



## Duval County Public Schools

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April 12, 2010, Regular Board Meeting

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

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

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Invocation

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes:

Pastor Gary Williams  
First Baptist Church of Mandarin

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Presentations

[1. 2010 SCHOOL-RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR](#)

Minutes:

--Our first presentation of the evening recognizes Duval County Public Schools' 2010 School-Related Employee of the Year.

--Would Anita Hendley and her principal Elizabeth A. Kavanagh, please come forward?

--In March, Ms. Hendley, an Exceptional Student Education paraprofessional at Lone Star Elementary, was named Duval County Public Schools' 2010 School-Related Employee of the Year.

--Ms. Hendley, who was also named the district's 2004 School-Related Employee of the Year, is a 20-year veteran of the district, spending the last 14 of those years providing service to Lone Star Elementary.

--Ms. Hendley will now go on to compete in the Florida School-Related Employee of the Year program, administered through the Florida Department of Education.

--The 2010 Florida School-Related Employee of the Year will be announced at the upcoming State Board of Education meeting this spring.

--Congratulations Ms. Hendley on a job well done and best wishes as you go on to compete at the state-wide level. We know you will represent our district well.

[2. 2010 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS](#)

Minutes:

--Our second presentation recognizes the five Duval County teachers vying for the coveted title of Teacher of the Year.

- \* From Mandarin Oaks Elementary, we have Zachary Champagne and his principal, Patricia Carson;
  - From Lake Forest Elementary, we have Joe Gilbert and his principal Kim Bays;
  - From Biscayne Elementary, we have Evelyne Ng along with Principal Crystal Lewis;
- \* From Woodland Acres Elementary, we have Shannon Wine with her principal, Marianne Simon; and
- From Chaffee Trail Elementary, we have Terry Woodlief along with Principal Beverly Walker.

--Congratulations to each of you for making it to this level of the competition. These finalists competed in a rigorous process that examines their teaching philosophy and practice, and this recognition is a testament to their hard work in the classroom.

--The 2010 Duval County Teacher of the Year will be announced at the EDDY Awards on Thursday, April 29, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency. Duval County's Teacher of the Year will then go on to compete for the state-wide title.

--I would also like to take a moment to thank Cheryl Grymes, the Schultz Center, and the Jacksonville Public Education Fund for helping us recognize excellence in teaching.

--Ms. Grymes has helped plan the Teacher of the Year awards through her work at the former Alliance for World Class Education and now as a part of the Schultz Center.

--Again, congratulations to all of the finalists. I look forward to seeing you at the EDDYs.

### [3. SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS](#)

Minutes:

--Our final presentation of the night recognizes several departments and a school that have completed Service Excellence training through the district's office of Community and Family Engagement Office.

--Would the following staff members please come forward?

From Hospital Homebound, we have Kathy Raiford and Camilla Sims-Stambaugh;

From our Truancy office, we have Donna Cobb, Valli Rieder and Pat Mays;

From our Professional Development office, we have Ms. Brenda Wims; and

Representing Southside Middle School, we have Roger Emery.

-- The Service Excellence project was implemented as a result of the district's strategic goal five which is to engage family and community support.

--Through this initiative, our schools and departments complete a series of trainings that teaches them how to create a welcoming and culturally respectful environment in an effort to establish positive relationships between our district and stakeholders.

--Congratulations to each of you on completing this series of trainings. Your commitment to excellent customer service serves as positive examples to all of your co-workers.

## Comments From Audience

### [COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE](#)

Minutes:

Mr. John Turner said a few years ago, an organization called the Program for International Student Assessment or PISA, gave math and science exams to 15 year old students from around the world. The PISA exam is like an international FCAT for 10th graders. The test results were very disappointing for America. Out of 30 industrialized nations that took the exams, America scored near the bottom along with Turkey and Mexico. Many studies were conducted to find out why America scored so poorly and one was done by a Stanford economic expert, Eric Hanushek. Mr. Hanushek discovered the cause of the problem was not due to a lack of funding for our public schools or students who refuse to learn, but simply due to bad teachers. It was concluded that if we could fire only 6% of the bad teachers who shouldn't be in the classroom, America would score at the highest level on the on the PISA exams. Thanks to Senate Bill 6, Florida stands to be the first state in the nation to tell bad

teachers you will no longer be protected by teacher unions nor destroy the dreams of young Americans. That can't happen unless Governor Crist signs Senate Bill 6 into law. I look forward to your public statement of support in the Times Union.

Ms. Lucretia Miller said, "Happy National Library Week" - and spoke about the role of the school media specialist. We are information professionals with a Master's degree in Library and Information Science and our services are vital for teaching today's 21st century learner. Today, students are not only consumers of digital information, they are creators of digital information. Students must be taught how to access the information, organize it and how to evaluate the information they are creating and putting out there for the world. We have standards for instruction and are focused on inquiry based, project based instruction with skills which are the key abilities for understanding learning, thinking, mastering subjects, responsibilities, self assessment strategies. I will leave these standards with you so that you can understand what we do. I'm also leaving you a gift, a book that was just published entitled, *This book is OVERDUE! How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All* and the very first line says, *"In touch times, a librarian is a terrible thing to waste."* I'm a Duval County Teacher of the Year, a semi-finalist for Florida Teacher of the Year (in the top 15 teachers in the state of Florida), my library-media program is one of two in Duval County that has been recognized by the state as a model for school libraries, and this year, I was published through Syracuse University for my lesson plans. Next year, I can not even teach my own lesson plans and being funded for 2 1/2 days, I cannot do my job. As embarrassing as it is, Duval County only has two state model programs, next year, we won't even have that because one of the criteria is a full-time, certificated library/media specialist. Now, I may be a good instruction librarian, but I am not the only one and I implore you to please not waste us because we cannot do our job in 2 1/2 days. Teaching is my passion but if I can't do my job, I will have to look at other options. I love the word "hope" and I believe in hope and I'm hopeful that our Florida Legislature will come to their senses and I'm hopeful that you will emphasize the priorities of literacy because regular literacy, informational literacy and visual literacy is what the role of a school library/media specialist covers so please do not waste us.

Ms. Terry Woodlief, president of the Duval County Art Teachers Association and I represent all of the art educators both public and private in Duval County. I know you support that the arts make for a well rounded education and crediting the arts for preparing our students for leadership for tomorrow. The latest results as of 2009, a study by the Florida Department of Education, in which for 4 years, they tracked 188,000 Florida high school seniors that showed a direct correlation between the number of art credits that they took and the rise in FCAT scores, the rise in their GPA's and the decline of the Drop Out rate. A girl I know of who struggled with math and spelling in 3rd grade, she felt like a complete failure at everything until her art teacher held an art contest and she came in 2nd place. She was astounded that she was successful so much that it bolstered her self esteem and totally changed her attitude about school. She took this new found confidence and applied the strategies that she learned in her art class to her academic subjects. The arts turned this student around so much that she grew up to be a successful 33 year veteran art teacher, herself. That little girl was me. Today, I've been ranked in the top 20% of art educators in Duval County and now, a finalist for the Duval County Teacher of the Year all because art education changed my life. I, along with all the art educators in Duval County, are committed to making art make a difference in our students' academic success and I

pledge to teach them creatively and prepare them to be the innovators of tomorrow. We thank you for your continued support as you've shown in the years past, but we would be foolish to think that the arts would go untouched during this critical year of budget cuts. When making these decisions, please think with your heart...think Art with a Heart. I'd like to invite you to join me in my crusade for arts education advocacy, so together, we can prepare our students, our innovative future leaders, for the 21st century.

Mr. Tony Kamnikar, Education and Community Programs Manager for the Jacksonville Symphony and also representative of ACE (Arts for Complete Education) Coalition. I'm thankful for being here and I just moved to Jacksonville in November and I'm very impressed of what I've seen in the support for the arts in the school system. I'm so glad we can partner with Duval County Schools in presenting those arts. A few programs coming up, we have next Monday, a Kids for Kids concert where we have 1,500 students coming down to our Symphony Hall that will listen to the Jacksonville Youth Symphony; a week following that, we have Prelude Concert for 2nd and 3rd graders with 5 continuous days with 10 performances. When I grew up, I lived in two different states in elementary school. I was taught the piano at one elementary school and then individual instruments before leaving elementary school. It is so important and I'd like to see that continued to our students here for a complete education. A well rounded education includes the arts and thank you for your support.

Mr. Edward Exson - Education, Economics and Crime - failing schools is a stigma in the African American communities that is appalling, and yet, many are on a track with little or no education that is leading to total destruction. Our neighborhoods have failed even worse given the atrocities and deviant behavior that is taking place with no end in sight. It defies logic for many parents and leaders to be dysfunctional and the students not become what they see. How alarming since Brown vs. Board 56 years ago and the Civil Rights Act 46 years years ago, there are still families where no one has graduated from high school. Enough blame to go around federal, state and local government's insidious policies, denying equal opportunities and other road blocks. Along with a long line of egregious black leaders' acts, since post bellum, with black pastors leading the charge in exploiting and misguiding the followers for their own riches. Lack of economic development is the mantra by most contemporary black leaders while most, including many professors, don't have a solution. The answers were given as far back as 1858 by John Rock, abolitionist, "expressed hope that property and wealth could be the basis of racial justice." Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune taught us to "put our pennies and dollars together and as a people, we can become self sufficient." Given our consumption habits, it will be hard for us to save and invest and make that difference. Absent our learning how to produce and develop, so many of our children will continue to make a career off of drugs and crime with teachers taking the rap of failing schools.

Mr. Stanley Scott said I concur with Mr. Exson 100%. I don't like using these words, "intellectual stupidity" continues for me with the appointed School Board even though I am disappointed with the present School Board members and especially the one that represents my area because I continue to ask for meetings to inform the people and have not received that information which is disappointing. The bill can sit on the Governor's desk, teachers performance tests and the FCAT should not have the power that it has in the state of Florida. We should do away with the FCAT as something is

definitely wrong - it should be for assessment only. No test should have this much power over learning. We're talking this has been going on for ten years which is nonsense. You're not teaching or educating children...you must teach a child to think for himself. What about life skills? Our school system needs to make changes. Break the zones up into four districts. Have a good day.

## Comments From Parent Organizations

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

Minutes:

#### District Advisory Council - Rachel Raneri, Chair:

Good evening, I hope that you all had a relaxing break. The District Advisory Council met on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Gary Oliveras, a former member of the Charter Review Commission spoke with us about the findings and process of the Commission. There was discussion about an elected versus appointed School Board. The consensus of the DAC is that we do not want the right to vote for our representation taken away from us. Mr. Oliveras gave us an extensive report and I would like to thank him publicly now.

Mr. Ken Sutton, Executive Director of Exceptional Education/ Student Services (EE/SS), shared with us the cultural changes happening in the department. He shared the changes in the acronyms that are now being used in what was once called "special ed". He explained that the new acronyms better reflect the students and their needs in today's world. Mr. Sutton also explained the Pre-K and transitional Pre-K and transitional Kindergarten programs.

Ms. Rosemarie Parsch, also with the EE/SS department explained the Surrogate Parent program. This has nothing to do with being a parent. A surrogate parent is a person who is appointed to act in the interest of an exceptional student who does not have a parent who can make educational decisions. The surrogate parent works with the school to plan the child's special education services. A surrogate parent is more like a "school parent", involved only in planning and making decisions about the

child's education.

Ms. Parsch also told us of a survey from the DOE for parents of students with an Individual Educational Plan (IEP). That survey is available online at the DCPS website under the Parent tab.

We also had some guests from the War on Poverty Connection. Ms. Karen Landry and Ms. Joyce Danford spoke to us about a center that will focus on Empowering Families for Success. Their goal is to:

- \* Promote Parental Involvement
- \* Improve Literacy
- \* Support Neighborhood Schools
- \* Utilize Community Resources and other initiatives as they evolve.

Mr. Doug Ayars gave us an update on the Northwest quadrant Middle school reconfiguration. There have been several community meetings at the schools in question with one more scheduled for Thursday of this week.

As a member of the working group on this ACE project, I would like to thank Ms. Burney and Ms. Priestly-Jackson for the attending some of the meetings. The working group has been working very hard for a long time and I think that some community members felt that they had no say in something that was being forced upon them. The Board members' presence was needed at those meetings. I believe that it is very important that all stakeholders should be given an opportunity to be heard.

As a segue, at this time all School Advisory Council Mid-year Stakeholders' Assessment meetings should have been held and reports should have been sent to the cluster chiefs. I look forward to some feedback as to how this process worked.

The next District Advisory Council meeting will be Monday, April, 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room. I hope that we will have a School Board member join us on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

PTA - Annette Worthen, President:

Good evening, I am Annette Worthen, President of the Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs. While PTA advocates year round, all over the country for children, March is always a busy month for us here in Florida

and more specifically here in Duval County. On March 25<sup>th</sup> a few thousand Florida advocates for children and public education attended the Rally in Tally. Duval County was represented by about 70 delegates including PTA members, students and members of Save Duval Schools. A choral performance by students from Paxon SAS was especially moving. Before, during and after the Rally, the 70 delegates from Duval were able to meet with the local legislative delegation in their offices. We met with every single member of the Duval delegation or their representative. I would especially like to mention the time our delegates spent with Mr. Weinstein. We appreciate his concerns on SB 6/ HB 7189 and his "no" vote. The negative impact this bill will have on students, parents, administrators and most importantly, the detrimental impact it will have on our teachers and the teaching profession in Florida could set public education back. In a time where we are making gains here in Duval and all over the State the passage of this bill would be a tremendous blow to public education here in Florida. I would also like to thank Representatives McBurney and Gibson for the amount of time they spent talking to our students and actively listening to their concerns. I would also like to encourage members of the community to contact the Governors office at 850-488-7146 and ask him to veto the bill.

Again this year, the Duval County Council of PTAs is participating in the Earth Day Celebration at the Landing on April 17th. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Chris Buckley at the Teachers Supply Depot 381-7480. You may also contact Chris if you are interested in volunteering or donating to the Teacher Supply Depot. The next opening is this Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> from 3-6PM

The next general meeting of the Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs will be April 20<sup>th</sup> here in the Cline Auditorium with hospitality beginning at 9:30 and the meeting from 10-Noon. This is the day that all PTAs/PTSAs turn in their History Books and award applications. We will begin judging as soon as the meeting ends. Before the meeting begins we will also be selling tickets to the annual Presidents & Principals Luncheon that will be held on May 27th. If anyone has questions about History Books, Award applications or the P&P, please call me at 349-5263.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual PTA night at the Jacksonville Suns will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> which is also "Family Feast Night". All Principals and PTA Presidents will be receiving more information about this event later this week and at the

general meeting on April 20th. PTAs/PTSAs that qualify for the "Superintendents Award" will be recognized during the pre-game show. The Jacksonville Suns have been supporters of the DCPS and PTA, and sponsors of the Casey at the Bat poem reading challenge for years. If you have never heard Mr. Bragan recite Casey at the Bat you should try and attend when he is invited to one of your schools. He is every media specialist hero. He not only captures the attention of every listener but he truly transports everyone listening right to the stands of a baseball game in progress. It is incredible.

PTA is appreciative of the support of each of the School Board members, the Superintendent, and the District Staff. If there are any issues that the School Board or Superintendent would like PTA to address, please call on us.

#### Comments From Employee Organizations

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

Minutes: There were no speakers this evening from Employee Organizations.

#### Student Achievement, Reform Activities, And Reports

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

Minutes:

The Chair expressed resolution tonight that the Duval County School Board request that Governor Crist veto Senate Bill 6/House Bill 7189.

I will share with you that I am a prevailing principle of justice and how in my estimation, these proposed bills are unjust. Justice does not depend on a feeling to do the right thing. It depends on right action and sound thinking about the most helpful route to the best and most virtuous outcome. It is of our opinion and belief that this is not the best route to the most helpful and virtuous outcome that we will definitely find ourselves disadvantaged and unable to do what we can for some of our students who that are the most challenged because of the dissentives that will be encouraged by this

bill.

Policy Impact: The Florida Constitution provides that the School Board shall operate, control and supervise all free, public schools within the school district and that the legislature shall provide adequate funding for a uniformed, efficient, safe, secure and high quality system of free, public schools. The legislature has provided no funding for the \$900 million dollar program established by Senate Bill 6/House Bill 7189 and this unfunded mandate, would adversely impact the ability of the Duval County School Board to meet its fiscal responsibilities consistent with high quality education policies. Further, Senate Bill 6/House Bill 7189 is an intrusion into the day-to-day operation and local control of the school district and would interfere with existing successful programs and policies and the collaborative working relationship of the district and its teachers. The fiscal aspect of Senate Bill 6/House Bill 7189 and its operational impact on students, teachers and administration of the Duval County Public Schools is inconsistent with the policies and responsibilities established by the Florida Constitution for the funding operation and administration of the public school system.

Some of our concerns: Senate Bill 6/House Bill 7189 relates to how teachers and principals are evaluated, compensated and how they maintain certification and professional service contracts status. Duval County Public Schools has led the state in using student learning gains based on FCAT and the district development End of Course (EOC) Assessments to compensate teachers and principals for student progress and for working in "high needs" schools. These initiatives have been accomplished through collaborative efforts by the School Board, district administration, school-based administration and teachers as represented by the Duval Teachers United (DTU). Duval County Public Schools should have been consulted regarding our experience on what works on these reform initiatives. Our experience tells us that the the state directed plans often do not account for the reality of schools, especially, in schools that are currently low performing. Both the state data on FCAT learning gains in our own district data on using pre, post and end of course assessments indicate it is hard to show gains in schools with a higher percentage of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch.

Serious concerns have not been addressed about the consequences of Senate Bill 6/House Bill 7189 which include: the cost of implementation for the fiscal years 2011-2014 will be taken out of existing funds. Districts will lose 5% of funds in 2011 and at the same time, districts will lose an additional 5% of their funds through the loss of federal Stimulus money. Development of End of Course Assessments that are reliable and valid and can stand legal tests will cost districts millions of dollars to develop and certify even in districts like Duval County Public Schools which have already developed EOCs.

Under the legislation, too many decisions, evaluations, compensations and certifications were based on a single test on a single day. Our research to date indicates the need for multiple measures to be used in determining any high stakes decision regarding students and teachers and not just high stakes tests. There has been a severe lack of involvement of constituent groups of parents, PTAs and School Boards, Florida School Boards Association, Superintendents, FADSS and teachers in developing the far reaching plans and vision of Senate Bill 6/House Bill 7189. The history of Pay for Performance Plans is that they are more successful when the various constituent groups

are involved in helping craft the key elements. The legislation goes beyond what the state submitted for the Race To The Top application and that the RttT application only required a majority of the evaluation and compensation be based on student learning gains. Prohibiting any consideration for teacher compensation based on advanced degrees or experience was not included in the RttT application and unnecessarily limits School Boards from giving incentives to teachers on their own time and at their own expense, furthering their knowledge and skills in an area critical for students. Examples include: teachers who achieve advance degrees to better prepare and authorize the teacher acceleration courses such as Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or Advantage National Certificate of Education (ACE) as well as reading, mathematics, science, Exceptional Student Education, and other specialized areas.

While we agree that the salary scale for experience should be more compact to prohibit years of experience completely is contrary to the reality that it takes to become excellent in the science and art of teaching. Placing so much emphasis on a single test in time increases the pressure for students and teachers to succeed. The consequences of such high stake testing predictably leads to curriculum and instruction being narrowed to only cover items perceived to be on the tests. Current concerns regarding such a narrow will be exacerbated significantly. The bills require districts to trust that the future state accountability systems will be fairer and more appropriate than those currently enforced. Issues surrounding the disincentives to teach in lower performing schools under the state's School Recognition and MAP Programs indicate that this sort of program can have the opposite affect of the intended purpose. The severe discrepancy in cut scores and reading to determine proficiency between elementary and high school students further limits the competence of school districts with the end result of these initiatives will help us staff our lowest performing schools with our best teachers and principals. While we agree with the intent of the bills to make evaluations, compensation and continuing contracts of teachers more dependent on documented student learning gains, the concerns and adverse fiscal and human resource consequences of this legislation far out weigh the positive elements, accordingly, Senate Bill 6/House Bill 7189 should be vetoed.

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

Minutes:

I'll start by saying "Amen" and I'm glad Mrs. Priestly Jackson had the opportunity to read that. It covers all the key elements and I think the Board is very supportive of this. Unfortunately, it's only teachers unions who are against this and there are probably some issues that need to be looked at that this bill attempts to cover, however, the methodology of the lack of involvement and the unwillingness to change the key areas that were the problem is what I think has led the Boards and Superintendent's Associations and others to get to the point in recommending that the Governor veto it. Had there been a greater willingness from the beginning to work

more collaboratively, perhaps, we wouldn't have gotten to this point. I think this probably will come back should the Governor veto it in some form and we would appreciate it being a part of that process to craft a bill that is more inclusive and does mitigate some of the problems that are in the current bill.

I'd like to speak briefly about the budget while the House and Senate have not reconciled their two budgets. It does appear that our revenue will be approximately \$10 million dollars below this year's which is approximately a 1% reduction and we will have to support going to the individual classroom level with the Class Size Reduction amendment with no additional funding which would be \$25 million dollars; now up to \$35 million dollars, and we still have \$40 million dollars worth of additional costs that we are working on to limit. So, at this point, we're working with a \$75 million dollar deficit. Now, part of the \$40 million dollar cost increase is in participated medical costs and we're working with our employee organizations to minimize that, hopefully, to zero; salary and other enhancements and also some contracts who have some cost-of-living adjustments. We're working on this but will have to have some additional costs built in. This will be a huge challenge as presented earlier tonight. We're looking at all areas outside the basic education classroom and principals which includes district staff, programs, transportation, other support staff within schools - guidance, media, arts, electives and/or the compensation both in salary and benefits to our employees. We are faced with some extremely difficult decisions. What ever decision we come up with, it is not out of a lack of concern, interest or understanding but at some point, we must make a decision to present a balanced budget. We need to provide a high quality education for all of our students which is a whole education and yet, not have any more negative impact on our employees. That will be a very difficult decision making process.

Periodically, I get letters from people and I'd like to share a couple with you. One is a thank you note from the Cummer Gallery and the majority of the Board members attended a luncheon. This year there were 2,300 students with disabilities that were served that week called "A Very Special Arts" and it was staffed by 1,216 volunteers. This is truly amazing and a tribute to our community, not only for the Cummer for its leadership, but for the involvement of our district staff, Ken Sutton and his staff, as well as our teachers and parents and our students. This is a great experience for our students and we appreciate the tremendous involvement of the public. This is the kind of example we're asking the public to help us with to fill in those gaps and provide great experiences for our students.

The other was a letter that came from the University of Southern California congratulating me, and I didn't do anything to deserve this, but there are some people I'd like to congratulate and that is Douglas Anderson School of the Arts for being selected as the 2010 National Grammy School Signature. We will be recognizing them formally in a near future meeting. I think it's great that someone from Southern Cal picked up on this, wrote me a letter, and congratulated one of our schools for receiving the highest award that the Grammy's give, a K-12 music program in the country. A school is worthy of national attention and recognition. We certainly agree and thank this Board for continuing to support the arts in some very difficult fiscal times. They are for our students well rounded education.

## Reports

### 1. OPERATIONS REPORT - MR. DOUG AYARS

Minutes:

I'd like to announce a couple of meetings to enhance public awareness:

Thursday, April 15, we'll have a meeting at James Weldon Johnson Middle School which is a continuation of the middle school review that we are currently engaged in. Specifically, we'll address questions regarding the relocation of the James Weldon Johnson Middle School program to the existing Paxon Middle School facility. We'll be there to address those questions and the meeting is open to the public.

Monday, April 19 and Tuesday, April 20, we're going to have a meeting at 6:00 pm. The first meeting (4/19) at Paxon Middle School and the topic is the Priority 1 portion of the lottery process for assigning students to dedicated magnet schools. We need to look at the existing process. It's a dialog encounter and we welcome everyone to come and give us ideas and listen to some information. Tuesday, April 20, right here in the Charles Cline Auditorium at 6:00 pm. We'll do exactly the same meeting so there are two opportunities for the public.

The Chair also announced that tomorrow night, April 13, we are going to have a meeting at Northwestern Middle School. Our Board has a policy to move as fast as communities move on an issue. There were quite a few of stakeholders that showed up at the northwest quadrant middle school meeting last evening. Two schools raised a significant amount of questions in terms of what options were available. The meeting tomorrow at Northwestern Middle will combine Ribault Middle communities in terms of articulating their future.

I'd like to share that Mrs. Burney and I have worked extensively with staff and have shared our concerns for long term visions for schools and as a community, we must be mindful as there was legislation on the table about a year ago that said if certain schools were not at capacity, strongly recommended at these economic times, these schools would close and I think that threshold could have been 70%. We looked at which schools and where they were located that were low capacity. This is a separate look from what the school grade may or may not be in those schools and there were certain schools that were identified those being Ribault Middle, Northwestern Middle, and Eugene Butler Middle. At that time, it became a concern of ours as to how do we (a) have a high quality programming in that school because at the same time, other schools identified have a better than 50% of their students testing proficient. Separate from the school grade, we're talking about the percentage of young people that are proficient in school. So, it was our hope that we could combine some high quality programming in the schools and these were some of the proposals that were put on

the table to save the schools because I believe and the Board members are all aware of that, somewhere down the road in the future, there will be an aggressive push by the state if they try to continue local control to close certain schools. The goal in mind is to get the bodies in the schools and at the same time, we have high quality programming and we want you to actualize your dreams. It is very important that the community understands when doing that, the second thing that we looked at was what are the challenges faced by certain segments of the community? Duval County has an over-aged student population and this is not geographically confined to the northwest quadrant. Over-aged students are not discipline problems. We thought it would be a good opportunity to have some high quality programming available to offer those young people with an expanded school day, school year, like some of the models that are coming to our district. I encourage the community to show up at this meeting tomorrow night. We're going to do them for a minimum of four weeks from 6:00-8:00 pm. Bring your suggestions tomorrow night and bear that in mind when it comes to the meetings.

Board Member Burney said one of the most important things that needs to be continuously stressed over and over again is that we're not just looking at one school. We're trying to make sure that all of our young people in middle schools have an opportunity to excel so that when they get to high school, they have an even greater chance. I encourage for everyone to come to the meeting tomorrow evening. We want to do what's right for all of our students.

Working meeting tomorrow night with constructive ideas and engagement - 6:00-8:00 pm at Northwestern Middle School and it will rotate to Ribault Middle next week.

## [2. ACADEMIC SERVICES REPORT - MS. PAT WILLIS](#)

Minutes:

Deputy Superintendent Patricia Willis said we are well into the planning phases for our summer program. Tonight, Ms. LeRoy will bring information and the status as to where we are with planning our summer programs and we will continue to bring you those updates as we approach the summer for our students. She will be followed by Mr. Tony Bellamy with a brief update on our TurnAround schools.

Kathy LeRoy:

Academic Services is currently in the final planning stages of our Summer Program for students. The intent of these programs is the same as the very successful program last year. It is to support:

- (1) The promotion of student to the next level;
- (2) Identifying areas in reading and mathematics in need of additional skill building;
- and
- (3) Maintaining and enhancing the reading and mathematics progress made throughout

the school year. All of the summer activities will be comprised of an all day, six week program, running from June 21- July 31. We will be continuing a similar program at last summer with both opportunities for students to recover courses in which they have received and "F" and the very successful Superintendent's Academy Program for Turnaround schools. We will be offering:

- \* The Grade 3 FCAT Recovery for Grade 3 Level 1 students as required by the FLDOE in order to be promoted to grade 4;
- \* The Grade 3-5 Math and Reading Recovery to be promoted to the next grade;
- \* The Secondary Credit Recovery for Middle and High School Students via our on-line program Compass Odyssey;
- \* The required Grade 11 Science Remediation for those grade 11 students that received a Level 1 on the Grade 11 Science FCAT;
- \* The voluntary Pre-Kindergarten, Exceptional Student Education and English Speakers of Other Languages mandatory programs; and
- \* The Superintendent's Academy for Turnaround schools.

All of the summer programs will include engaging research-based curriculum, professional development as part of pre-planning for our summer program teachers, learning schedules, and diagnostic assessments to identify gaps in content knowledge and monitor progress. These summer activities will support a focus on individualized instruction and support so that our students will continue to have increased achievement and success as they move forward. Communication and student applications to all of our schools will occur this week.

Speakers:

Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member  
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member  
Ms. Martha Barrett, Board Member  
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Mr. Tony Bellamy:

Tonight, I will give the Turnaround School update on behalf of elementary, middle and high schools in the following areas:

1. FCAT Week Review
2. Refocusing the Instructional Focus
3. Community Assessment Team Meeting Update

The Turnaround School Vacancy Report reflects NO vacancies in our elementary, middle and high schools.

FCAT REVIEW:

Attendance was a major focus - Turnaround High Schools average percent during the testing window for Reading and Math ranged from 93%-98% for student whoing up on time with 100% teacher attendance. Turn around Elementary and Middle Schools ranged from 98%-100% of students showing up and 100% in teacher attendance, as

well.

I'd like to report that schools were quiet, students focused and understood the importance and seriousness of doing their personal best.

Under REFOCUSING THE INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS:

All TA High Schools are currently focusing on preparing for upcoming AP Exams and End of Course Exams. AP workshops for students to prepare them for the AP exam have been scheduled for this upcoming Saturday and all Turnaround schools are preparing for summer bridge programs as well as summer academics.

Schools will continue with after school tutoring with emphasis on SAT, ACT, CPT as well as AP exams.

Under COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT TEAM MEETING UPDATE:

The next CAT meeting will be held on April 22, 2010 at 2:00 pm where we will spotlight and feature Northshore K-8.

In closing, I wanted to congratulate Englewood High School's partnership with Vistakon and for winning our district's Commissioner's Business Recognition Award.

Additionally, the Turnaround notebook is in the Board Office and will be updated to reflect tonight's report. Thank you.

Speaker:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Chair

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 12, 2010, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the April 12, 2010, Agenda as submitted on April 1, 2010, with the following changes:  
Human Resource Services - Staffing - Item 1 -  
Human Resource Services Employee  
Transactions - Revised Attachment Human  
Resource Services - Professional Standards -

Item 1 - Suspensions Without Pay - Revised Attachment Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment - Item 1 - Charter School Contract for Somerset Academy, Inc., Middle - Eagle Campus Charter School - Withdrawn Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment - Item 2 - Charter School Contract for Somerset Academy, Inc., Elementary - Eagle Campus Charter School - Withdrawn Board Members Travel - Revised Agenda Item  
Emergency Agenda Item - Item 1 - Support of Gubernatorial Veto of Senate Bill 6/House Bill 7189 - Item Added - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Thomas Hazouri

Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- 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:

February 11, 2010 - Joint Meeting with Florida State College at Jacksonville  
March 2, 2010 - Board Workshop  
March 4, 2010 - Board Workshop  
March 9, 2010 - Board Workshop  
March 16, 2010 - Board Workshop  
March 18, 2010 - Board Workshop

March 18, 2010 - Special Board Meeting - Student Expulsion Hearing

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Minutes for the Meetings listed in the Agenda Item. February 11, 2010 - Joint Meeting with FSCJ March 2, 2010 - Regular Board Meeting March 4, 2010 - Board Workshop March 9, 2010 - Board Workshop March 16, 2010 - Board Workshop March 18, 2010 - Board Workshop March 18, 2010 - Special Meeting - Student Expulsions - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- 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: Victoria Drake

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Consent Agenda

Academic Services

[1. TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY GRANT](#)

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

[2. LICENSING AND MAINTENANCE FOR DESTINY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SOLUTION SOFTWARE](#)

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges Renewal for Destiny Resource.pdf](#)

[3. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM GRANT](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Elementary School Counseling.pdf](#)

Attachment: [DATA FOR SCHOOL COUNSELING GRANT \(2\).pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Burney said she agrees with the concept but have some questions. The same question keeps popping up and that is with regards to the number of referrals that we had in the elementary schools, what are we, as a district, doing with regards to classroom management and do these schools have CHAMPS?

Deputy Patricia Willis said these schools do have CHAMPS and what we are doing is working with these teachers in the area of professional development so that they can improve the climate in their classroom as well as in the school. These schools are also foundation schools. We realize this will give us another avenue by which we can improve classroom and

student behavior in the schools. The counselors in the schools and the improvement staff will help those teachers and students with strategies that will assist in improving their behavior. We believe that this grant, when working with school counselors, will decrease counselor/student ratio and will provide continued professional development so that the counselors can continue working with the teachers who are also receiving professional development for student classroom management.

Ms. Burney said in the third paragraph while on the surface it sounds good, but one of the red flags that alerts me is the question of, especially when I look at the team psychologists and school psychologists, etc., "Is this going to result in a large number of our students being staffed ESE or staffed out or referred to ESE programs?" We've seen many times in the past because of behavior, young people are placed and staffed in certain programs and it's very difficult for them to get out once they've been in those programs. My concern is, "How is this going to be used with regards to making sure that is it not just an opportunity, if you will, whether intended or unintended to get kids staffed into exceptional education programs?"

Deputy Superintendent Willis said we are well aware of situations, whether intentional or not, we've had students staffed into our exceptional education program but we believe that this is a way of being proactive. There is training for the counselors and that this is not the case that students are automatically staffed into the exceptional education programs when other actions should have taken place. One of the main reasons we're doing the Response to Intervention is that we make sure we meet the needs of all of our students and that we move them through the interventions that need to happen for them before they get to a staffing of exceptional education.

Ms. Burney asked if there will be an opportunity, if we get this grant, that someone will track it and make sure that it is not taking place that our worst fears are not being realized...will there be a tracking mechanism at all or can we include some type of tracking mechanism?

Deputy Superintendent Willis said "yes", we can definitely do that and I'm sure that Ms. Worsowicz and Ms. Shook will make that we will have tracking on this program.

Chair Ms. Priestly Jackson said she wanted to show her support for this item and any program that helps young people in their education and buy in at an early age is something that is much needed.

## [5. TEXTBOOKS FOR EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS](#)

Attachment: [April 2010 Textbooks BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES.pdf](#)

## 6. COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL TO THE DISTRICT COURSE TITLE FILE

Attachment: [Adoption of COURSE TITLES April 2010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [April 12 2010 Course Adoptions BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Adoption of COURSE TITLES April 2010CTE.pdf](#)

## 7. MATHEMATICS K-8 ADOPTION

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges Math Adoption.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly Jackson asked if someone could show the public how we come to the K-8 Adoption and how this addresses the new standards?

Ms. Kathy LeRoy said there's an adoption process in the state of Florida every six years and we have a two year window in which to adopt the current program. We have new standards in mathematics, *The Next Generation Sunshine State Standards*, so it's really important that we begin the process of adopting the new materials that are available to us now because the new standards are not aligned directly with the standards that were in place previously in the state of Florida. We went through a very extensive process through the summer and fall in which we did a random selection of participants to participate as part of the adoption committees. There was extensive work done in looking at the materials that were available in terms of both conceptual mathematics programs as well as programs that have the foundation pieces that we need for foundation skills in math. There was an extensive process within the community after they made their final recommendations in which the community had available sites to go around the district and participate and give feedback in which we used within our final decision. The reason we came to a K-8 adoption was because the biggest changes with *The Next Generation Sunshine State Standards in Math* happens to be at the elementary level K-5 and so we thought it was imperative that our program is K-5. The program we currently use is totally unavailable for us to use at all so we would have to purchase a new program anyway. We thought it was imperative to purchase the elementary program which we did and we're purchasing class sets for middle school. We're going to take the existing programs that we have in place now and we will augment them with the new program at middle school.

Ms. Priestly Jackson asked that Ms. LeRoy share about the categorical funding.

Ms. LeRoy said there are specific dollars, categorical dollars, that are

earmarked every year for instructional materials on that particular subject area that is going to be adopted that year. Last year, it was literature; the year before, it was K-5 reading and this year is mathematics and next year, science. There has been in the past some flexibility provided with those dollars; however, this year, they are adamant within the legislature that these dollars are used for instructional materials for the area that is being adopted and once we fill all of the materials and every child within the school district within two years must have a state adopted textbook. So, based on that, they are requiring that all of the school districts within the state of Florida within this two year window purchase materials that are directly aligned to *The Next Generation Sunshine State Standards* in that subject and after that time, they'll be flexibility available for those dollars.

#### [8. OUT-OF-COUNTRY FIELD TRIP REQUEST-LAVILLA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS DRAMA DEPARTMENT TRIP TO LONDON, ENGLAND](#)

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges LaVilla Out of the Country Trip 6 10.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Staffing

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

Attachment: [Agenda\\_04-12-10\\_TRANS.pdf](#)

#### [2. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS](#)

Attachment: [HRS\\_agenda\\_04-12-10\\_min\\_qual.pdf](#)

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

#### [1. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS](#)

Attachment: [Master January Final Board Statement Worksheet.pdf](#)

#### [2. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS](#)

Attachment: [Budget Resolutions April 2010 Narratives.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Budget Resolutions April 2010 spreadsheets.pdf](#)

#### [3. APPROVE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR DISTRICT AND SCHOOL STAFF](#)

Attachment: [Board Office Out of State Travel April Board.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Academics out of state travel April 12 Bd mtg travel.pdf](#)

Attachment: [OPS Out of State Travel April Board.pdf](#)

Attachment: [HR Out of State Travel April Board.pdf](#)

#### [4. APPROVE 2009-2010 OUT-OF-COUNTY/OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL BUDGET](#)

##### Operations - Information Technology

#### [1. 2010 TECHNOLOGY RETROFITS GROUP C, PHASE III \(CONSTRUCTION\) DOCUMENTS - TP-99850-32,164,170,252](#)

Attachment: [Benefits agenda Mar10 Phase3.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Broner said she would address both Item 1 and 2 at the same time and will ask Dr. Stahlmann to speak regarding technology and the retrofit opportunities for our students and share with the public what this means in terms of instructional delivery to our children.

Dr. Terri Stahlman said we have 12 schools left to finish retrofitting and we expect that to be concluded by December, 2010 and this is becoming more impaired daily as we do more online instruction for students that provides learning 24/7. It allows us to extend our school day to students, parents and teachers by providing more web-based tools at school as well as at home. It is an exciting time to make this investment and bring all of our students into the 21st century and provide them some online learning tools.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

#### [2. RETROFIT FOR TECHNOLOGY AT WEST RIVERSIDE NO. 12, DINSMORE NO. 45, THOMAS JEFFERSON NO. 48 AND PINE FOREST NO. 159: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [Bid Documentation April 2010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Benefits agenda April Retrofit Awards.pdf](#)

##### Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment

~~1. CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT FOR SOMERSET ACADEMY, INC., MIDDLE - EAGLE CAMPUS CHARTER SCHOOL - WITHDRAWN~~

~~2. CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT FOR SOMERSET ACADEMY, INC., ELEMENTARY - EAGLE CAMPUS CHARTER SCHOOL - WITHDRAWN~~

[3. CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT FOR FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL FOR ACCELERATED LEARNING - JACKSONVILLE CAMPUS, INC. CHARTER SCHOOL](#)

[4. CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT FOR RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.](#)

CHARTER SCHOOL

5. CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT FOR RIVER CITY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC., FOR ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL

6. MAGNET SCHOOLS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MSAP) GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2010-2013 FUNDING CYCLE

Attachment: [RESOLUTION for MSAP 2010 rev3.pdf](#)

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

1. ENTER INTO A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH EPISCOPAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES FOR VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF MONCRIEF ROAD AND 18TH STREET

Attachment: [Stanton Annex-Episcopal Lease Purchase Agreement 3-15-10.pdf](#)

Attachment: [April 10 BC Agenda Item Lease Purchase Episcopal Services Moncrief 2.26.10.pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

1. DISTRICTWIDE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT FLETCHER MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 63: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD - DCSB PROJECT NO. M-84470, STAGE III

Attachment: [M-84470 Stage III BENEFITS and Challenges Form.pdf](#)

Attachment: [M-84470 Stage III Contract Profile Sheet.pdf](#)

Attachment: [M-84470 Stage III Bid Tab.pdf](#)

2. DISTRICTWIDE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT MANDARIN MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 259: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD - DCSB PROJECT NO. M-83830, STAGE I

Attachment: [M-83830 Stage I BENEFITS and Challenges Form.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Mandarin M-83830 Stage I AE and MBE Rec.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Fletcher attachment M-84470 Stage III AE and MBE Rec \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [M-83830 Stage I Contract Profile Sheet.pdf](#)

Attachment: [M-83830 Stage I Bid Tab 1.pdf](#)

3. CONTRACT AMENDMENT AWARD TO DESIGN PROFESSIONAL FOR RE-USE OF DESIGN DOCUMENTS OF TERRY PARKER HIGH SCHOOL NO. 86 FOR THE NEW DAY TREATMENT BUILDING ADDITION AT EUGENE BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 168 DCSB PROJECT NO. C-91430

Attachment: [April 10 BC Agenda Item C-91430 Reuse of Parker No 86 Des Docs for Bultler No 168 02.25.10.pdf](#)

4. NEW CLASSROOM ADDITION AT ROBERT E. LEE HIGH SCHOOL NO. 33: CONTRACT AWARD FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK FIRM AND

GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE DCSB PROJECT NO. C-91400

Attachment: [April 10 BC C-91400 Con Award and GMP for RE Lee HS No 33 02.23.10.pdf](#)

5. PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: NEW AND RENEWAL

Attachment: [Board Approval - Renewals 04-2010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Board Approval - New 04-2010.pdf](#)

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

6. FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION REPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS, FINAL INSPECTIONS AND RETURN OF CONTINGENCY SAVINGS AMOUNTS ON MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER \$1,000,000.

Attachment: [April 10 Agenda Item Subs Comp Final Comp for March 2010 03 23 10.pdf](#)

Attachment: [April 10 BC Subs Comp & Final Comp for March 2010 02.10.10.pdf](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

1. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

Attachment: [April 2010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [07April10.pdf](#)

Attachment: [RORET FY10.pdf](#)

Attachment: [05April10.pdf](#)

Attachment: [04April10.pdf](#)

Attachment: [06April10.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Copy of ROAPR10 \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [AGENDA step BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM \(April\).pdf](#)

2. CONTRACT - PAINTING

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM - Contract - Painting.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CONTRACT - PAINTING ITBS 015 10 LM-REVISED 01-19.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CONTRACT - PAINTING-Rejections.pdf](#)

3. RENEWAL-VERTICAL DIGITAL/KEY TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

Attachment: [Key Sys B&C .pdf](#)

Discussion

Board Members

## 1. CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Minutes:

Speakers:

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

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board ("the School Board") authorize the engagement of outside counsel for the provision of legal services beginning April 12, 2010, for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

Academic Services

## 4. SECONDARY INTENSIVE READING PROGRAM MATERIALS

Attachment: [Financial Impact Estimated Cost Breakdown of Intensive Reading Materials.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Secondary Intensive Reading Program Materials.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member

Dr. Jeanne Ballentine, Executive Director of Secondary Programs

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approves the purchase of student materials for READ 180 and System 44, published by Scholastic, the adopted secondary intensive reading intervention programs, as outlined in the attached chart for the 2010-2011 school year in an estimated amount of \$190,000 to be paid through the K-12 Comprehensive Reading Plan. - PASS

That the Duval County School Board approves the purchase of Plugged-in to Reading, published by Recorded Books, a secondary intensive reading intervention program for selected high schools, as outlined in the attached chart for the 2010-2011 school year in an estimated amount of \$410,000 to be paid through the K-12 Comprehensive Reading Plan.

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

1. SUSPENSIONS WITHOUT PAY

Attachment: [HRS Attach 04-12-10 susp.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the attached suspensions without pay. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion:

Second: Nancy Broner

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly jackson - Aye

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

4. FOOD SERVICES MANAGEMENT CONTRACT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES - Food Service.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Settlement Mar 2010vfinal.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Michelle Begley, Internal Board Auditor

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Settlement Agreement, which includes final contract payment and final releases, to the Food Service Management Contract with Aramark Educational Services, LLC, and authorize the Board Chairman and the Superintendent to execute the Settlement Agreement upon form approval by the Office of General Counsel. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

[5. ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW AND AUDIT SERVICE WITH EDUCATION RESOURCE STRATEGIES, INC., AND GRANT SUPPORT FROM JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC EDUCATION FUND, INC.](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

- Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Chair
- Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operations Officer
- Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
- Ms. Nancy Broner, Vice Chair
- Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board direct the Superintendent to negotiate a contract with

Education Resource Strategies, Inc. ("ERS") for an Academic Program Review and Audit Service in an amount not to exceed \$550,000. 2. That the Duval County School Board direct the Superintendent to negotiate an agreement with Jacksonville Public Education Fund, Inc. ("JPEF") for grant funding of at least \$100,000 for the District's engagement of ERS to reduce the contract cost as outlined above. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Emergency Agenda Items

[1. SUPPORT OF GUBERNATORIAL VETO OF SENATE BILL 6/HOUSE BILL 7189](#)

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:

Support of Gubernatorial Veto of Senate Bill 6/House Bill 7189

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member

Ms. Nancy Broner, Vice Chair

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member

Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Chair

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board request that Governor Crist Veto Senate Bill 6/House Bill 7189. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Thomas Hazouri

Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following travel for Board members:

June 11, 2010 - National PTA Convention - Memphis, TN - Drake (No cost to the District)

June 12-14, 2010 - NFUSSD Executive Committee - Memphis, TN - Drake

July 11-14, 2010 - NSBA Southern Regional Conference - Williamsburg, VA - Drake

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board Members Travel: June 11, 2010 - National PTA Convention - Memphis, TN - Drake (no cost to the District) June 12-14, 2010 - NFUSSD Executive Committee - Memphis, TN - Drake July 11-14, 2010 - NSBA Southern Regional Conference - Williamsburg, VA - Drake - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve travel for the Superintendent:

April 19, 2010 - Education Partners' Meeting with Commissioner Eric Smith - Tallahassee, FL

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following travel for the Superintendent: April 19, 2010 - Education Partners' Meeting with Commissioner Eric Smith - Tallahassee, FL - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

For The Record

[FOR THE RECORD](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Gentry took a moment to express our great sympathy at the passing of Mayor Lou Ritter. He was a remarkable gentleman and a great leader of this community. He passed away just a couple of days ago. It's a special thing to all of us that probably the last public statement that Mayor Ritter made was to come before the City Council and expressed to them his opposition to the notion of appointing a School Board. I think that's so consistent with his lifetime history of believing in the democratic process. I had some of the things he said typed up and for the record, one of the things he said in his introductory remarks was that he was the last mayor we had before consolidation and he supported consolidation by kind of got rolled over in the big movement for consolidated government. He said that in his efforts to, as they were shaping consolidation, one thing he said, "*I was adamant about was to leave the School Board alone*"

and talking to the Council he said, "*Ladies and Gentlemen, I urge you, don't waste any more money trying to please people saying 'I can sit on that Board...they need to get out in the streets and run for one of these jobs and then they'll understand what it's all about because they are as close...the School Board members are as close to the people as you are as a Council member which is the closest to the people in every city, state and country in the United States.*" So, forgetting all of the legal arguments the Constitution owns, Mayor Ritter hit it right on the head in talking about the important representatives of the government, particularly, of the schools to be close to the people. He was always extraordinarily close to the people and a wonderful, wonderful man. I just wanted to say something in memory of great service to this community.

Ms. Barrett want to send the Ritter family my condolences as the entire Board does. He was a wonderful man and a wonderful mayor.

The Northside Rotary every year has a wonderful celebration with the All Star Football athletes who are also scholastically successful...your son, Madam Chair, was one of them being honored several weeks ago.

The Superintendent had a great meeting with some business folks regarding the budget at the Schultz Center a few weeks ago.

Mr. Hazouri and I were fortunate enough to ride in some cars around the track and I drove a Mustang and for everyone who drove a car, they got \$20.00, so Sandalwood High School raised approximately \$5,000-\$6,000.

Ms. Drake, the Superintendent and I attended the FSBA Day in the Legislature and joined in with the Rally in Tally in Tallahassee, FL - the PTA was there and Deborah Giannoulis with her folks - it was absolutely wonderful and great to see.

I attended a meeting at Jacksonville University - Terry Parker High School is going to be very involved with JU with their new maritime building and new program at Terry Parker High School; the building will be ready this summer and we look forward to the ribbon cutting.

We're all looking forward to our trip to Terry Parker High School before school ends and we need to get that scheduled.

Ms. Burney extended her condolences to the Ritter family and I think it was a divine intervention that former Mayor Ritter was able to address the City Council on this issue before his passing and we appreciate his service to the Jacksonville community.

I want to thank Mr. Paul Soares and Ms. Leslee Russell for providing buses for William Raines to attend Career Day that was provided by the alumni of Ribault High School. It was a wonderful affair that is put on each year by members of the Alumni Association where they bring people from all over the state to provide college and job information. Thank you, Mr. Soares, Ms. Russell and the staff.

I'd like to commend the parents, staff, our staff people and the band and auxiliaries that attended the budget hearings by the Superintendent. They were well conducted and well attended. I commend your staff for doing that.

Ms. Broner said it will always be my fondest memory of Lou Ritter when he got up that night, sat with us and spoke in his fiery way. What a wonderful man he was...

I loved attending the Cummer for the Very Special Arts program and having lunch with the group. It's such a generous program. The Cummer welcomes the children in all parts of the Cummer and they utilize that building and want the children to be close to the art. It's an amazing thing to see. I just commend them and all of the volunteers.

I love attending every year Alden Road their annual obstacle course they navigate and

Mr. Gentry and I were judges and we cheered them on. It's a very enriching experience for the children and good for us. It gives us a chance to see the challenges.

I attended the Sandalwood community budget meeting and I want to commend the Superintendent for taking that show on the road. There were over 1,000 people in attendance that night, standing room only and very passionate about the budget situation that we are facing and a spirit of collaboration.

I'd like to commend our Chair as she was acknowledged for her Servant Leadership Award (I believe it was in the paper, today) - congratulations!

I want to commend our teachers for putting up with all of this that they're having to put up with. It seems that they are constantly assaulted from one place or another and I just want to say to them not to give up hope. We appreciate what you are doing in the classroom every single day and night and the commitment you have to our kids; seeing teachers across the state standing on street corners, waving signs after a hard day's work; these people care about the children and I want to compliment them.

Ms. Drake thanked the Northside Rotary for putting on All Country Academic Football Scholars Luncheon. It's a lot of work to gather up these young men and they do this every year. It's great to see these young men play sports and be scholars. I was honored to sit at the table with the parents of the young man who I believe had the highest grade point average which was 4.7 and that was Malik Jackson. We're very proud of these students.

I visited Jacksonville Heights Elementary School for a Reading Dinner Theatre which I believe is the first ever in Duval County. They had the children in for dinner and had a performer that entertained them. After that, we broke out into classrooms where visitors read to the children. Our Deputy Superintendent Patricia Willis was there and it was a fun evening. We enjoyed it as much as the children did.

I attended Mayport Middle Schools SAC Mid-Year Assessment and enjoyed it very much. They prepared lunch for all the stakeholders and it was a very nice gathering.

The summer was awesome watching the children participating in the various arts. My only regret I had was that next year, I will wear a t-shirt and jeans so that I can participate with the children.

I did participate in the Rally in Tally with all of the parents from around the state of Florida in Tallahassee. I am very proud of our children and parents from Jacksonville who rode over to take a part and let their voices be heard and talk with legislators. It's an effort to go over there. Pastor Ted Corley led a large group of parents around the Capitol and we appreciate those efforts in getting the parents there and seeing how the process works. Our parents really do care.

Mr. Gentry said I just wanted to make note that all of Mr. Hazouri's senior grades did not add up to 4.7.

Mr. Hazouri said I'm glad that he's on that end and if it weren't for Mayor Ritter, myself and W.C. Gentry all going to Jackson...we all went to PS 35...it's a common thread that

we have but we came out OK.

Just a little correction...Stockton Elementary has had a Dinner Theatre for quite awhile and we enjoyed Kentucky Fried Chicken and I'm proud of what you all do.

I did go to the Marine Science Center in Ms. Drake's district and Ron Summers who has been there about 21 years. That is an amazing facility and I hope we never, ever lose that or even think about it. Highlands Elementary was there visiting. Mr. Summers is so enthusiastic about what's going on. That school was originally Ribault Elementary and built in 1927. Walt Andrews was there and he attended there in the 1930's.

This is what elected School Board members are really all about. Everything that we've done, visiting schools, going to Tallahassee is something I don't think you'd every see with an appointed Board. This is part of the process and being with the people. To hear at our joint meeting recently with City Council talking about the 35,000 PTA and PTSA's representatives who support keep it elected. Maybe some of the councilmen didn't want to hear that, but we certainly did and we appreciate them.

I have a special feeling for Mayor Ritter. I had three mentors in my life for politics...Charlie Bennett, Carl Ogden and of course, Mayor Ritter and I worked there during my senior year in college and the following year after graduating. Mayor Ritter and his family, Hambone, Nancy and the twins were special...he was really an inspiration to me and a true public administrator. He was writing his book and he said his children will finish it and I hope they do as he wanted to write a history of our government in Jacksonville. Little did we know that speaking to the Council would be his last public function and I so enjoyed talking with him...what an honor to know such an outstanding man. He was a tremendous supporter of Andrew Jackson High School. His funeral is Wednesday at 2:30 at First Presbyterian Church and there will be a viewing tomorrow night at Hendricks Avenue at Hardage & Sons. I do want to offer our family's condolences to all of the Ritters and thank him for all of the good things he did for this city...he was so heavily involved in world poverty. We have lost a great public servant and citizen!

Ms. Priestly Jackson thanked the Superintendent and his staff for the four budget meetings that were conducted. Those meetings were held at Sandalwood High, Ed White High, Ribault High and Mandarin High Schools. Additionally, I want to thank the public for coming out. We had over 800 folks. It was phenomenal see folk engaged trying to understand the value of education. Some times you come to a fork in a road and you may have your vision in which way to go, but there's a divine plan in which way you go in terms of having a community conversation surrounding education. I think we're definitely moving in that direction. Thank the schools that performed and participating.

I want to thank the members of City Council that joined us for a joint meeting on March 30, 2010 at the Schultz Center. Thank you, Schultz Center, for hosting the meeting. I think it was a start to a positive conversation. We had Dr.. Don McAdams who is somewhat an expert on school boards, governance and boardsmanship. We also encouraged the City Council to join us in visits to schools so this is the beginning of conversations that should go on in the community for years to come. We need to

keep the conversations and dialog moving forward.

Thank you to the members of the NAACP Education Committee that have been dispatching their members throughout the city to participate in the Mid-Year Stakeholders Assessments. I thank the schools for their buy-in into that process that is proving relatively painless and I believe it's a step in the right direction. I'm certain we'll tweak it after this year, but that input will be given to the Superintendent and we'll get a report out after that. That's why we stay close to the people to know how you feel what needs to happen in the schools and what's going right and wrong.

There's a rally in Friendship Park at 4:00 p.m. this Wednesday, April 14 to support Save Duval Schools. We encourage all members to come out.

I, too, want to offer my condolences, prayers and grace to the Ritter family and I thank him for coming to speak on our behalf as we walk through this challenge. We can not say that we've had to fight back people who decide to stand with us and he showed up that day and spoke to the council. He gave a little history and my favorite line was that, "*We were charged to look at the Charter but you looked at the Constitution.*" I thank him for that time and commitment. I think it's been a challenging year. I believe we've lost two great champions of public engagement, democracy and education - Fred Schultz and Lou Ritter. We stand on their shoulders and so we continue the work that they started and that is a challenge that is before each of us.

Ms. Burney said tomorrow night, April 13 at 5:00 pm at City Council, they are recognizing former Board Chairman Jimmie A. Johnson for all of his public service dedication that he has provided and continues to provide. Not only did he provide his life for young men, on and off the football field, he was a former principal of Raines High School, School Board Chairman, School Board member and the work he did for Project Reach to try and help those 33 challenged schools, from the bottom of his heart, still speaks for itself. In the next 2-3 weeks, there will be a street marker for him where we will take Raines Avenue and putting in the street marker named "Jimmie Johnson Parkway" to recognize all he's done for Raines High School.

Superintendent Pratt-Dannals failed to mention this earlier as the item was on Consent, but I'd like to recognize Mary Mickel who is still braving us at 9:00 o'clock. Mary Mickel is one of our highest performing principals and she is moving to the district level to assist Kathy LeRoy as the Executive Director of Elementary Programs and no one is more happier to see her than Dr. Jeanne Ballentine because she's been trying to cover both jobs all year and Mary is both an experienced and highly respected educator here in Duval County. It's great to have her move over and bring her expertise with us to this other role. Thank you.

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Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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Chairman