



## Duval County Public Schools

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September 16, 2013 - Special Board Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD with Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief of Legal Services and all Board members present with the exception of Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez who was out of town.

Call Meeting to Order

### [1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes: The Chairman called the Special Budget meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### [2. INVOCATION](#)

Minutes: A *"moment of silence"* was held and prayers for the victims of the Washington, DC massacre which occurred today.

### [3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

### [4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2013, AGENDA](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the September 16, 2013, Agenda. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Not Present
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

[1. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT INCLUSIVE OF COST REPORT](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board accept for use and consideration the Superintendent's Annual Financial Report (AFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Not Present
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

2. PUBLIC HEARING - 2013-2014 FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL BUDGET

Attachment: [2013-2014 Final Budget.pdf](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman declared the public hearing open on the following item:

2013-2014 Final Millage Rates and Final Budget

The Chairman asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak to the Board regarding this item; there being no response, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Speaker:

Latrell Edwards, Chief Financial Officer

MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>Final Millage</u>	<u>To Be Raised</u>
Required Local Effort (including prior year funding adjustment)	5.1400	\$257,077,125
Basic Discretionary Operating	0.7480	\$ 37,411,224
Local Capital Improvement	<u>1.5000</u>	<u>\$ 75,022,508</u>
TOTALS:	7.3880	\$369,510,857

FINAL BUDGET FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR:

(1) General Operating	\$	1,054,673,904
(2) Special Revenue Budget		239,199,255
(3) Debt Service Budget		39,486,230
(4) Capital Outlay Budget		190,682,184
(5) Internal Service Budget		186,855,571
(6) Trust Fund Budget		<u>211,537</u>
TOTAL FINAL BUDGET:	\$	1,711,138,681

Motions:

Vote 1 - Required Local Effort (Including the prior period funding adjustment) Millage Levy of 5.1400 - PASS Mills for the Operating Fund

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Jason Fischer

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Not Present
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Motions:

Vote 2 - Basic Discretionary Millage Levy of 0.7480 Mills for the Operating Fund - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Connie Hall

Second: Jason Fischer

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Not Present
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Motions:

Vote 3 - Local Capital Improvement Millage Levy of 1.5000 Mills for the Capital Projects Fund - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Connie Hall

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Not Present
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Motions:

Vote 4 - 2013-2014 Final Budget	- PASS
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Vote Results

Motion: Jason Fischer

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Not Present
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

[3. ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTIONS 2012-2013](#)

Attachment: [Final 2012-13 Budget Resolutions 9-12-13.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board adopt the following Budget Resolutions.

General Fund - Budget Resolution No. 9

Debt Service Fund - Budget Resolution No. 2

Food Service Fund - Budget Resolution No. 9

Special Revenue - Other Fund - Budget Resolution No. 9

Special Revenue - Race to the Top ARRA Stimulus Fund - Budget Resolution No. 9 - PASS

Special Revenue - Targeted ARRA Stimulus Fund - Budget Resolution No. 9

Special Revenue - Other ARRA Stimulus Fund - Budget Resolution No. 2

Capital Projects Fund - Budget Resolution No. 9

Internal Services Fund - Budget Resolution No. 9

Trust Fiduciary Fund - Budget Resolution No. 1

#### Vote Results

Motion: Connie Hall

Second: Jason Fischer

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Not Present
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

#### Adjournment

#### [FOR THE RECORD](#)

#### Minutes:

Ms. Cheryl Grymes thanked staff, Board and all who worked so hard to make this budget come to fruition. I think it was a learning experience for everyone and with a new team which can make it more difficult. I am very proud that we have adopted a budget that will be good for our children and schools.

Ms. Paula D. Wright said adopting for a budget and voting on a budget is a fundamental principle of a School Board member. Dr. Vitti had an opportunity to get his first budget out of the way and I'm proud to be a part of it. I'm certain that Mrs. Latrell Edwards and her team worked very hard to make certain that we understood the budget and that we feel comfortable and secure in voting for this budget. I appreciate all the efforts of the entire staff.

Ms. Becki Couch said thank you to Dr. Vitti, Ms. Edwards and your staff for all of the work that you put in with the budget. I know there were many tedious BMRs (Board Member Requests) particularly from this Board member, but I appreciate you being forthright in providing the information which gave the Board members a level of comfort in doing things differently. I look forward to next year now that we have a standard that we can move off of.

Dr. Connie Hall said I, too, want to certainly express my appreciation to the staff for all the hard work and long hours that you put forth in the development. It certainly has been a learning experience and we look forward to putting it into action in providing quality educational opportunities for our students.

Mr. Jason Fischer said I would just echo the comments of my colleagues. I'm very proud when I look at this budget and I understand that it is not perfect but it is a great budget. We've done some things differently, here, and we built it using a zero based budgeting method. We cut out a lot of waste and we focused our resources more towards the schools and less towards the downtown office which will do great things for our kids. In closing, I did want to announce that for anyone at home watching, that I am having a Town Hall meeting to go over the budget in my district. I have two scheduled and the first one will be at Mandarin High School. The primary focus is on the budget. The last part that I'll say to that is that I've heard some issues bubbling up from the community and I plan to expand the agenda on that to ask about their concern about N. B. Forrest High, if there is any concern. The primary goal of the Town Hall meeting will be the budget but I'll be asking other questions as it may be an issue that we'll vote later on and I figured I'd make sure you all knew that before.

Mr. Fel Lee said I will echo with my fellow Board members have said...looking at Ms. Edwards, Mr. Bright, Mr. Fagan, Chief of Staff, Superintendent...I'm leaving some of them out, I'm sure and there's a bunch of them but we do appreciate the work and we know we're theoretically already in the budget and now, we need to make sure that we hit the targets as we said.

## ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The Special meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman