



# Duval County Public Schools

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September 2, 2008, Regular Board Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD with Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel, Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman, Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice Chairman and Board members: Kris Barnes, Martha Barrett, Nancy Broner, Vicki Drake, and Ms. Priestly Jackson, present.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Invocation

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman asked for a *moment of silence*.

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Presentations

[1. DUPONT MIDDLE SCHOOL'S RAD CLUB HONOR](#)

[2. POISON CENTER POSTER CONTEST - NATIONAL WINNER -- WITHDRAWN](#)

[3. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION - DON AGNEW](#)

Comments From Audience

[COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Dave Siebert spoke on several topics: two failures that I want to recognize - meetings after school. It's a failure that most parents aren't aware of that they can attend one of these Board meetings and complain. Some feel that nothing would be accomplished if they do come. Please recognize this as a failure. I can't believe that none of the candidates for your job are attending Board meetings. Another problem or concern is the addiction for kids who have been prescribed Ritalin. We keep that under the mat and I beg you to look into this. How many kids should be on this medication at each school?

Pastor George Harvey, Jr. said that kidney failure and dialysis have kept me away from these meetings recently. My wife and I have six grown sons and we're thankful for the Duval County school system and you. I've lost about 50 pounds and want to talk to you about students and parents who own guns. I remember when I was at Northwestern Middle School and a student drew a gun on me and a colleague. We all together can do more to disarm the parents to facilitate their children not to get guns. I'm hopeful this Board and administration do more to disarm both parents and children. Our legislators must pass stringent laws. Thank you.

Ms. Martha McManus, representing the Cultural Council and ACE said "hello" at the beginning of this new school year. Thank you for all you do for us and congratulations to Mr. Hazouri on your second term. We appreciate your dedication and support of the arts. Ms. McManus quoted Elliott Isner and distributed art pieces to Kris Barnes and Martha Barrett, who will be leaving the Board due to term limits in November.

Ms. Theresa Levy says she has two children in public school - a son who is a senior and a daughter who is a sophomore. I'm here on behalf of Stanton College Preparatory School and I'm concerned about dropping the 2.0 grade point average requirement.

Ms. Keturah Brown, senior class president at Stanton College Preparatory School and a concerned student. It will be a big mistake to drop the 2.0 grade point average and it would be unfair to incoming students. This would send students the wrong message. We must push our students to a line of success. Success is the key at Stanton and the requirement will push students. I am currently enrolled in four Advanced Placement courses for my senior year. Please don't let this lead us in the wrong direction.

Mr. Alex Brito, senior at Stanton College Preparatory School, followed up on what Keturah previously said. We would be going in the wrong direction if we eliminate the 2.0 grade point average.

Mr. Ulysses Smith, senior class vice president at Stanton College Preparatory School said that we are a school of opportunity and welcome all students to the curriculum. We're ranked in the top 5 in the nation. The current method is highly effective and has worked for many years. People strive to set goals at Stanton. Thank you.

Ms. Eugenia McCall spoke on the 2.0 grade point average at Stanton College Preparatory School. I am honored to follow the previous eloquent students and I am a teacher at Stanton. I see the dedication of the students and teachers here. I have a son who just graduated from Stanton and one who is a junior at Stanton. Academic is the focus here. You'll send a message that less than a "C" is successful grade. No college will accept a student with less than a 2.0 average. To eliminate the 2.0 grade point average would be a real mistake. Please reward these students and teachers for their successes. I urge you not to pass the vote on this.

Mr. James Colwell said he has served on the quadrant of the ACE committee. I have learned much from these meetings and on September 10 at Northwestern Middle School and September 24 at Ed White High School, you can voice your concerns. These meetings provide an educational assessment with standards in place. I have a daughter who is a senior at Stanton College Preparatory School and a son at Nathan B. Forrest High School and I've been on the School Advisory Council at Forrest for seven years. As Forrest is an "FF" school, we do not have the necessary tools to succeed. I encourage you to provide the same necessities for every classroom, as they are needed.

Mr. Edward Exson said being cognizant of the freedom and limitation on free speech pursuant to the U.S. Constitution and state Constitution, therefore, if any of my expressions/words collide with this Board's policy on public comments that abridges those rights, I will bear the consequences. Notwithstanding, the laws to fund charter schools, there is little evidence of their value. At your August meeting to renew the Wayman Academy contract, pretentiousness was represented as Wayman had achieved some great excellence. Moreover, what was manifested prior to the vote, I saw a cunning deceitfulness by the Chairman, to me out performed the entire advocacy ever done for public school in the inner city. Yes, there was a conflict that needed a disclosure, legally. By emphasizing their church membership, I retort that preachers are entrusted with people minds and most preachers inhibit their members from using common sense. Most charter schools sequester their students, thus condemning them to failure. Advocacy is needed on this Board and renaming Nathan Bedford Forrest High School. While millions of dollars are being spent building state of the art new schools in the suburbs and only pennies on the dollar of the millions spent on schools in the inner city - with no new buildings. Belated congratulations to the principal, teachers and staff at Rutledge Pearson Elementary for your accomplishments on the FCAT. The model that you crafted was not trade marked, so please pass it on...it's needed so badly!

Mr. Brian Dughi, student, said I have always attended public school since I was 4 years old and I currently attend Stanton College Preparatory School. We're trying to prepare for college. Our reputation is well known as we're a top school in the nation. We must reach a requirement to remain at Stanton and to adhere to the requirements at college. I'm OK with the immersion of other students. I have a sister in the 10th grade while I'm graduating this year. If the grade point average changes, it won't mean the same to the students. I'm taking seven Advanced Placement courses this year.

Ms. Rhianna Lindsey, senior at Stanton College Preparatory School said to lower the 2.0 grade point average would negatively impact our school. We, students at Stanton, consider being the best and we work hard to achieve that status. Thank you.

Mr. Adam Robinson, parent of two students, one attending Stanton College Preparatory School. I value the magnet school programs in Duval County as it is open to all students coming from different backgrounds. This policy is no different than high school sports. Why change a successful program? I hope it remains as is.

Ms. Liz Figura, parent of a junior at Stanton College Preparatory School and a past graduate of Stanton College Prep. Thank you for allowing me to express my views. Both parents and students support the teachers at Stanton. Stanton and Paxon School for Advanced Students bring students together who strive for a rigorous curriculum. Thank you for listening to all of the speakers tonight.

## Comments From Parent Organizations

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

Minutes:

Annette Worthen - PTA President:

Good evening, I'm Annette Worthen, President of the Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs

This past month, PTA volunteers helped with the very successful opening of the Teacher Supply Depot where approximately 875 teachers took advantage of the free materials offered at the Depot. This month's opening will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 PM.

Last month was also the first meeting of the school year for the Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs. Because of the interruption of Tropical Storm Fay, we were worried that our turnout would be low. Due to the willingness of Principals to forward the meeting information to their PTA Presidents, we had close to 90 PTA Presidents and/or delegates in attendance, representing over 50 schools here in Duval County. I would like to thank the Principals for their part in making the first meeting of the school year so successful as it is beneficial to all the local PTAs to be represented at the monthly meeting. At the August meeting we discussed among other things, legislative issues including why Florida PTA along with the DCPS are asking voters to vote "No" on amendments 5, 7 and 9. We talked about program opportunities to be used at the school level, the National PTA Reflections Program, and the upcoming Fall Leadership Workshop, as well as the Health & Community Resources Fair.

The Superintendent spoke to us about The Strategic Plan, the goals, vision and mission of the Plan and how we, as parents, are a part of the partnership that will move our students forward. He also spoke to us about Amendments 5, 7 and 9 and the potential negative impact to our schools and children if any of these amendments pass. Yes, we did discuss the amendments twice during the meeting because it is very important that the community is aware of how these amendments put our children's education at risk. We are already in last place out of 50 states in the country in terms of spending on education (per \$1,000 income).

Mr. Ayars spoke to us about the ACE community dialog meetings that are coming up this month.

Samantha, the Chairperson for the Fall Leadership Workshop is a first time member of the Board of Managers and she has jumped in with both feet. She has scheduled classes that should provide a lot of information to the PTA members that attend.

This workshop and Fair is open to all members of PTA. If you as a member of PTA are interested in, or want more information about leadership roles, financial planning, program ideas, organizational materials, membership, or legislative issues you will find that this Workshop answers all those questions and more. The Leadership Workshop and Fair will be held at the Schultz Center on September 22<sup>nd</sup> with the Fair opening at 9AM and registration for the Workshop classes beginning at 9:30AM with classes beginning at 10 AM.

The next General meeting of the Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs will be held here in the Cline Auditorium on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Hospitality begins at 9:30AM and the meeting begins at 10AM. We encourage all members of PTA to attend.

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> the DCCPTA will host a pre-convention workshop here in the Cline Auditorium from 10AM until Noon. Members who plan on attending or want information on the Florida PTA Convention and the proposed Platform items that PTA delegates will vote on in November are encouraged to attend. Florida PTA posted the three platform items on their website this past weekend. The Platform items involve [Child Trafficking](#), [Newborn Congenital Heart Defect Screening](#) and [Service Learning](#). I am giving each of you a copy of the platform items and if you know of someone who has knowledge in any of these areas I would appreciate you forwarding their contact information to me. As always we are here for you. If Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs can be of assistance to you, please contact us. Thank you.

Rachel Raneri - District Advisory Council Chair:

The District Advisory Council met on August 25<sup>th</sup>. We were glad to have the Superintendent join us to share about the budgetary issues and the flawless opening of school.

I have been busy helping Pat Carley conduct School Advisory Council training for Principals. One of the changes in the state statute that governs School Advisory Councils is the change in SB1908 that states "A majority of members of each school advisory council must be persons who are not employed by the school district."

This means that if I work at Lee high school and my children go to Fishweir Elementary, if I sit on the SAC at Fishweir, I must be counted as staff. Most Principals will want their own staff to sit on their SAC. I am afraid that most secondary schools will have a hard time filling their rosters to be in compliance with the law.

I have asked Martin Miller to attend the next DAC meeting so that we can find out which legislator proposed this change and why. The DAC has decided to be proactive, or maybe this is reactive, and see what we can do to change the rule back.

I would like to thank Doug Ayars and his team for taking into consideration the needs and concerns of the school communities. They have moved the Community Dialog meetings to not conflict with Open Houses. They will now be held on;

- **Sept. 10** - North Quadrant Area Community Dialog at Northwestern MS
- **Sept. 17** - Southeast Quadrant Area Community at Kernan Middle School
- **Sept. 24** - Southwest Quadrant Area Community Dialog at Ed White High School
- **Oct. 1** - Central Quadrant Area Community at Twin Lakes Middle School

All Community Dialog meetings will be held in the schools cafeteria from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please take the time to attend one of the Area Meetings in your area.

The next meeting of the District Advisory Council will be on September 22 at 6:00 pm in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room. We hope that one of the School Board members will be able to attend.  
Thank you.

## Comments From Employee Organizations

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

Minutes:

Ms. Terrie Brady, Duval Teachers United, president said we finalized the ratification and it passed at 95%; UOPD - 98% and paras at 98%. We're the first district to have the contracts and it was a tough time. Tomorrow is an important date for the state of Florida. It will be determined by the Supreme Court if Amendments 7 and 9 will be removed from the ballot for the November 4 election. It will be difficult tomorrow to see what is right in public education and for our students in the state of Florida. We'll be taking arguments to the Supreme Court at 9:00 am tomorrow.

Ballot initiatives - a special session will the second week in November and there is speculation. We must begin preparing our legislative package now and we need to be proactive in setting up pilot programs, high schools, moving students, raising the bar and standards. We should put forth initiatives. We know there is revenue to offset this devastating economy and be more proactive in identifying ways to free up some of the strings. Now is the best time to plan for November and December before committee meetings begin in December and January. we stand ready to assist.

## Student Achievement, Reform Activities, And Reports

### [1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Betty Burney, Board Chairman:

Academic achievement is the core foundation of any school district. It is this Board's goal, each month, to shine a spotlight on a school in each school board district that has made great strides in student achievement. Tonight we recognize schools in School Board Districts 3 and 4, represented by Board member Kris Barnes and Brenda Priestly-Jackson respectively.

Tonight we have a unique situation in District 3 in which a middle and high school feeder pattern will be highlighted. DuPont Middle School and Wolfson High School will share the spotlight.

Teresa Mowbray set foot on the duPont Middle School campus last year vowing to make it an "A" school.

A lofty goal for a first-year principal.

Not only did she succeed, but the San Jose school had the highest academic point gain of all "A" middle schools in Duval County. DuPont, a "B" school the prior year, went up 36 points, from 500 to 536. (An "A" is 525 and above.)

This dedicated principal is quick to credit a strong, stable faculty, one with little turnover and an average experience level of 15 years. For them, teaching is not just a job but a way of life, and students are family.

Principal Mowbray shared with a local newspaper that "This summer, custodians are working on weekends because we can't keep the teachers out of the building long enough to wax the floors,"

When she arrived, Ms. Mowbray made several key changes. Bells were removed, and teachers began escorting students to class. The result was quieter hallways and a 37 percent referral decrease.

In a recent newspaper article, sixth grade teacher Peggy Shearin shared "We've been establishing relationships from the time the buses come up to the time they leave," "The teachers will volunteer to supervise the kids. They don't have to be assigned."

Several entities helped boost academic achievement;

- A master schedule designed to meet individual needs.
- Fast ForWord,
- Advanced classes, and
- In lieu of multiple classroom computers, teachers elected to set up cyber learning labs.

As they have in the past, some teachers came in early on Tuesdays to tutor students, said Barbara Maurer, a sixth-grade world history teacher. To augment their world history study, sixth-graders even staged an ancient civilization festival. For the end-of-the-year event, they created cardboard models of the Trojan horse, the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx; dined on food such as honey cakes; and played Jeopardy-style games.

To motivate students, seventh-grade math teacher Reggie Montgomery organized a dance in the auditorium before school on Fridays and Absenteeism dropped to almost nothing on dance days.

Principal Mowbray said one of the most telling moments came while she was disciplining a student during her third week of school.

"Rather offhandedly, I asked him if he planned to finish the year at duPont. His reply said it all: 'Yes, Ms. Mowbray, I do plan to stay at duPont, because people care about me here.' "

Thank you Principal Mowbray and the entire DuPont family for caring about our children!  
Please join me in recognizing the staff of Alfred L. duPont Middle School.

#### Wolfson Highlights:

Less than 1.5 miles from duPont is its feeder high school, Samuel Wolfson High School on Powers Avenue which is under the capable leadership of principal Hammond Gracey. Wolfson boasts numerous highlights centered around academic achievement: For starters, its FCAT letter grade increased from a D to a C and the Board is proud of the growth that shows promise of continuing.

During the 2007-2008 school year, the students, teachers and staff continued to work on the many initiatives that were adopted during the 2006-2007 school year. As an EXCEerator school Wolfson entered its second year of SpringBoard instruction with much enthusiasm and fine tuned the lessons learned from our first year of implementation. Principal Gracy says that many of his teachers were involved in writing the learning schedules, thus instilling the importance and relevance of the schedules to their entire faculty. The ability to identify strengths and weaknesses in common grade level students provided an invaluable service to Wolfson's teachers. The development of functional PLCs at all grade levels and within all subject areas was a leading factor in Wolfson's success this year.

Along with immersing themselves in the SpringBoard materials provided by EXCEerator, the school opened the door for all students to enroll in Advanced Placement courses. Wolfson nearly tripled its AP enrollment in the 2006-2007 school year and raised the bar for all of our students. Although many of the students did not achieve the 3 needed for college credit, they did come to the realization that a new standard was set and hard work in all of their classes would lead to success in AP and beyond.

By giving all students, especially underclassmen, this opportunity the school was able to instill a college going atmosphere and mindset on the campus, beginning in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

The last initiative that added to Wolfson's success last year was the growth of the school's AVID program. These "bubble" students began their high school career focused on college and the organization and study habits it takes to get there. Through the encouragement of critical thinking skills and guidance of their AVID classes, these students were able to *burst the bubble*. Many came out of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade with actual college credit and are tackling several AP and Honors classes this year. In the words of Principal Gracy, "At Wolfson we have a long tradition of excellence and we believe that students must be provided a total high school experience".

Principal Gracy describes Wolfson as one of the most unique schools in Duval County. While the demographics, on paper, may seem similar to other schools, a trip through the

hallways will quickly offer a different picture. There are students from nearly every continent and many languages are heard throughout the school at any time. The principal says Wolfson is a model of unity – Bosnians and Serbians walking side by side, Muslims and Jews sharing lunch together. There aren't many places this can be witnessed. Our diverse population offers the American students new insights and various outlooks on life, enriching all of the student's experiences - especially in history and language arts classes.

This vast array of cultures, combined with a top notch sports program, an award winning Finance, Business and Law Magnet Program, a dedicated and highly involved PTSA, and ties to business and community partners allows Wolfson to offer its students the total high school experience!

Would each of you join me in recognizing and thanking Principal Hammond Gracy and the Samuel Wolfson staff.

#### St. Clair Evans Academy:

“Dear Mr. Robinson, your impetus on recruiting and retaining minority African American male teachers at an elementary school along with your faculty's commitment to ensuring your students academic success is commendable and a model for our district, state and nation”. School Board member Brenda Priestly Jackson forwarded those words to Principal Edward Robinson and her sentiments are echoed throughout the district. Indeed, St, Clair Evans Academy, under the leadership of Principal Edward Robinson, has made a **conscious** effort to attract and retain male staff members to serve as role models for this wonderful neighborhood school. Presently, the school's staff is comprised of 5 male certified teachers, 2 male administrators and 1 male office assistant. As a result male students have an opportunity to visualize themselves in leadership roles and female students have an opportunity to learn what diversity truly means. A key ingredient of an effective school leader is to be able to accurately assess the needs of the school's surrounding community and implement strategies to help students overcome community deficits that may impede learning. Thus, according to principal Robinson, one of the goals of Saint Clair Evans is to get fathers in the school to mentor students. The school has a fatherhood program that is in the beginning stage and will be chaired by Ronald Cage from the Jacksonville Children's Commission to get our fathers in the school and mentor students so they can see and feel the impact of caring male role models. The school's principal and Board member Priestly Jackson have commended the school's entire staff for its efforts.

St Clair Evan's mission is as follows:

The school's faculty and staff are steadfastly committed to their mission. Their efforts helped 3rd grade students earn a 30 point gain in the raw reading score on the FCAT and the school increased its overall FCAT performance by 25 points. Parents have definitely bought into St. Clair Evans' focus on academic achievement, from the second week in January through the week before the FCAT, over 50% of the school's 3rd-5th graders participated in St. Clair Evans' voluntary Saturday Academy. Principal Robinson proudly points out that there were over 100 kids every sat.

When asked, what makes St. Clair Evans special, Principal Robinson stated: We are a true neighborhood school - over 70% of our student population are car riders or walkers. We have a great support group with Ribault Full Service Schools under the direction of Sharon Robinson. We have a very active SAC chairman (Iva Smith) who is serious about student achievement. We have a very supportive PTA president (Antoinette Brown). Our students really care about learning!

Thank you Principal Robinson, thank you St. Clair Evans staff for creating a student-centered environment that motivates and inspires students to really care about learning! Please join me in saluting Principal Edward Robinson and his outstanding staff.



Also, in attendance is principal Robinson's mother, Mrs. Vernell Robinson.

To the three schools that were highlighted tonight, it is because of you that our school district will become an even greater school district. Thank you so much.

I'd like to highlight our continued partnership with St. Vincent's Medical Center and the Duval County Health Department for their provision of the mobile Health Care van to students in our full-service schools.

I'd also like to highlight our collaborative efforts with the Jacksonville Children's Commission to fund the Team Up program in our elementary and middle schools and it is because of those funds that our students are able to have a viable after-school life that will help motivate them and to keep them guided in the right direction. Thank you very much.

## 2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Mr. Pratt-Dannals said he appreciates the three schools that were recognized tonight and the focus is on high performing principals and teachers is what will make a difference in schools.

I would like to correct an earlier speaker in terms of the recommendation on moving forward on Wayman Academy to be open this year as a charter school. It was my recommendation to the Board to do that and it was a difficult decision.

I'd like to piggy back on Ms. Burney's remarks about the Children's Commission and our very long partnership in supporting the Team Up program in Jacksonville. The Team Up program has three sources of funds - the Children's Commission, School District and 21st Century Learning Grants from the federal government. We have been the most successful school district in the country under Dr. Kris Larsen's direction and our grant staff has done a superior job in securing these funds in the past. The current recommendation is to support 15 elementary schools, 1 K-8, 8 middle schools, 1 exceptional education center and 1 community center for a total 26 Team Up programs. Team Up programs are held in the afternoon for 2-3 hours each day and half of the time is for academic enrichment and the other half for other enrichment which would include physical activities, arts, to provide some type of interest and holding patterns for students who might otherwise feel if the focus was only on academics, they may not stay with us. This continues to be a great partnership. The amount of money this year is approximately \$1.2 million dollars - the majority coming from the 21st Century grant. This year, we were not successful in securing this grant and so this year will be difficult in terms of planning for next year. The Children's Commission was able to come up with the additional funding for this year and we will resubmit and hope to be successful next year.

Amendments 5, 7 and 9 - Amendment 5 will be decided tomorrow morning; 5 would have the most negative affect on our budget - property taxes with 1% sales tax. It is not an even swap. Tax Watch and the Chamber of Commers are against this. Do not support Amendment 5.

Amendment 7 - opening the door for voucher programs for private and religious schools; problem is voucher is not accountable, students did not take the FCAT exams - this is not a good idea.

Amendment 9 - spend 65% of our budget within the classroom - how defined? Teachers and paras - it should include guidance counselors and media specialists. Who makes the definition and puts it in the hands of the legislature? Our action is to not support these amendments.

Budget - count the two figure cuts and we're 7% down from our revenue from last year. A family now has higher food costs, gas, and electricity. There is a further 8% reduction for 2009-2010 where we must implement the Class Size Amendment. This will be impossible to find that revenue, extremely challenging and we must come up with difficult decisions for next year. We did as best as we could to offer some increases to our employees and the health insurance. We're the first large urban district to settle.

Opportunity Scholarship Programs - 2.0 grade point average change; opened up some schools for these scholarships - these scholarships last for four years and the schools must be a "C" or above. Stanton, Paxon, Douglas Anderson, Fletcher and Mandarin - numbers: 118 Paxon; 48 Douglas Anderson; 113 Stanton; 52 Fletcher; and 99 Mandarin for a total of 133 students. I want to commend the schools for their openness and we'll be following the data. A second decision as to whether or not to stay at the dedicated middle and high schools; to have a 2.0 grade point average to remain at the school (this is an entry requirement); you come in via the lottery or the IB program; we may be giving extra advantages. We'll take this up at our next meeting - these were two separate decisions.

Hurricane and Weather Days - Tropical Storm Fay - excellent work from our employees to get everything back working on Monday with debris, no electricity and flooding; a good collaboration with the Emergency Executive Staff with Hannah - projection as a Level 1 and will make decisions about Thursday and Friday - stay tuned to your televisions and we will postpone as late as possible. Then, there's Ike and Josephine. There are changes on the weather days - November 10, December 18 and 19. If we need a fourth day, it will be January 2nd 2009 and the fifth day would be November 26, 2008 (the day before Thanksgiving). This is on our website. We pushed back the quarter and students will report to school on October 20 but not October 24 (new planning day).

Academic progress - 4 main areas: reading, math, science and writing. We went up in every area at all grade levels. We need to refocus on writing - some Advanced Placement expansions - over the last three years we have expanded by 150% by the number of students taking AP courses. We've expanded by 125% the tests taken and we've increased by 30% the number of students who are passing at 3 or higher. Our growth with African American students is noteworthy - more students passing the exams. We plan to maintain those high number of students taking the courses and exams but increase the number of students who are passing it at 3 or higher. 150% gain overall in the number of students taking AP; 240% for African American students. For the number of tests taken, overall 125% increase; for African Americans, 230% increase; and of students passing the exams, 30% increase overall; 60% increase for African American students. So, while we're not there, we are making progress towards our ultimate goal of eliminating the achievement gap.

Graduation and Drop Out rates - over the last six years, 2001-2007, which is our most current data, our graduation rate went up 12 points - from 51.8 to 64.3. Our drop out rate went down from 8.3% to 5.2%. We're not happy or satisfied with these figures. The good news is that they're heading in the right direction and we need to continue double our efforts to increase the graduation rate and reduce the drop out rate.

I'd like to remind everyone that the runoff elections, which include two School Board races, is on November 4 and to encourage everyone to get out and vote.

I'd like to piggy back on the commendation Ms. Burney had for Dr. Roy Mitchell. Roy Mitchell was a colleague. I recall when he and Leila Mousa - he was the principal and she was the vice principal at Paxon Junior High School, and Paxon was the model school for moving us from junior high to middle school. Roy and Leila led that effort and I was a part of that committee. When I left Lee High School as principal, Roy came in after me and we had many good discussions about that transition and he did an excellent job there, as well. Roy was forever the gentleman and had a great commitment not only to this community and the schools, but to a number of community organizations, his fraternity, his church, his family, and an advocate for recruiting mentors for Mad Dads. Roy will be greatly missed by this community and the school community and we send our condolences to his family and friends.

Finally, I'd like to recognize Ms. Leila Mousa - while officially Ms. Mousa will be on the payroll of the Duval County School District until November, as of last Monday, she moved over into a new role - Regional Director for all of the state of Florida's efforts to help low performing schools which includes 18 counties throughout northeast Florida. I can't think of a better person to lead that effort. Ms. Mousa has worked for over 35 years as a teacher, vice principal, principal, Regional Superintendent, and lead person with the EXCEerator Program with the CollegeBoard. In fact, that's where they saw her talent shine and Dr. Smith who was at that point the Vice President at the CollegeBoard, is now our Commissioner of Education. We were the number one district in the EXCEerator Program and in large part, because of the work that Leila did. She's always been very dedicated, caring, smart, a good team mate, a good partner and for her commitment and everything she's given to the Duval County school district, we want to thank and congratulate her and very excited that you're going to continue working with us in your new role. I'd like to recognize her at this point.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice Chairman  
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member

## Reports

### 1. OPERATIONS - MR. DOUG AYARS

#### Minutes:

Mr. Ayars spoke about ACE and the Facilities Plan Process and where that stands. The meetings will be in a cafeteria setting. The working groups have been convened before in the media center. We'll have the working group members (volunteers) host the various tables. The forum will be very engaging with the public. We're going into our fourth month with 20+ meetings and we have a way to go with a lot of work left to do. The dates are every Wednesday, September 10, 17, 24 and October 1.

Communications piece - personal emails from the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, myself, CPAC, Mayor, City Council members and the Alliance; we've gone to the SACs and the principals. A good interview today which was very thorough with a reporter from the Florida Times Union. This weekend, September 6, they plan to run an article about ACE, particularly, focused on the north quadrant which is the meeting next Wednesday (September 10). I encourage people to read that and see what that's about. We're trying to make sure the information is out there and these meetings will continue through October, November and beyond that. Looking at 2009, what I hope to offer through the Superintendent are recommendations that would include boundary changes and/or consolidation scenarios for close to 70 schools. Our foremost thought is community service in alignment with our Strategic Plan and this fits solidly under Goal 6. It is a necessary process to take that step forward to enhance our service to reach those objectives in the plan and I believe that is the fundamental reason we're doing it. I hope to present to you a new Five-Year Capital Plan and you may see some projects on there amended. Staff is working hard and we're engaging and involving people.

John Gorrie, Lola Culver and Norwood schools which have been closed will have a sequence of prebid meetings this month. I expect to open the bids in October. Mr. Soares will take a couple of minutes to share some things from his production role.

Paul Soares made some comments on the construction projects: current construction is underway for the AAA high school, our new K-8 on 103rd Street and Connie Jean, and new K-5 at Bartram Springs. These are proceeding on schedule and so far, we don't anticipate any problems in meeting the timelines for those projects.

With respect to the Flawless Opening process, on August 15, we came out with 29 reds and worked those over the weekend and reduced that number to 20; what that means is we were tracking 2,808 distinct data points from all the different areas, as we discussed at the last Board meeting, and we got that number down to 20 which represents less than 1%, so that is a pretty good performance by the entire Duval County Public Schools team to make that happen. In looking forward to next year, we have a really condensed summer period...we ended school on June 5 and we started with the teachers returning on August 11, so we had an 8 week period. We finished our projects mostly on time but things were happening up until the last day.

Hurricanes and Tropical Storm Hannah - we are preparing for these storms and have shifted our high school varsity football games to Thursday night from Friday at 7:00 pm; no change in the home locations. We think we'll be able to get the games in with reasonably good weather.

#### Speaker:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice Chairman

### 2. ACADEMIC SERVICES - MS. PAT WILLIS

#### Minutes:

Deputy Chief Pat Willis gave a power point presentation narrated by Niki Micheau, Supervisor, Educational Technology, on Riverdeep Project, Destination Success and The Learning Village:

## DCPS Summer Technology Program

\*Goal: To engage elementary students in rigorous content over the summer months with parent facilitation and district support

\*Incentive: Continual learning over the summer, recognition, name entered for a drawing

\*Strategic Plan Alignment: Goal 1 - Increase Academic Achievement, Goal 5 - Engage Family and Community Support

## Destination Success

Program Results:

\* Students participating this summer: 4,352

\* Parents receiving training/support via Riverdeep Help Desk Services: 1,089

Interesting Facts:

\* Every school had student participation

\* About 1,500 students started the technology program the week after school was released

\* Outstanding support and usage

## The Learning Village

\* Academic Services and the Riverdeep Team populated the Learning Village with Learning Schedules, Discussion forums and Resources

\* Usage since July 1, 2008: ~85% of teachers and administrators have used the curriculum portal

\* Hits since July 1, 2008: 4,934,049

\* Interesting Fact: During Tropical Storm Fay, 3,717 teachers used the Learning Village from home

Former Level of Service with the Learning Village - partial

Current Level of Service with Destination Success and the Learning Village - full circle

## Value Added:

\* Help Desk Support provided by the Schultz Center used by administrators, teachers, parents, and students

\* Community Partnerships Established: Jacksonville Public Library, Community Centers, Summer Camps, Youth Outreach Organizations, and Faith Based Organizations

\* Parent Community input on program development and future student programs

## Next Steps:

\* Increased availability of parent resources and learning opportunities

\* Connections of Destination Success with other district programs: School Family Nights, Title 1 Parent Programs, Mentoring Program

\* Continued leverage of the Learning Village and Destination Success for teachers, parents and students with connections to curriculum and standards-based instruction

## Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

## [3. HIGH SCHOOLS - MS. ELAINE MANN](#)

Minutes:

High School Highlights

Over the last two years, the high schools have implemented a number of new initiatives and several existing high school programs have been reviewed and revised for improved effectiveness. Among the new initiatives are the Keystone course that helps students transition to high school and provides for a student-developed ten-year plan for their futures; SpringBoard curriculum in English/Language Arts and mathematics to increase the level of rigor and relevance and build a pipeline for Advanced Placement courses; EXCEerator Program (a three-year Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant for eight of our high schools and four more high schools funded by the district) designed to prepare all students for college and includes the AVID program which targets the students in the middle—the under-represented students in college—and provides supports to ensure college admission and degree completion; SAT readiness and increased numbers of students taking the SAT; guidance training; and significant increases in AP enrollment accompanied by teacher training and student support mechanisms. Other high school programs in all high school include Read 180 for ninth and tenth grade struggling readers and, in most of our high schools, Fast ForWord as a reading intervention; master schedule training for teams from every high school that is predicated on “touching” every student and scheduling based upon individual student needs; a district monitoring plan using protocols during high school visits by the District Monitoring Team every Wednesday to determine fidelity of implementation of all initiatives and identify needed support and professional development (schools follow the monitoring protocols within the school); the acquisition of an \$11 million Small Learning Community grant to create personalization and develop relationships within the high schools.

We have reviewed programs like dual enrollment and Early College and are currently in conversation with Florida Community College to expand the EC Program to two more high school sites so that we are making the program available in all four quadrants of the city. AICE and IB programs expansions are planned for the future. Existing career academies are being ramped up to meet National Standards of Practice and new ones are rolling out each year. We also have increased graduation requirements that align with the recommendations of the American Diploma Project.

What I am most excited about and really want to highlight tonight is the Professional Learning Community work that began last year and will continue this year with the added piece of balanced assessments. The Superintendent sent a memo to all principals last week, the subject of which was Implementation of the Theory of Action for Improved Student Achievement 2008-09. The expectations that were shared with high school principals at the August cluster meeting matched point for point in the Superintendent's memo. From the use of district-purchased materials to learning schedules and aligned assessments—the results of which will be the focus for content-like teachers when they meet during early dismissal to determine how instruction must be adjusted; from look fors specific to courses and programs to school-based and district monitoring teams; from school-based PLCs to Principal PLCs where participants learn from each other how to be more effective at all levels of the work; from use of technology tools to provide interventions and differentiate instruction and from reducing time spent outside the school to increasing time spent in the classroom and in instructional leadership activities for both school-based and district administrators, the alignment of the work with the theory of action is in place.

I've already mentioned assessments and PLCs but want to elaborate. Every two weeks, mini-assessments that align with Sunshine State Standards benchmarks in reading, mathematics, and science will be administered and scored electronically to give teachers valuable item analysis data for their PLC meetings during early dismissal.

Special thank to Academic Services, Information Management, and Schultz Center and the Professional Development staff. They worked tirelessly to provide the tools that will lead to increased student achievement.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice Chairman  
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member  
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member  
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman  
Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief of Academic Services  
Ms. Kris Barnes, Board Member  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Paul Soares, Chief Officer, Operations Support

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2008, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the September 2, 2008, Agenda as submitted on August 26, 2008, with the changes listed in the agenda item. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Thomas Hazouri

Kristanna Barnes - Aye

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Approval of Minutes

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#)

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following minutes:

August 5, 2008 - Regular Board Meeting

August 12, 2008 - Board Workshop

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Thomas Hazouri

Kristanna Barnes - Aye

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Nancy Broner	
Second: Thomas Hazouri	
Kristanna Barnes	- Aye
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

Consent Agenda

Board Members

[1. RESOLUTION - ROY ISHMAN MITCHELL](#)

Attachment: [RESOLUTION - ROY ISHMAN MITCHELL - 2008.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Staffing

[1. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS](#)

Attachment: [HRS Attach 09-02-08\\_TRANS.pdf](#)

[2. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS](#)

Attachment: [HRS\\_attach\\_09-02-08\\_min qual.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

[2. DUVAL TEACHERS UNITED SETTLEMENT - PARAPROFESSIONALS](#)

Attachment: [HRS Attach 09-02-08\\_Para\\_Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Para\\_salary\\_schedule\\_08-09.pdf](#)

[3. DUVAL TEACHERS UNITED SETTLEMENT - UNITED OFFICE PERSONNEL OF DUVAL \(UOPD\)](#)

Attachment: [HRS Attach 09-02-08 UOPD Final.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [UOPD Salary Schedule 08-09.pdf](#)

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

[1. FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTIONS FOR 2007-2008](#)

Attachment: [General Fund Resolution Sept 2.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Food Service Resolution Sept 2.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Special Revenue Other Resolution Sept 2.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Internal Fund Sept 2.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Capital Projects Resolution Sept 2.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [Debt Resolution Sept 2.pdf](#)

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

[1. APPROVE THREE MONTH EXTENSION AT MIDTOWN CENTRE 4400 BLDG.](#)

Attachment: [XX-B-C-4400-BLDG-LEASE.DOC.pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

[1. ANNUAL CONTRACTS - ASBESTOS CONSULTING SERVICES: SELECTION AND CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [xx-B-C-Asbestos.doc.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly Jackson this item was missing a Financial Impact statement.

Paul Soares said the cost is estimated at \$300,000 annually and dependent upon the availability of funds. We don't necessarily spend all of that; it depends on how much is actually required to perform the work. That money is funded in our annual program.

[2. NEW AUTISTIC CLASSROOMS AT KERNAN MS NO. 279: CONTRACT AWARD TO CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK FIRM AND A GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE, DCSB PROJECT NO. C-91200](#)

Attachment: [XX-B-C-AUTISTIC-CLSRM-279.DOC.pdf](#)

[3. DW ROOF REPLACEMENT AT GRAND PARK CAREER CTR. NO. 14, LORETTO ES NO. 30, ROBERT E. LEE HS NO. 33, HYDE PARK ES NO. 77: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD, DCSB PROJECT NO. M-84740](#)

Attachment: [XX-B-C-DW-ROOFING-CA.REV.DOC.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [XX-ATT-ROOFING-BID-TAB.XLS.pdf](#)

[4. HVAC AT MANDARIN HS NO. 260 AND FIRST COAST HS NO. 265 – STAGE II: CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE, DCSB PROJECT NO. M-87100](#)

Attachment: [XX-B-C-HVAC-MANDARIN.DOC.pdf](#)

[5. PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: NEW AND RENEWAL](#)

Attachment: [xx-B-C-PREQUAL.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [XX-ATT-PREQUAL-NEW.EXL.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [XX-ATT-PREQUAL-RENEWAL.EXL.pdf](#)

[6. FACILITIES SERVICES CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER REPORT \(AUGUST 2008\)](#)

Attachment: [xx-B-C-FAC-CHG-ORD-RPT.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [xx-ATT-C.O.RPT-AUG.DOC.pdf](#)



Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

[1. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT](#)

Attachment: [04Sept08.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [06Sept08.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [07Sept08.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [ROSEPT09.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [05Sept08.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [September 08.pdf](#)

[2. TEXTBOOKS FOR EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS](#)

Attachment: [Sept 2008 BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES.pdf](#)

[3. ON-LINE GRADE BOOK, PARENT PORTAL AND LESSON PLANNER](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES - Online Grade Book.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [GRADE BOOK EVALUATION - FINAL.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly Jackson requested a range, not a specific dollar amount, as to what we anticipate spending on that one.

Dr. Terry Stahlman said the range would be somewhere between \$440,000-\$500,000.

[4. REVISED: MARKETING SERVICES - MAGNET PROGRAMS](#)

Attachment: [XX-B-C-MARKETING-SERVICES-MAGNET-PROG.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [XX-ATT-EVALUATION SUM.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Priestly Jackson requested the name of the company that was awarded the contract. It was a placement item up until very late today and we didn't have the company.

It's the Robert Shepherd group was awarded the contract.

[5. TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY PROGRAM 403B AND 457](#)

Academic Services - School Curriculum and Programs

[1. COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITION TO THE DISTRICT COURSE TITLE FILE](#)

Attachment: [Sept 2 08 BENEFITS Courses FORM 8 8.pdf](#)

Academic Services - Special Services

[1. CONTINUATION OF CURRENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR SPECIALLY DESIGNED INSTRUCTION AND RELATED SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS FOR 2008-2009](#)

Attachment: [SPP - Benefits and Challenges.pdf](#)

[2. CONTINUATION OF AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH ST. VINCENT'S MEDICAL CENTER AND THE DUVAL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES St. Vincent's Mobile Care.pdf](#)

[3. CONTINUATION AGREEMENT WITH THE JACKSONVILLE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION FOR THE TEAM UP](#)

## [PROGRAM 2008-2009](#)

Attachment: [TEAMUP20062007AcademicPerformance.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BenefitsandChallengesForm-TEAMUPAgreement2008-2009.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Barrett said this was a very good program and safety net and enriching environment and I do believe we'll include more schools than ever before?

Dr. Kris Larsen, Supervisor, Alternative Education, said this agreement will continue the Team Up program in place as it was this past school year. We apply annually for 21st Century grants and this agreement would keep the same number of schools in partnership with the Children's Commission. Team Up will be operating in all middle schools this coming year. Some five days per week and 19 schools plus John E. Ford would be two days per week.

Ms. Barrett said congratulations and it's a great partnership with the Children's Commission and I'm delighted we're able to do this.

Ms. Priestly Jackson echoed what Ms. Barrett said and want to thank Mr. Pratt-Dannals and Dr. Larsen and his team for the data that's put out and the success of the program. That's what we like to see in all programs and something like this has a direct correlation to student academic achievement. This is the good stuff to support

Chairman Burney said she forgot to mention something about Riverdeep and our Florida Times Union reporter has left the meeting, but these are the kinds of things I'd like and hope that our newspaper would pick up...to talk about these kinds of things that are taking place in our schools and our public broadcast.

### Academic Services - Instructional Research and Accountability

#### [1. LEARNING FOR LIFE GRANT PROPOSAL](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM 9-2-08.pdf](#)

### Discussion

#### Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

##### [1. DUVAL TEACHERS UNITED SETTLEMENT - TEACHERS](#)

Attachment: [AC\\_Salary\\_Schedule\\_08-09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Teacher\\_Salary\\_Schedule\\_08-09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [AB\\_Salary\\_Schedule\\_08-09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [HRS\\_Attach\\_09-02-08\\_Teacher\\_Final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Psych\\_Salary\\_Schedule\\_08-09.pdf](#)

Minutes:

##### Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Member

Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Officer, Human Resource Services

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the attached language modifications and salary provisions to be incorporated into a 2008-2010 Bargaining Agreement with the Duval County Teachers United - Teacher Bargaining Unit. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Martha Barrett

Kristanna Barnes - Aye

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

General

[1. RESOLUTION REGARDING ELIMINATION OF STATE REQUIRED SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX AND REPLACING IT WITH EQUIVALENT STATE REVENUES TO FUND EDUCATION](#)

Attachment: [xx-RESOLUTION-AMEND-5.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Kris Barnes, Board Member

Ms. Priestly Jackson offered a friendly amendment after speaking with General Counsel, relative to whether our title gave proper notice to what we're doing. So, we're amending the title on all three items, as follows:

"Resolution indicating Duval County School Board's opposition to proposed Florida Constitution Amendment No. 5 regarding elimination of state required school property tax and replacing it with equivalent state revenues to fund education because its effect would be to severely underfund public education."

Ms. Broner seconded the amendment.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice Chairman

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chairman

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve a Resolution opposing the Property Tax Reform Amendment (Amendment 5). - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Kristanna Barnes	
Kristanna Barnes	- Aye
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

Motions:	
Amendment No. 1	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Brenda Priestly Jackson	
Second: Nancy Broner	
Kristanna Barnes	- Aye
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

[2. RESOLUTION REGARDING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM/REPEAL OF THE "NO AID" PROVISION](#)

Attachment: [XX-RESOLUTION-AMEND-7.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly Jackson offered a friendly amendment to the title, as follows:

"Resolution indicating Duval County School Board's opposition to proposed Florida constitution Amendment No. 7 regarding religious freedom/repeal of the "No Aid" provision because its effect would be to authorize voucher programs that have previously been held unconstitutional."

Mr. Hazouri seconded the amendment.

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve a Resolution opposing Amendment 7.	-
Vote Results	
Motion: Nancy Broner	

Second: Kristanna Barnes	
Kristanna Barnes	- Aye
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	-

Motions:	
Amendment No. 1	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Brenda Priestly Jackson	
Second: Thomas Hazouri	
Kristanna Barnes	- Aye
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

[3. RESOLUTION REGARDING 65% OF FUNDING FOR CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION AND MINIMUM DUTY FOR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION](#)

Attachment: [xx-RESOLUTION-AMEND-9.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly Jackson offered a friendly amendment, as follows:

"Resolution indicating Duval County School Board's opposition to proposed Florida Constitution Amendment No. 9 regarding 65% of funding for classroom instruction and minimum duty for children's education because its effect would be to further impede the school districts ability to adequately address students' academic needs."

Ms. Broner seconded the amendment.

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve a Resolution opposing Amendment 9.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Thomas Hazouri	

Second: Kristanna Barnes	
Kristanna Barnes	- Aye
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

Motions:	
Amendment No. 1	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Brenda Priestly Jackson	
Second: Nancy Broner	
Kristanna Barnes	- Aye
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

Emergency Agenda Items

[1. APPROVE SHORT-TERM LICENSE OR INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN DCPS AND FEMA FOR USE OF WAREHOUSE SPACE AT PHILIPS INDUSTRIAL PARK](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman declared the following item as an emergency because failure to do so would have a significant adverse effect on the welfare of Duval County students:

Approve Short-Term License or Interagency Agreement between Duval County Public Schools and FEMA or use of warehouse space at Philips Industrial Park

Speakers:

- Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Vice Chairman
- Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operating Officer
- Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve a short-term license or	

interagency agreement between Duval County Public Schools and the Federal Emergency Management Administration ("FEMA") and/or its designated representative, for use of DCPS-owned warehouse facilities located at Philips Industrial Park as a staging area for FEMA for disaster recovery operations. That the Duval County School Board authorize the Chairman and Superintendent of Schools to execute the agreement with FEMA or its designated representative, with terms favorable to the District when form approved by the Office of General Counsel. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Thomas Hazouri

Kristanna Barnes - Aye

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL](#)

Minutes: No Board travel this month.

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes: No Superintendent's travel this month.

For The Record

[FOR THE RECORD](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Kris Barnes attended Holiday Hills first day back with the teachers - their 50th anniversary of the school and everyone dressed up in that era. The PTA served breakfast and there was a hoola hoop and bubble blowing contest. Even a visit from Elvis! Everyone enjoyed a great time with many new teachers.

Ms. Barnes visited Beauclerc Elementary as they unlocked the doors of Florida; asked an author questions at Hendricks Avenue Elementary; attending the opening at Landon.

Thank you for highlighting duPont Middle and Wolfson High Schools this evening.

Ms. Vicki Drake visited several schools with most saying they had everything they needed for a flawless opening. Thanked Mr. Ayars and his staff for all of their hard work making this happen.

Ms. Drake commended our staff the week Tropical Storm Fay came through and got our schools ready.

Ms. Drake met the author at Hendricks and New Berlin Elementary Schools - he paid our Board a great compliment in saying how well we cooperate with our schools.

Mr. Hazouri thanked everyone for re-electing him for another four year term and that he was very grateful. This is a true testament to this Board and not just to Tommy Hazouri, to move all of our schools forward and I'm very thankful and appreciate my district's support and I hope I will continue to do the kind of work you expect me to do.

On August 13, Nancy Broner and I, along with the faculty and Superintendent, attended the groundbreaking of Bartram Springs Elementary which will open up next fall of 2009.

I went to a breakfast celebrating Timucuan's "A" this year at MOCA (Museum of Contemporary Art) at 7:30 am on the first day of school. I want to congratulate Kim Harrison and her wonderful faculty there; went to a Mandarin SAC meeting and another one tomorrow; on Friday of the first week of school, I'll attend a faculty luncheon at Lee High School in the gym with Denise Hall and the great job she's doing over there. Lee had the biggest gains of all high schools in Duval County and they deserve to be congratulated.

Ms. Nancy Broner said she enjoyed the groundbreaking and it's always exciting to see the children who will be attending a new school. It was a really stormy day and right before the program began, it stopped raining. I wish everyone to be safe with the impending storms.

Ms. Martha Barrett was at Terry Parker High School on August 11 when the teachers came back - it was a welcome back for the teachers and we took a tour of where the children live. Mr. Scott Flowers, principal, is doing a great job at Parker.

Fort Caroline Middle School had a orientation for their Achievers for Life in which I attended several weeks ago, along with the Bank of America since we sponsor the program. Parents of the incoming sixth graders came in and they were very excited and this is a great program for these children. It's going to help families and the drop out rate.

Ms. Priestly Jackson said she was encouraged by the leadership at Northwestern Middle - very good community support and Mr. Gresham's history and knowledge of the city will be a real plus. It doesn't hurt that he was a Ribault graduate.

Ms. Priestly Jackson had a wonderful chance when she visited St. Clair Evans and visited with Mr. Robinson every classroom. He has a Science Lab that he and the teachers built over the summer and it is phenomenal and they also have art. When you arrive at the school, you can feel the warmth of the environment; a very positive change. 100 students of a student body of 400 attended Saturday school.

I met a very energetic and dynamic principal, Iranetta Wright, at Andrew Jackson and walked around and spent time with her. I think she's going to move and shake and will do some wonderful things there - a very "hands on" approach. She's doing some wonderful things and I'm very encouraged.

Ribault High School appears to be up approximately 200-250 students - a long time coming. I want to thank Royce Turner and Dr. Waxman, Mr. Stafford and all of the administrators and faculty over at that school that have stabilized the academics which are now being complimented for the first time in a long time. The academics are what is driving the athletics over there. This year, we have about 65-75 varsity players for football with the focus that you must do your work and be academically prepared. Ribault has become a model in how we build schools and we're in for a very good year.

Ms. Betty Burney visited many of my schools on the first day of school and all of them were on task and ready to go.



I visited Lake Lucina where Councilman Clay Yarborough donated a beautiful play structure to the school and there was a ribbon cutting.

I visited West Jacksonville under the capable leadership of Michelle Floyd-Hatcher - they made an "A" for the first time and held a block party which included a limo ride and came down to the district building. Deputy Chief Patricia Willis took the children on a tour.

Tomorrow my husband and I celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary which is fabulous!

Ms. Priestly Jackson requested some information next week on what notice we gave for Safe Students in Schools - the program...that could come next month - how we put the notice out there.

Adjournment

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman