson feels she is getting a strong education through public school system.

Debbie Kane, Parent, Crown Point Elementary

Crown Point dynamics have changed over the years. It is now one of three ESOL centers for elementary schools in our county. The language barriers for these students present many challenges. Each ESOL class in the past has had two teachers. Due to lack of funding, they now only have one. All students--not just ESOL students--are in dire need of reading assistance. The school still doesn't have the reading interventionists it was promised. She asks that the Board look into the lack of staffing

Lou Nussbaum, School Counselor, Crown Point Elementary School

There is a lack of equity among schools and should be a concern to the Board. Areas at Crown Point lacking in resources:

1. Guidance - one counselor for 1043 students. Average ratio in the county is 550:1
2. Only Title I schools have received the full or half time reading specialist promised to each school.
3. The school has asked the district with help with overcrowding issues, with no response.

Two speakers spoke to issues surrounding denial of Legacy Academy charter school's application:

Christy Noe, Consultant, Legacy Academy

Lori Potter

Edward Exson

Requests investigation into Ready for Tomorrow, requests Board to call for investigation by the Florida Ethic Commission for Violations, Internal Revenue Service, Federal Authorities and Federal Regulatory Compliance on Title 1 Funds to see if laws were broken or circumvented.

Ava Parker, Partner, Lawrence & Parker, PA

Ms. Parker addressed the scoring process for choosing the district's bond counsel team.

Dr. Billy Mims, Assistant Professor, Edward Waters College

Dr. Mims introduced interns and pre-interns to the Board and wanted to give his students exposure to Board meeting proceedings.

Christine Kessler, Parent

Praised the GRASP program

The following speakers spoke in support of Resolution 2014-08-A, the School Grades Resolution:

Trey Csar, President, Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF)

Juliann Gouse-Graeser, Duval County Council of PTA

Melissa Daniel, Duval County Council of PTA

The following speakers spoke in support of Tax Credit Scholarships/withdrawing support of the FSBA lawsuit:

Nadya Missetskaya, Parent
Colleen Wood, Parent
Mariel Foster, Parent
Dilecia Baker, Parent
Arleen Scott, Parent
Melissa Brinkley, Parent
Jennifer Tomlinson, Parent
Dawn Nihart, Parent
Kelly Denson, Parent

The following speakers spoke in support of the FSBA lawsuit:

Billee Bussard, Parent
Chris Guerrieri, Private citizen
Marianna S. Smith
Bradford Hall

Comments From Parent Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

Margaret Godke, President
Duval County Council of PTA

PTAs are in the midst of some great programs offered for parents and families during the coming weeks of October. Providing information on parent engagement, helping children succeed, and health and safety are all key topics for many PTA programs. PTAs across the county are working with safety groups to promote October 8's Walk to School Day. Duval County Council of PTAs is proud to have shared resources for this important event at both the September General Meeting and at the 2014 Fall Leadership Workshop held last month.

DCCPTA stands with the Florida PTA in its September 17, 2014 Request for Changes to Florida's Accountability Assessment System sent forward to the Florida Department of Education. This request closely reflects the proposed resolution from the Duval County School Board being considered tonight. The simple suggestions mentioned represent PTA's ongoing advocacy efforts for a fair educational accountability and assessment process, which effectively informs and improves teaching and learning.

PTAs are encouraging parents, teachers, school administrators and community members to join a local PTA and be a part of the largest

volunteer child advocacy association in the nation. Be a voice for children. It is never too late to join PTA.

Finally our next General Meeting is Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 9:30 am at the Teacher Supply Depot, 3108 Lenox Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32254. All are welcome.

Sabrina Zinamon, Vice Chair
District Advisory Council

First I'd like to start off by thanking the Superintendent, Ms. Wendy LeHockey, Mr. Mason Davis along with some of the EBD employees, Ms. Roberts, Ms. Myers, Ms. Walton and also Mr. Soares for coming to the District Advisory Council (DAC) meeting and sharing and caring about the concerns of the community, parents as well that are given out or shared at the DAC meeting. I'm going to be very, very brief for the sake of time and I'm pretty sure Dr. Vitti will go over his Resolution. He did share that at the meeting. Mr. Davis came and just gave us an overview of our EBD area, the self contained class. I'm not going to go through that because that information will be shared on the website for the school improvement.

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 24th at 6:00 p.m. here at the School Board. All new Area Advisory Council chairs and School Advisory Council chairs need to be present for this meeting. It is an election of officers so we need everyone present and on time.

Juliann Gaus-Graeser, Past Chair
Exceptional Student Education Advisory Committee

Our meeting will be held next Tuesday; the last Tuesday in October in Room 307. We will have Carly Detlefsen, Master of Education representing Project 10, who is a proud previous Duval County School District employee who now works for the State for Transition for Exceptionalities and all are welcome. Thank you.

Comments From Employee Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes: None.

Chairman's Report

[CHAIRMAN'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Becki Couch, Chairman, Duval County School Board

Kudos to the Superintendent. We had the QEA event this week with information sessions and it was a great event. Four of the Board Members were present for the kick off and we are looking forward to seeing great results.

Superintendent's Report

[SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools

The Superintendent summarized the marketing plan for the district put together by the Communications Department. See attached.

Reports

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2014, AGENDA](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board

approve the October 7, 2014, Agenda as submitted on September 30, 2014, with the following changes:

1. Presentations - Communications - Item 1 - Employee Excellence Award - Added Item
2. Presentations - Communications - Item 2 - Nelson Mandela Poetry Contest Winners - Added Item
3. Presentations - Communications - Item 3 - Business Partner Recognition: Coach - Added Item
4. Presentations - Communications - Item 4 - Disability History and Awareness Weeks Proclamation - Added Item - PASS
5. Board Members - Item 1 - Resolution in Support of the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program - Title Changed To: "Resolution in Opposition to the FSBA Lawsuit Challenging the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program"
6. Academics - Item 6 - Amendment to the SHI International Corp., Agreement - Withdrawn
7. Academics - Item 12 - Charter Application for ECA - Jacksonville, Inc., to Open the Early Career Academy - Withdrawn
8. Human Resource Services - Item 13 - Human Resource Services Transactions - Revised Attachment

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

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motions:

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

- August 28, 2014 - Student Expulsion
- August 28, 2014 - Policy Review
- September 2, 2014 - Regular Board Meeting
- September 8, 2014 - DOAH Hearings
- September 9, 2014 - Workshop
- September 9, 2014 - Special Meeting - PASS
- September 16, 2014 - Committee Meeting
- September 16, 2014 - Budget Meeting
- September 19, 2014 - Board Member Meeting
- September 23, 2014 - Policy Review Committee Meeting

Vote Results

Motion: Fred Lee

Second: Jason Fischer

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
Paula Wright	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye

Consent Agenda

Academic Services

3. [MICROSOFT PREMIER SUPPORT RENEWAL](#)

Attachment: [Microsoft Premier Service - Duval County Public Schools SDFNC 2014-2015-Clean.pdf](#)

4. [AICE ANNUAL AND EXAMINATION FEES](#)

5. [IB ANNUAL AND EXAMINATION FEES](#)

6. ~~AMENDMENT TO THE SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP. AGREEMENT - WITHDRAWN~~

~~Attachment: First Amendment to SHI International Agreement-9-26-14.pdf~~
~~Attachment: SHI International Agreement - Microsoft Volume Licensing~~

~~Program 6-13-13 (fully executed).pdf~~

7. [DISTRICT DROPOUT PREVENTION PLAN](#)

Attachment: [Final Dropout Prevention Plan - 2014_2015.pdf](#)

8. [DISTRICT DIGITAL CLASSROOM PLAN](#)

Attachment: [Final Digital Classroom Plan - 2014_2015.pdf](#)

9. [APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR ATOSS](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Connie Hall, Board Member, Duval County School Board

Dr. Hall asked Superintendent Vitti to explain to the public the value of the ATOSS program and its impact on the community. He explained that ATOSS gives suspended students somewhere to go when out of school and keeps them connected to school. He also explained that in spite of reduction in funding, the district has supplemented the shortfall. ATOSS has five sites throughout the county.

School Choice and Pupil Assignment

11. [CHARTER APPLICATION FOR LEGACY ACADEMY DUVAL, INC. TO OPEN LEGACY ACADEMY](#)

Attachment: [Legacy Academy Final.pdf](#)

~~12. CHARTER APPLICATION FOR ECA - JACKSONVILLE, INC. TO OPEN THE EARLY CAREER ACADEMY - WITHDRAWN~~

~~Attachment: The Early Career Academy Final.pdf~~

Human Resource Services - Staffing

13. [HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES TRANSACTIONS](#)

Attachment: [HRS Attach 10-07-14_TRANS.pdf](#)

14. [APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHERS](#)

15. [AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN SCHOOL BOARD OF DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA AND KELLY SERVICES, INC.](#)

Attachment: [HRS Attach First Amendment to Kelly Agreement 10-07-](#)

[2014.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

16. [EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY - GREGORY FORTUNE](#)
17. [EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY - PHILLIP HOPPER](#)
18. [EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY - BRUCE TURNER](#)

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

19. [QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS RESOLUTION AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY](#)

Attachment: [QZAB Projects Schedule Revision August 29 2014 Color.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Certificate Resolution.pdf](#)

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

21. [FIRST AMENDMENT TO RENEW THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND JENSEN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR USE OF TWO OPEN BAY STORAGE AREAS AT 11231 PHILIPS INDUSTRIAL PRKWY NO 147](#)

Attachment: [DCSB-Jensen Open Storage License First Amendment v1 8-19-14.pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

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

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

23. [PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS](#)

Attachment: [Board Approval - Renewals 10-2014.pdf](#)

24. [DISTRICTWIDE ENERGY CONSERVATION/LIGHTING RETROFITS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS GR 5 PH 3-3/DCSB PROJ NO. C-91580/OFDC-ITB-008-14: APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

25. [SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT](#)

Attachment: [05OCT15.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Retirement Order Highlight outline OCT 2014.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Copy of ROSUMOCTFY15.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Copy of OCT FY15 RETIREMENT.pdf](#)
Attachment: [04OCT15.pdf](#)
Attachment: [07OCT15.pdf](#)
Attachment: [06OCT15.pdf](#)

General

29. [APPROVAL OF 2014-15 DISTRICT MARKETING PLAN](#)

Attachment: [2014 DCPS Marketing Plan FINAL-2.pdf](#)

Discussion

Board Members

1. [RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE FSBA LAWSUIT CHALLENGING THE FLORIDA TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM](#)

Attachment: [RESOLUTION - FLORIDA TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - 10-07-14.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Hall - The Resolution to withdraw support from FSBA lawsuit is a distraction from our goals.

Board Member Wright - The Resolution does not oppose a parent's right to school choice, it is a constitutional issue.

Board Member Fischer - He has consulted with counsel; there is no conflict of interest with him; he works for an engineering firm, they are not in the business of education. The real conflict of interest is FSBA/unions using taxpayer dollars to sue the State and selfishly increase their assets and deny low income families an education. We pay thousands of dollars every year to participate in FSBA activities, we have someone who is on the Board of Director and at least one officer voting in favor of the lawsuit. FSBA is supposed to represent all of us and we have at least 5,000 families who would be hurt by this lawsuit. Courts have determined tax credits are not government expenditure. This will result in a frivolous lawsuit, wasting taxpayer dollars. The Resolution has been reworded to indicate a withdrawal of support from the lawsuit and does not reflect a specific standing on the scholarship program.

Board Member Smith Juarez - Thanked Board Member Wright for clarifying to the public that the Board plays no part in administering the tax credit scholarship. She agrees with Board Member Hall that the Board needs to stay focused on providing

high quality education to our students.

Chairman Couch – Researched position statement of FSBA; they support charter schools but feel they should be subject to the same accountability standards as public schools since they are receiving taxpayer dollars.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the attached Resolution in support of the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program. - FAIL

Vote Results

Motion: Jason Fischer

Second: Fred Lee

Rebecca Couch - Nay

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Nay

Connie Hall - Nay

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Fred Lee - Nay

Paula Wright - Nay

2. [RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S INTENT TO ISSUE SCHOOL GRADES FOR 2014-15](#)

Attachment: [School grades resolution 10.7.2014.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Chairman Couch gave some background information on the Resolution:

The resolution was drafted in partnership between the Board and Superintendent and staff. It is on our legislative agenda. It asks that there be a one year baseline year where we are held harmless which I understand is the case with sanctions and punitive matters; however, we will still be given a school grade

based on a test that has not been properly field tested. Students who have never been trained in keyboarding skills will be tested on the computer. Is that fair? This test will determine a lot of things for students such as the high school they attend, program they qualify for, etc. The FCAT was rolled out and didn't count for at least three years. Why is this one different?

Board Member Fischer - most of the Resolution he is in agreement with. Superintendent Vitti clarified that sanctions are not planning to be withheld during this transition year like it was when FCAT was rolled out. Board Member Fischer's biggest hesitancy is requesting that no letter grades be given out; that requesting sanctions be withheld this year is a fair compromise.

Chairman Couch – The Resolution will make data available to parents but parents will judge a school based on the letter grade on it. We have started a race this year without knowing where the finish line is.

Board Member Fischer wonders if this is to help children or try to deal with public perception. Superintendent Vitti said the direct sanctions would affect adults more than children but the indirect sanctions have more of an effect on children. The Resolution indicates a support to publish all the data. Board Member Fischer feels not publishing the school's letter grade would not be publishing all the data.

Board Member Fischer made a motion to amend the Resolution.

Board Member Lee – At some point we have to get all public money that is spent to have the same criteria—period. Then we don't have these discussions anymore. There are publications that compare both public and non-public schools. Yes, they do use school grades and parents look at other data when considering the non-public schools so there could be an argument either way. It's a perception issue on all sides.

Board Member Hall would be proud to have this Resolution go out from this district. It's taking a stand on something that has been done haphazardly for years. Is this the actual Resolution that came out of workshop?

Chairman Couch passed the gavel to Vice Chair Grymes to make an amendment to the item as it is worded on the agenda.

Board Member Lee noted we will never have the community's full trust without reasonable but fair accountability standards. This vote is not about getting rid of accountability, it's about getting it done the right way. Board Member Wright – this is our opportunity to state that we want fairness in accountability, not just in Duval County, but across this great State.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the attached Resolution in opposition to the Florida Department of Education's Intent to Issue School Grades in 2014-15. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Fred Lee

Second: Cheryl Grymes

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Nay

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Motions:

JF amendment

RESOLUTION 2014-08-A

A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE OPINION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IN OPPOSITION OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S (FDOE) INTENT TO ISSUE SCHOOL

GRADES IN A TRANSITION YEAR FOR STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS AND CONNECTING THE RESULTS TO STUDENT PROMOTION AND RETENTION AND TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL EVALUATIONS.

WHEREAS, The Duval County School Board and Superintendent of Schools support and commend the FDOE's implementation of new standards and the full testing of students on the new assessment in 2014-15; and

WHEREAS, a fair, valid, and reliable state accountability system is required and supported by the District to ensure that all students are prepared and inspired to ensure success in college, workforce, and life; and

WHEREAS, the FDOE has not properly field tested the new assessments creating a scenario where it is statistically irresponsible to implement any form of school grades without a baseline year to determine learning gains; and

WHEREAS, 32 changes to the accountability system over the last three years and the prevention of school grades being reduced by more than a letter grade has led the public to lose confidence in the school grading system; and

WHEREAS, the FDOE did not release item specifications for the new assessments until a few weeks prior to the start of school thus limiting professional development, adjusted district progress monitoring tools, and curriculum decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Gates Foundation has publicly supported a two-year moratorium on tying results from assessments aligned to the new standards to teacher evaluations or student promotions; and

- FAIL

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Education, Arnie Duncan, has allowed states to postpone tying student achievement to evaluations for one year for states implementing the new standards; and

WHEREAS, the FDOE properly field tested the FCAT before issuing school grades in 1998; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Duval County:

That the Florida Legislature, in cooperation with the FDOE, fully implement the new standards and test all students and grade levels during the 2014-15 school year while transparently publishing all results at the district, school, and teacher level to establish baseline data and **not tie** 2014-15 results to teacher and principal evaluations and the retention of students at the third grade level.

ADOPTED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DUVAL COUNTY

October 7, 2014

Becki Couch

Chairman

ATTEST:

Cheryl Grymes

Vice Chairman

Vote Results

Motion: Jason Fischer

Second: Fred Lee

Rebecca Couch - Nay

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Nay

Connie Hall - Nay

Ashley Juarez - Nay

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Nay

Motions:

BC Amendment

Resolution 2014-08-A

A resolution memorializing the opinion of the School Board of Duval County, FL and the Superintendent of Schools in opposition of the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) intent to issue school grades in a transition year for standards and assessments and connecting the results to teacher and principal evaluations

Whereas the Duval County School Board and Superintendent of Schools support and commend FDOE's implementation of new standards and the full testing of students on the new assessments in 2014-2015 and

Whereas a fair, valid and reliable State accountability system is required and supported by the district to ensure that all students are prepared and inspired to ensure success in college, workforce and life, and,

Whereas the FDOE has not sufficiently field tested the new assessments with Florida students to responsibly determine learning gains and therefore a school grade and,

Whereas 32 changes to the accountability system over the last three years and a prevention of school grades being reduced by more than a letter grade has led the public to lose confidence in the school grading system and,

- PASS

Whereas the FDOE did not release item specifications for the new assessments in adequate time to properly inform and prepare for professional development, district progress monitoring tools and curriculum decisions before the start of the school year and,

Whereas the United States Secretary of Education, Artie Duncan, has allowed states to postpone tying student achievement to evaluations for one year for states implementing the new standards and

Whereas the FDOE properly field tested the FCAT before issuing school grades in 1998,

Be it resolved by the School Board of Duval County that the Florida legislature, in cooperation with the FDOE fully implement the new standards and test all students in grade levels during the 2014/2015 school year while transparently publishing all results at the district, school and teacher levels to establish baseline data and not issue school grades in tying 2014/2015 results to teacher and principal evaluations and the retention of students at the 3rd grade level.

Adopted by the School Board of Duval County
October 7, 2014

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Paula Wright

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

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

20. [PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: ADOPT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM 2014/2015 - 2019/2020](#)

Attachment: [DCPS 2014-15 Five Year Facilities Work Plan 9-5-14.pdf](#)

Minutes:

No discussion.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the District Facilities Five-Year Work Program as required by Section 1013.35, Florida Statutes. The Duval - PASS

County School District is required to take Public Comments prior to approval of this item.

Vote Results

Motion: Fred Lee

Second: Ashley Juarez

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

General

26. [PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 2 BOARD POLICIES](#)

Attachment: [Policy 2.27 agenda.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Policy 2.25 agenda.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Policy 2.32 agenda.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Policy 2.23 agenda.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Policy 2.31 agenda.pdf](#)

Minutes:

No discussion.

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the attached Board Policy 2.23, Organization and Officers of the Board.
2. That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the attached Board Policy 2.25, School Board Rules.
3. That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the attached Board Policy 2.27, Schedule for - PASS

Legal Advertisements.

4. That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the attached Board Policy 2.31, Board Member Use of Procurement Card.
5. That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the attached Board Policy 2.32, School Advisory Council.

Vote Results

Motion: Paula Wright

Second: Cheryl Grymes

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

27. [PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 4 BOARD POLICIES](#)

Attachment: [Policy 4.90 vfinal.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Policy 4.40 agenda.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Policy 4.20 agenda.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Bradford Hall

We need to be vigilant in making sure students are not turned away from participating in extracurricular activities due to lack of finances. He has submitted a public records request to look at how money is being spent from ticket sales; perhaps it can be used to help students lacking funds to participate in extracurricular activities.

Board Member Fischer

Regarding review and adoption – knowing that I plan to support this policy, could we explain to the public why we plan to do less than what we have full authority to do?

Ms. Chastain explained the main reason for the change in policy is to provide for parental input when the Board is adopting curriculum materials. In the past, it has been handled by the State and is a very rigorous process. School districts can now do it but they don't; the State still handles it.

Board Member Fischer says the change moves in the right direction.

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the attached Board Policy 4.20, Instructional Materials Selection and Allocation.
2. That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the attached Board Policy 4.40, Extracurricular Program. - PASS
3. That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the attached Board Policy 4.90, Graduation Requirements.

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

28. [PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 8.35](#)

Attachment: [Policy 8.35 9-3-14.pdf](#)

Minutes: No discussion.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the attached Board Policy 8.35, School Bus Operators. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Fred Lee

Second: Cheryl Grymes

Jason Fischer - Aye

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Lee asked if travel is mandated. Ms. Chastain explained it is not mandated; instead, the vote indicates an authorization for it from the board.

Motions:

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

- September 17, 2014 - Atlanta, GA - KIPP School Tour - Chairman Becki Couch and Vice Chairman Cheryl Grymes
- September 24 - 28, 2014 - - PASS

Washington, D.C. - CBCF 44th Annual
Legislative Conference - Board
Members Connie Hall and Paula
Wright

- December 1-5, 2014 - Tampa, FL -
FSBA 69th Annual Joint Conference -
All Board Members

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Connie Hall

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: None.

For The Record

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Minutes:

Board Member Wright

January 2015 Duval County Public Schools will be hosting the Council of Great City Schools Conference. We are excited to be hosting that.

Vice Chairman Grymes

Kudos to Marsha Oliver and her team for her work on the marketing plan and campaign.

Board Member Smith Juarez

Duval County will lead the State tomorrow morning on International Walk to School Day. This offers parents and students to have much-needed quiet time to spend together talking and establishing a healthy habit.

Board Member Hall

She commended West Jacksonville Elementary School for the work they are doing. She noted several different learning styles demonstrated. There will also be a Children's Conference on October 18.

Board Member Lee

Thank you to Jacksonville Beach Elementary School for coming to showcase the school.

Board Member Fischer

We started the year implementing new curriculum for a test that isn't even ready yet. The Resolution discussed tonight is intended to address accountability and assessment related to that implementation. He agrees with parts of the Resolution but not the part related to withholding school grades. He is not in support of the FSBA lawsuit and instead, supports all students in our city. We as parents know our children better than any bureaucrat. School choice is not only constitutional, but good policy. It is inappropriate to use tax money to limit our choices. Let's be the first choice, not because we are the only choice, but because we are the best choice.

Chairman Couch

Thanks to Bonnie Cole for her leadership and guidance. Commended fellow board members for putting aside political differences to take a stand for the needs of our students, teachers and community. She encouraged those watching to contact our local and state leaders to move tonight's Resolution through.

Dr. Vitti gave kudos to Marsha Oliver and her team.

Adjournment

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman