



Duval County Public Schools

April 3, 2012, Regular Board Meeting

Ms. Betty Burney, Chairman
Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Vice Chairman
Ms. Martha Barrett
Ms. Becki Couch
Mr. W. C. Gentry
Mr. Tommy Hazouri
Ms. Paula D. Wright
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD with Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent, present, Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel, Ms. Betty Burney, Board Chair, Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Vice Chairman and Board members: Ms. Martha Barrett, Ms. Becki Couch, Mr. W. C. Gentry, Mr. Tommy Hazouri and Ms. Paula D. Wright, were present.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Mrs. Burney recognized the members of Boy Scout Troop 276.

Invocation

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes: Pastor Ted Corley led the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Presentations

Board Members

[1. SCHOOL RECOGNITION - DISTRICT 4 - A. P. RANDOLPH](#)

Minutes:

Asa Philip Randolph Academies of Technology High School
Kenneth Reddick, Principal:

Good evening. It is indeed a pleasure and honor to speak before this distinguished board. I personally would like to thank our School Board Representative, Ms. Paula Wright, for choosing Asa Philip Randolph Academies of Technology High School to be highlighted. This evening during this presentation, two of my assistant principals will assist me.

VISION AND MISSION:

Asa Philip Randolph Academies of Technology High School is an academic career preparatory magnet high school that is dedicated to preparing all students through a rigorous curriculum. Our students will graduate from high school qualified to complete college level work without remediation and enter the workforce with the skills necessary to succeed.

CAREER AND COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMIES:

Construction/Drafting
Cosmetology
Fire & Rescue
Health/Medical
Information Technology
Public Safety/Criminal Justice

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- * First DCPS High School to move from an "F" to "C" in first year;
- * Increased 65 FCAT accountability points
- * Met Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) in Writing

- * Students earned 94 Industry Certifications
- * 200% increase in Earned Advanced Placement credit
- * Increase in earned Dual Enrollment credits
- * Climate Survey indicated that approximately 90% of parents feel the school is SAFE

WAY OF WORK AT ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH:

- * Implemented the Florida Continuous Improvement Model (FCIM) school-wide with fidelity;
- * Extended learning opportunities (Saturday School, After School and Lunch and Learn;
- * Student Instructional Support (Blitz, Push-in/Pull-out and school-wide Mentoring Program;
- * Teacher Instructional Support (Coaching Cycle and Common Planning);
- * Data Chats (students, teachers and administration)

MOTTO:

With these hands,
 With this heart,
 and with this mind,
 We Can Do Anything!

Communications

[1. 2012 TEACHER OF THE YEAR WINNER](#)

Minutes:

SERVICE-LEARNING - Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent:

--Governor Rick Scott has recognized April 2012 as Florida Service Learning Month. Duval County Public Schools strongly believes in the benefits obtained by student involvement in service learning.

--Service-learning is a student-centered, research-based teaching and learning strategy that engages students in meaningful service activities in their schools or in the community.

--At the secondary level, service-learning activities may be counted toward high school graduation or academic award requirements, and it allows hours that high school students devote to course-based, service-learning activities to be counted toward meeting community service requirements for participation in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

--As you noticed in the foyer this evening, many service-learning projects are on display with representatives from the schools explaining how their

service projects impacted their students and the recipients of the service.

--A total of 436 students participated in service-learning this year for a total of 27,788 hours. Multiplied by the minimum wage rate, this is valued at \$201,192.

--I would like to say thank you to Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, Mandarin Middle, Ramona Boulevard Elementary, River City Academy and Dr. Joanne Davis for coming out and displaying all of your hard work.

2012 TEACHER OF THE YEAR WINNER:

--Before I bring up our first honoree tonight, I would like to ask Youmone Berrien, our 2011 Teacher of the Year, to please come up front.

--For those of you who don't know, Youmone is now an instructional coach at Ribault High School. She has been teaching for more than eight years in the Duval County school system.

--Last March she was selected as the 2011 Duval County Teacher of the Year and has been a great representation and inspiration to her students and fellow teachers.

--On behalf of the School Board and myself, I want to thank Youmone for her continued dedication to our students and for her year of service as the Teacher of the Year.

--As Youmone's rein as Teacher of the Year has come to an end, I would like to recognize Duval County's 2012 Florida Blue Teacher of the Year.

--Would Scott Sowell and Mark Ertel, Principal at Darnell-Cookman Middle/High School, please come forward?

--During the 21st Annual EDDY awards, held on March 8, Scott was named Teacher of the Year. Scott stood alongside four other phenomenal Duval County teachers to bring home this distinguished title.

-- Dr. Sowell has been teaching for 12 years and currently allocates his time to several areas at Darnell-Cookman, including working as the head of the school's Science Department. He is also part of the School Leadership Committee and the Shared Decision-Making Committee.

--Dr. Sowell spends a great deal of effort on presentations including those at the Magnet Schools of America annual conference and the Mentor for Novice Teachers within the Duval County MINT Program.

--Congratulations Scott. Thank you for your commitment to and support of Duval County Public Schools. We wish you all the best as you advance on to compete for the state-wide title.

2. READ IT FORWARD JAX! DONOR RECOGNITION - BANK OF AMERICA

Minutes:

-- I would now like to recognize Bank of America for donating \$5,000 to sponsor the Published Poets Contest as a part of Read It Forward Jax!.

--Will Greg Smith, President of Bank of America North Florida, please come to the front? Mr. Smith is also the Chairman-elect of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and the Chairman of United Way.

--Joining Mr. Smith is one of our Board members, Martha Barrett, who also works for Bank of America.

--Thanks to this generous donation from Bank of America, Duval County Public Schools is able to host the 2012 Published Poets of DCPS Poetry Contest.

--The poetry contest allows all Duval County students to put their thoughts onto paper for a chance to have their work published in the Duval County 2012 Published Poets Anthology.

--By sponsoring this contest, Bank of America is helping to build student excitement around reading and writing poetry as part of National Poetry Month this month.

--This contribution will only help further the efforts of our Read It Forward Jax! program, which works to improve our students' literacy and reading comprehension skills.

--Thank you Bank of America for this generous contribution to Read It Forward Jax!. We truly appreciate your support in helping our students to become active readers and writers.

3. RECOGNITION OF JON FOX IN FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Minutes:

--For our third presentation I'd like to invite Jon Fox, our district athletic director, to the front of the room.

--We would like to congratulate Jon Fox on being selected amongst a group of 12 distinguished individuals for induction into the Florida High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Fox will be a part of the Class of 2012 alongside headliners like Chipper Jones.

--Jon will be recognized during the induction ceremony later this month at the Best Western Gateway Grand in Gainesville. Jon was chosen to be a part of the 22nd group of inductees for his outstanding career as an athlete, coach and athletic director.

--He began coaching at Mandarin High School, which led to him becoming the school's athletic director. After succeeding at the school level, Jon was promoted to the district athletic director for Duval County Public Schools in 2000, a position which he holds today.

--Thanks to Jon and his fundraising efforts, 12 DCPS' sports programs were restored for the 2011-12 school year. He is also responsible for weekly site visits, ensuring that student-athletes have appropriate documentation to participate in athletics.

--Jon has received several awards including the Life Membership Award and the Professional Service Award from the Florida Athletic Coaches Association in 2011.

--Congratulations to Jon and his family! This honor is something that you should be very proud of.

[4. OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC SEASONS](#)

Minutes:

-- For our final presentation of the evening, I would like to recognize the Terry Parker boys' basketball team and Mandarin High School boys' soccer team for their exceptional seasons.

--Would Principal Schneider and Coach Elijah Wells of Terry Parker High School please join us up front?

--Coach Wells led the Terry Parker Braves boys' basketball team all the way to the State Championship game in Lakeland for the first time since 1967.

--Coach Wells helped the team excel even after losing their leading scorer at the start of the postseason games. Congratulations to the Braves on a fantastic season.

--Finally, I'd like to invite Mandarin High's Principal Dr. Richardson, Coach Jason Cooley and school athletic director Tammie Talley, to join us at the front.

--Coach Cooley geared up the boys' soccer team and coached them to the final match of the 5A State tournament. The Mustangs finished up their season with a record of 24 wins, four losses and three ties.

--We applaud Coach Cooley for your guidance with the team and the commitment you have provided to coach these young men.

--Congratulations to all of you on these fantastic seasons. We are very proud of Terry Parker and Mandarin High Schools!

Comments From Audience

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

Minutes:

Ms. Terry Woodlief said I'm a retired Duval County Public Schools art teacher and currently I'm an educator at the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens. I'm here to tell you about the VSA Festival (Very Special Arts) scheduled to take place May 1-4, 2012 at the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens. The festival provides an opportunity for more than 2,300 students with disabilities with the teachers and chaperons to experience the beauty of original works of art and the creative power of the art-making process. The festival enlists the help of 1,200 volunteers. The festival has been recognized as a National Model by VSA Arts International and is such event to happen in a museum anywhere in the country. The festival consists of a series 8 art stops scattered throughout the museum's galleries, gardens, studios and art connections and is designed so all students regardless of ability level can successfully engage in the creative process and interact with artists and musicians. In my role as a Cummer Museum educator, I've traveled to many Duval County and surrounding counties schools to do a VSA Outreach. I show them images of past festivals that provide hands-on art activity making a name tag that they will wear to the festival and, hopefully, make a connection with my visit with their VSA experience. I'm honored to be a part of this Outreach and to represent the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens and its support for arts for students with all disabilities. I invite you to come to the VSA Festival as it will be a life-changing experience. Thank you.

Pastor Mark L. Griffin, pastor of Wayman Chapel AME Church and the Board Chairman/Founder of Wayman Academy of the Arts. I came tonight to speak to this Board because although I know that the staff has given us a favorable recommendation, I did not want to be an ingrate. I want to take the time to say "thank you" particularly to Superintendent Pratt-Dannals, Deputy Superintendent Patricia Willis, Dr. Sally Hague, Susan Biehler for a tremendous amount of support that they've given us through the years. In February, 2000, I stood before this Board and at that time the process was that the finalist would give an oral presentation to the Board and then they would vote. At about 1:15 a.m., this Board voted to approve us and we were one of seven schools that night. The first five were denied and we were the last. Over the years, we have worked very hard and to let you know that our doors are open to all of you whether we reside in your district or not. We're in our 12th year and we've been through "storms in the rain" and we've survived. We're across the street from the Eureka Gardens Apartments which is one of the most challenged neighborhood in this community. We're proud of the job we've done for these

students. We're not managed for a "for profit" entity. We try to put as many of the dollars as we can back into the classroom which is where they are intended to be. So, again, I want to thank you and I encourage you to support staff's recommendation and I'm looking to work with Karen Chastain to negotiate yet another charter contract. Thank you for your time and support.

Ms. Pervalia Gaines-McIntosh said I come before you, tonight, to express my dissatisfaction in how we're handling the Superintendent's process. Last month, I came before the Board and extended an invitation to help with the Superintendent Search but to my surprise, I read in the paper that there were organizations and people selected to an Envisioning Committee to plan the direction in how we would proceed in the search and I was very disheartened. This Board and this district continues to utilize the same people, organizations and process. However, if you desire something different as I do and as the community does, somethings and some people need to change. It's as if you are afraid of people who think differently than you do and if you're afraid to have an intelligent debate. At this juncture, we must think "outside the box" and realize that we are losing the battle of a quality education for all trying to stick to the same routine. There's too much wrong right now with the education process for you to have a "gate keeper" mentality. I believe the Envisioning Committee should have been the community at-large expressing their needs and desires for the Chief Administrator for Education. We have lost too much trust in this district and integrity in the process for it not to start in the community instead of behind closed doors. Therefore, I question the leadership in this process because if we want the same ideas, then we can keep the district leadership as it is but if we want new ideas, new vision with real solutions especially solutions that are in the best interest of our children, we need new and different faces...the type of faces that want our children to succeed, our schools to succeed and our district to succeed as all of you do. Thank you.

Ms. Cindy Edelman said I'm Chairwoman of the Jacksonville Public Education Fund. This year you'll be tackling the difficult and important task of selecting a new leader for the school district and we at JPEF commend you for beginning to plan the involvement of the community in this decision. As you continue down this road, we urge you to be as transparent and inclusive and deliberate as you can. The community stands ready to assist you in any way possible and we look forward to the new possibilities that will emerge for all students through the process. We wish to provide you with a few exciting updates about the initiative "One By One" and JPEF's Community Engagement initiative. I'm happy to report to you that as of today, 618 people have participated in 66 conversations and we have another 20 conversations scheduled for this month, alone. We encourage all of you to join us in these conversations because we're learning a great deal from the community. We're making sure these conversations have geographic representation all over the community. We're hearing from all segments. I want to thank Chairwoman Burney in particular for her service on the "One By One" Community Advisory Team. That committee is led by former Mayor John Delaney and former Sheriff Nat Glover and they have provided us some great direction and input which has guided the process. The staff is tracking the demographics to ensure that the conversation participants truly are representative of our community and we hope to have listened to 1,500 people by the end of August. Thank you very much.

Comments From Parent Organizations

COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

Minutes:

PTA - Melissa Kicklighter, President:

My name is Melissa Kicklighter, and I am pleased to be back this month to share the report for the Duval County Council of PTAs. It was a pleasure to attend the National PTA Legislative Conference last month, accept the Grassroots Advocacy Award, and share information about the great advocacy work being done in Duval County, but it is even better to be home doing that work!

As the legislative session came to an end, it was more than gratifying to know that the advocacy work being done around our State and the engagement of our parents and other concerned members of our community was successful in pushing back on some of the proposed legislation and school grade changes that were not in the best interest of our public schools. But, we must be aware that our work is not done, we must continue to drive home our need for additional financial resources and increased local control of those resources for our public schools.

For now, Spring is here, so we are also focused on assisting our schools and their PTAs finish the school year successfully. Just as our students and teachers are putting the final touches on learning, so are we caring for the outstanding business related items for our PTAs and preparing to support our schools as they enter testing season. We all know that this is an important time to stay focused on academics, but it is also a time to begin thinking about recognition and celebration. With that in mind, I want to remind everyone that Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 15 -21 and Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7 -11. Now is the time to be planning for how you want to recognize the efforts of these very important people. I also want to remind our parents and teachers that every day should include some aspect of student appreciation because if we want to best from them, we have to give them our best, which means encouragement, love and support.

During the month of April, the Teacher Supply Depot give away will be held on Thursday, April 12 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. This is the last regular give away for the school year, but if you submit a sample of how you have used items from the depot at your school this year, you will be invited to the May give away as well.

Our April County Council General business meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. This meeting will be very special as we install the 2012-13 Duval County Council officers, so that we can work together to transition between now and the end of the year. All PTA award applications and history books are also due by 12 Noon that same day, and they can be turned in before the meeting that day. We hope that our local unit leaders are working on those applications now, so

that they can share all the great work accomplished this year! At the end of the meeting, from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m., the Jacksonville Public Education Fund will host a lunch and learn with a One X One campaign community conversations. We invite the any interested members of the community to participate. You can go to the Duval County website at www.dccpta.org to register for the event.

I want to close my report this evening with a message from the Duval County Council of PTAs to all our students: We believe in you and know that your teachers have given you what you need to prove that you are all the best and brightest part of Duval County!

Title 1, Parent Advisory Council - Iva Smith Chair:

On March 13, 2012, the members of the PAC met at the Parent Advisory Council Forum to discuss the end of year review, our participation in the 10th Annual superintendent Reading Celebration and the nominations for the 1012-2014 slate of officers. The date for this activity is May 24, 2012, 5:00-7:00 p.m. @ Florida State College at Jacksonville Downtown Campus. Our guest speaker will be the Honorable Paula Wright DCPS School Board Member. You are invited to this End of year event & review of Title 1 schools' parent Involvement.

On Thursday, March 29th I had the opportunity to attend the Title 1 Pre-K parent academy which was very enlightening; 51 families were involved. I was honored to visit six classrooms to share with the parents the objectives and goals of the Title 1 Parent Advisory council (PAC). The parents were enthusiastic and empowered with the information they received; also each parent was given a PAC Membership card. The Pre-K Academy will have their Parent Showcase tomorrow April 4, 2012 4:00 p.m – 6:00p.m. at Andrew Robinson Elementary School Title 1 Parent Center highlighting the authentic work of students and their parents. The display of work promotes family literacy, social-emotional development and nutrition that will help our pre-k children to be better prepared for kindergarten

This concludes the Title 1 Parent Advisory council April 3, 2012 Report. Thank you.

District Advisory Council - Rachel Raneri, Chair:

The District Advisory Council met Monday, March 26th. Thanks to the Honorable W.C. Gentry for your attendance.

A huge thank you goes to Tim Ballentine for rearranging his schedule to be able to join us to discuss the changes in FCAT cut scores and what it will mean to our students and district. We look forward to hearing his findings from his last technical assistance meeting.

At this time, I would like to remind all principals that local school advisory councils do not operate the same way that PTA does in terms of nominating officers. School Advisory Councils operate under statute and Board policy. It is important that we continue to operate according to law.

The SAC chair remains in office until the new chair is in place. That does not happen until after the new school year starts. The new SAC members are not selected until

school starts so that no parents or staff members are excluded from this process. For example, if nominations for an elementary school SAC are made in May, all parents of new kindergarteners would be excluded. The same holds true for any teachers and staff that come on as new hires or transfers in the new school year.

I recommend that a notice be sent out either during preplanning or with the paper work that comes home on the first day of school, asking that any parents, who are interested in sitting on the SAC, please notify the selected person in the front office. Then all who are interested should attend the first SAC meeting, following proper notification.

Teachers and support staff should vote on their peers during preplanning. Please also remember that community and business partners are appointed by the principal. I am available for questions or training and can be reached through Outlook.

The next meeting of the DAC will be April 23rd at 6:00pm in the 6th floor conference room. Our May meeting will be on the 21st since the 4th Monday is memorial Day.

Comments From Employee Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes: *No comments this month.*

Student Achievement, Reform Activities, And Reports

[1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Burney said I'd like to share with all members of the public that one of the most important jobs that a School Board has is to select the person who will serve as Superintendent. The seven members of this Board have made a commitment to be all inclusive. We are including every facet, every person in the community because the one thing that we understand is that DCPS belongs to the public and as such, we have three prong public comment approach that we will provide to every citizen of Duval County.

The first aspect of it is that we will have an Envisioning Committee and that committee actually serves along with the Board as thought partners. The Board made conscientious decisions and looked at every organization there is in Duval County and

selected those that have had a relationship with the DCPS system and in addition to that, we can't have 900 thought partners. We had to narrow that process down. Also, on that Envisioning Committee will be 7 parents who were selected by each Board member from their district; 7 teachers and today we did a random drawing of every teacher who indicated that he or she would like to serve on the committee. Our newspaper was there and the radio so they know it was random so there would be no bias. Each School Board representative is selecting one principal from his/her district to serve. So on that Envisioning Committee, while we do have community organizations, we have 7 parents, 7 teachers, 7 students. The way the students are being selected is that we've asked every principal to provide to the Board the name of his/her Student Council Representative. Once we receive that information, we will once again randomly select 1 student to serve on the Envisioning Committee from each district.

The second phase of our community input process involves our stakeholders who are our employees. We tried to garner the support and receive the input from those individuals who directly impact the classroom. Beginning on April 30 (after the FCAT), we will have separate meetings with high school teachers, middle school teachers and elementary school teachers. Separate meetings with high school, middle and elementary principals; separate meetings with middle and high school Assistant Principals and Guidance Counselors, District Academic and Support Administrators and District Operations Administrators. We'll have each entity involved.

Phase three involves the community at-large. We will go out to each and every region and corner to obtain information and input from members of the community. What we're asking each group to do is to help the Board to define two things: (1) We want help in defining what a world-class education system looks like and how do we prepare students to be globally competitive in the 21st century. To my knowledge, there has not been any time in Duval County where that has happened. So, this Board is trying to make certain that all members have a stake in the education process.

The second piece to that will be to ask those individuals who are present to provide us with the traits - what they think the traits are for the Superintendent who will lead a world-class education system. Once that information is obtained, we will then interview individuals who want to vie to be Superintendent for Duval County Public Schools.

We are also at the point where the Board has developed the RFP (Request for Proposal). The RFP is out on the street right now for a search firm will help to disseminate information throughout the United States in order for us to be able to decide who will lead Duval County Public Schools.

I do hope that all of you accept this opportunity that the Duval County School Board is providing. I do hope all of you will understand that we are sincere when we say we want your input. We are humbled that so many individuals have asked to be a part of this search. We welcome you and to all of our staff, we do want you to be heavily involved in all that we do.

[2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Pratt-Dannals said we had a great opportunity today to kickoff the Jackson High School Renewal Plan. We had three School Board members - Chairwoman Burney and Board Members Wright and Gentry. The mayor was there. My comment was that the village has sort of been here, the village has definitely arrived, now! If it takes a village, we've certainly got the village, here. It's exciting to see the opportunities that will happen at Andrew Jackson and we'll have more on this program as it unfolds. Two of the major partners announced today is CitiYear which brings in to each of our schools, and the first will be at Jackson and Gilbert (their primary feeder middle school), 10 young adults will be working with approximately 100 9th graders who may have been struggling the most, to be their mentor/tutor. They will stick to them like glue to make sure they make progress and to be their direct contact. There's a combination of funding from the federal government and district funds but also a significant investment on the part of individual's corporations and philanthropic institutions in Duval County.

The second group is the University of Florida that has designated that Andrew Jackson as their "Florida Flagship High School". They will bring in more interns, pay for teachers who are getting their master's degrees on site, bringing in researchers to help define what is and is not working and what to do next in terms of urban high schools and a host of other resources. It was an exciting meeting and I thank the Board members for participating.

FCAT is coming up. We always make an effort to prepare students to be successful on the standards that they are expected to meet. If they do that, they will do well on the FCAT which is April 16-27, 2012 which is a longer window than usual because more students are tested using computers. Best wishes to our students and we're confident they will do well and look forward to the results.

On the agenda tonight, there are three of some of our longest lasting charter schools. I noticed SIA Tech - the old Job Corps program. About 7-8 years ago, the federal government required them to add an educational component so the students could graduate from high school while getting those career technical skills. They've done an excellent job with students. The next one is River City Science - a great program with great leadership, parent involvement and great teachers and great progress. Finally, Wayman Academy. As Pastor Griffin said at times they've had some struggles and we've had struggles. They have hung in there and worked through those and found the right mixture in leadership and staff. I want to commend all three of these organizations for staying the course and showing that you don't necessarily have to be a large, national organization to run a high quality charter. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you. We're pro charters as long as they are good charters. Same as we want all of our traditional schools to be successful, we want our charter schools, as well. Congratulations for your efforts.

Our Summer Prep is about to kickoff. We're going to have applications for both teachers and students this next week for a number of summer programs. So, be looking out for that.

I want to congratulate Douglas Anderson School of the Arts - we'll have a more formal recognition later, but it was finally released yesterday and they are a two time Music Grammy Award Winner. One of a few schools in the history of the Grammy's that have received it twice. They received it in 2010 and now in 2012. Congratulations to all of the teachers, administration, students and parents at Douglas Anderson. The school is truly a gem for our state and nation and they continue to do great work and it's great to see great work being recognized. There will be more formal announcements.

We have one person leaving us from the Cabinet, tonight, and one person joining us. Mr. Michael Perrone has taken a position as Chief Financial Officer in DeKalb County. Mike has done a great job and we will miss him and wish he and his family well! It leaves a huge hole here in Duval County Public Schools as trying to back fill that position. We wish you well. And joining us now is Ms. Sonita Young as the Chief of Human Resources. I can say that because it's on the Consent Agenda. Ms. Young has been with the district for a number of years as a principal, she has a law degree and brings a great depth of experience and has prepared for this position. We knew Ms. Reynolds was going to be leaving us after retirement so Ms. Young is fully prepared to come on and do a great job. We welcome you to the team, Sonita.

Reports

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 3, 2012, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the April 3, 2012, Agenda as submitted on March 27, 2012, with the following changes:

1. Human Resource Services - Staffing -
Item 1 - Human Resource Services
Employee Transactions - Revised
Attachment
2. Human Resource Services -
Professional Standards - Item 1 -
Suspension Without Pay - James
Burns - Withdrawn
3. Human Resource Services -
Professional Standards - Item 5 -
Suspensions Without Pay - Timothy
Scott - Withdrawn

- 4. Human Resource Services - Professional Standards - Item 6 - Suspension Without Pay - Kermit Webb - Withdrawn - PASS
- 5. Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment - Item 4 - Charter School Contract for Florida High School for Accelerated Learning - Greater Jacksonville Campus - Withdrawn
- 6. General - Item 2 - Placement: Strategic Plan Version 2.0 - Goal 1 Target Adjustments - Withdrawn
- 7. Emergency Agenda - Item 1 - Approval of the New Hybrid Option and Strategic Implementation Plan for William M. Raines High School and North Shore Elementary School - Added Item

Vote Results

Motion: Thomas Hazouri

Second: Martha Barrett

- Martha Barrett - Aye
- Betty Burney - Aye
- Rebecca Couch - Aye
- William Gentry - Aye
- Thomas Hazouri - Aye
- Fred Lee - Aye
- Paula Wright - Aye

Approval of Minutes

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#)

Motions:

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

- February 21, 2012, Board Workshop
- February 21, 2012, Board Audit Committee Meeting - PASS
- March 6, 2012, Regular Board Meeting
- March 13, 2012, Board Workshop
- March 13, 2012, Special Board Meeting

Vote Results

Motion: Thomas Hazouri

Second: Fred Lee

Martha Barrett	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Rebecca Couch	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Thomas Hazouri

Second: Martha Barrett

Martha Barrett	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Consent Agenda

Board Members

[1. PROCLAMATION - JACKSONVILLE SESQUIQUADRICENTENNIAL](#)

Attachment: [PROCLAMATION - SESQUIQUADRICENTENNIAL - 04-03-12.pdf](#)

Academic Services

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

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges Destiny Licensing and Maint.pdf](#)

[2. OUT-OF-COUNTRY FIELD TRIP REQUEST-DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CLUB](#)

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges Out-of-Country Trip for JWJ International Travel Club.pdf](#)

[3. AVID IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT RENEWAL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPANSION](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES AVID Board Agenda 4-12.pdf](#)

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[4. MASTER INSERVICE PLAN 2010-2014- ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS](#)

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~~1. SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY - JAMES BURNS - WITHDRAWN~~

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[1. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS](#)

Attachment: [Jan 2012 CashandInvest.pdf](#)

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[2. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS](#)

Attachment: [Spreadsheets Budget Resolution.pdf](#)

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[1. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT \(CHARTER\) - RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL](#)

Attachment: [River City Science Academy Renewal Staff Report 2012.pdf](#)

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[2. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT \(CHARTER\) - WAYMAN ACADEMY OF THE ARTS](#)

Attachment: [Wayman Academy B C 4 2012.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Wayman Academy of the Arts Renewal Staff Report 2012.pdf](#)

[3. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT \(CHARTER\) - SCHOOL FOR INTEGRATED ACADEMICS AND TECHNOLOGIES \(SIA TECH\)](#)

Attachment: [SIA Tech B C 4 2012.pdf](#)

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~~4. CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT FOR FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL FOR ACCELERATED LEARNING-GREATER JACKSONVILLE CAMPUS - WITHDRAWN~~

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[5. CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT FOR DUVAL MYCROSCHOOL OF INTEGRATED ACADEMICS AND TECHNOLOGIES, INC.](#)

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Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

[2. CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTINUING SERVICES: SELECTION AND CONTRACT AWARD/OFDC RFQ-001-12 AND OFDC ITB-011-12](#)

Attachment: [Apr 3 2012 B-C Agenda Item for CM Continuing Contracts Selection and Award 02 28 12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [RFQ-ITB-011-12 Construction Manager Continuing Contract Selection Memo-Matrix 3-8-12.pdf](#)

[3. FIRE ALARM AND INTERCOM SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT AT PINEDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 93/DCSB PROJECT NO. M-83970: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD/OFDC ITB-012-12](#)

Attachment: [Apr 3 2012 B-C Agenda Item M-83970 Fire Alarm and Intercom Replace at No 93 Cons Cont Award 02 28 12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [M-83970 Pinedale ES FA-Intercom Bid Tabulation Sheet 3-13-12.pdf](#)

[4. REMODELING, RENOVATIONS AND NEW CONSTRUCTION AT ROBERT E. LEE HIGH SCHOOL NO. 33: AMENDMENT NO. TWO AND CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT/AJAX BUILDING CORPORATION/DCSB PROJECT NO. C-91460](#)

Attachment: [Apr 3 2012 B-C Agenda Item C-91460 Amend 2-CO 1 to Ajax Contract for Lee HS No 33 02 26812.pdf](#)

[5. PERIODIC REPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS, FINAL INSPECTIONS, ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT AND NET SUM OF ALL CHANGE ORDERS ON MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER \\$1,000,000](#)

Attachment: [Apr 3 2012 Agenda Item CSC-CFI-Cont Sav on on Proj Chart](#)

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Attachment: [Apr 3 2012 B-C Agenda Item CSC-CFI-Cont Sav on Projects under \\$1M Report 02 28 12.pdf](#)

[6. PHASE III \(CONSTRUCTION\) DOCUMENTS APPROVAL - PHASE 2: BLDG 1 RENOVATIONS AT EUGENE BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 92/DCSB PROJECT NO. C-91430](#)

Attachment: [Apr 3 2012 B-C Agenda Item C-91430 Eugene Butler MS No 92 Phase #2 Phase III Docs 03 07 12.pdf](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

[1.SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT](#)

Attachment: [Retirement Order Highlight outlineAPRIL.pdf](#)

Attachment: [RORET FY12april agenda.pdf](#)

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Attachment: [NEW BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM FY11-12 April.pdf](#)

[2. BI-DIRECTIONAL FIBER OPTIC TOPOLOGY RING](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM Bi-Directional Fiber Optic Topology Ring.pdf](#)

[3. TELECOM SERVICES - VOICE AND DATA](#)

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General

~~2. PLACEMENT: STRATEGIC PLAN VERSION 2.0 - GOAL 1 TARGET ADJUSTMENTS - WITHDRAWN~~

~~Attachment: Proposed Targets for 1 A1 thru 1 A4 for School Board Review v2.pdf~~

Discussion

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

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

Attachment: [Board Approval - Renewals 04-2012.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Board Approval - New 04-2012.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Couch disclosed the following:

"I have asked that this item be placed on the discussion list so that I can disclose that this matter could inure to the benefit of my husband if his company enters into a subcontract with any of these prequalified contractors.

I will abstain from the vote to be taken for this matter, and I will file the appropriate form to be placed on record with the minutes of this meeting."

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the attached lists of pre-qualified contractors. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: William Gentry

Second: Thomas Hazouri

Martha Barrett	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Rebecca Couch	- Abstain
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

General

[1. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISION OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 5.20. STUDENT ASSIGNMENT](#)

Attachment: [Student Assignment 5.20.pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

Revision of School Board Policy 5.20, Student Assignment

The Chairman asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak to the Board regarding this item and the following person spoke:

Mr. John Turner said I have some concerns about the policy 5.20 as this will address too many areas. It will set policy for students who actually live outside the county line to come into Duval County and attend public school, here. There are some rare exceptions, maybe a teacher with a child which makes sense. My concern is that one of the areas that is used the most is Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. What we have is a school that hundreds of schools try out for - they audition - and I believe last January, over 800 students auditioned at Douglas Anderson. Hundreds were turned down because there were only 400 seats but yet if you look at the roll, you'll see that about 10% of the students at Douglas Anderson actually reside outside of Jacksonville in other counties, mainly Clay and St. Johns. Now, I'm not sure why that policy has that loop hole in there but I think you should reconsider it. Here, you have hundreds of students who live in Jacksonville and would like to attend Douglas Anderson but some kid from St. Johns County gets their seat. I don't object to some situations but here you have over a hundred at one school alone, the question is "*Why am I, my tax payer money, why am I paying for his music lessons so that he can come here to Jacksonville?*" I don't think that is right.

The other concern I have is that you're going to start requiring principals verify that the student's address is correct in order for them to enroll in that school that they want to attend. On paper, the policy sounds good; in reality, it doesn't work. If you read the policy, it says, "*The principal or designee will determine at their own discretion whether or not they want to pursue if a student is properly registered or lives in that residential zone for the school.*" I think what you need to have is someone from staff periodically go to schools and go over the rolls and see if the addresses actually match up. Now, I'm going to use Mandarin as an example. Mandarin High School is the most overcrowded high school in all of Jacksonville. Right now they have 20 mobile trailers behind the schools and/or parking lot. Hundreds of those students do not live in that boundary zone but yet they are able to attend that high school. If we don't start looking at how students are actually enrolled and making sure we're limiting those who should be there, this overcrowding problem will continue at Mandarin High School and it's not good to have that many kids in one school just because we have a policy that no one seems to want to enforce or look into. In short, it looks good on paper and in reality, you have nothing to verify that this is actually being done. Thank you.

There being no other speakers, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Speakers:

Mr. Fred "Fel" Lee, Board Vice Chairman

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Sonita Young, Chief, Human Resource Services
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board
conduct a Public Hearing and approve the
attached revisions to Board Policy 5.20,
Student Assignment. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Thomas Hazouri

Second: Martha Barrett

Martha Barrett	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Rebecca Couch	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Emergency Agenda Items

[1. APPROVAL OF THE NEW HYBRID OPTION AND STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR WILLIAM M. RAINES HIGH SCHOOL AND NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL](#)

Attachment: [2011-12 Hybrid Intervene Option.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Duval Intervene Strategic Plan Hybrid.pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

1. Approval of the New Hybrid Option and Strategic Implementation Plan for William M. Raines High School and North Shore Elementary School

The Superintendent said I want to clarify that we are definitely moving

towards the Hybrid Option for Andrew Jackson High School. This was required at the State Board meeting and we're fully prepared to do so. By approving this item, tonight, this gives the state our other option if for some reason, we don't move far enough along in Turnaround. If you recall, last summer, we approved a Management Organization as the next step if Turnaround doesn't work. This is if we need the next step, it will be the Hybrid Option. I feel confident that one or both of those will come off, but this is a "fail-safe" position just in case they don't. We don't want the Management Organization being the next step.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the option selection and strategic implementation plan for William M. Raines High School and North Shore Elementary School. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Thomas Hazouri

Second: Martha Barrett

Martha Barrett	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Rebecca Couch	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following travel:

March 27, 2012 - State Department of Education Meeting - Miami, FL - Burney, Wright

Motions:

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

- March 27, 2012 - State Department of Education Meeting - Miami, FL - Burney, Wright - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Martha Barrett

Second: Rebecca Couch

Martha Barrett - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Rebecca Couch - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes: *No travel this month.*

For The Record

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Minutes:

Ms. Couch said "good luck" to all of our students this month when they take the FCAT as you have our full support. We know how hard you've worked this year as well as how hard the teachers work preparing you.

Ms. Wright said I'd like to also express good deeds to all of our students as they prepare for the FCAT beginning with the retakes next week. I'd like to reiterate culmination of the plan that is happening at Andrew Jackson High School with City Year, The Bridge, Communities in Schools, United Way, the University of Florida - I think that we're at a point that this year Andrew Jackson will become a "Flagship" school and it's because of the partnerships that the district, Superintendent and our community partners have put together. Today, was just an awesome day to see the mayor and all of the partners and community people out to support this program that we're about to embark on for Andrew Jackson. It may be starting at Andrew Jackson and Matthew Gilbert but it won't be ending there and that's the blessing that this is an opportunity for the district and community to come together. Let's look at the needs for the whole child and provide those needs and everyone can pat themselves on the back for this opportunity and for the privilege. I'm just so grateful for this opportunity not just for Andrew Jackson but the community and our district. Thank you.

Mr. Lee congratulated the Fletcher Robotics Team under the direction of Tom LaPoint. They won overall and are getting ready to represent us in Hawaii this summer which is great. I'd like to commend the Mock Trial team at Fletcher who won fourth place in state. Both of these groups went on to Regionals. At Sandalwood High School, the JROTC Air Force finished second at the Florida State Drill Competition and congratulations to them! At Atlantic Coast High School, we have a senior who won the Silver Medal in National Scholastic Art Boards (surfer) and he will be traveling in June to accept his medal in New York City at Carnegie Hall. I want to say "thank you" to the Chief of Naval Operations - the NCO visited the beaches and Mayport, today, and we, district Board members, were invited to attend, I had an opportunity to speak and inquire about what type of ships and what are they going to do over the next few years about getting families into those areas. Hopefully, more information will be forthcoming towards Mr. Ayars organization. Thank you.

Mr. Hazouri said I'd like to congratulate Mike Perrone on your new position. We will miss you and be sad but we'll come and visit you in Georgia and get some tickets for the Falcons and Jaguars if they play up there. And, to Sonita, congratulations to you. I guess Coach Jon Fox is leaving...is this his last year? He has been a wonderful asset to this district to all of the sports in Florida. I want to congratulate him and recognize him. Douglas Anderson School of the Arts - they are phenomenal. I keep reminding myself and others, it's not just the talent that is there but also the academic achievement, as well. We can all be proud of what they do and Jackie Cornelius, principal, continues to do a marvelous job. On a personal note even though it's not in my district, I'd like to recognize Tommy, Jr. (Hazouri) for his soccer team. He teaches at Kernan Trails Elementary but he coaches the soccer team at Kernan Middle School and they went 12-0 beating their big rival, Fletcher, this year twice. They scored a total of 85-5 points - the first year they've gone undefeated so I'm really proud of their team and the school.

Ms. Barrett said Ms. Wright and I attended the Jax Kids Coalition celebration at City Hall which was very nice and well attended. I want to compliment Board Vice Chairman Lee

as I attended his Town Hall meeting two weeks at Twin Lakes Middle School. He did a wonderful job. The PTA president, Melissa Kicklighter, was there as well as Trey Csar from JPEF - well done. I see Mrs. Edelman in the auditorium and I want to congratulate her becoming the chairman of JPEF. I look forward to working with you. The partnerships Ms. Wright mentioned are really the key to our success. This Board has taken on many partnerships and we often don't get credit for the many things we do. The Very Special Arts is one of the most rewarding days you could ever spend - please plan on attending one of these special days. Teach for America - I didn't teach because I don't know anything about Biology but I told the students that I was going to take the course at Terry Parker High School. Their teacher is fantastic and the principal is sad that she is moving on after two years but understands. Congratulations to Sonita Young as I started out with you and we had quite an interesting road and, Mike Perrone, just keep on counting that money in Atlanta. Thank you.

Mr. Gentry said I'd like to commend Douglas Anderson, again. Two out of the last three years, Grammy Awards recipient, best music and arts program in the nation, is an incredible accomplishment and it's not any particular form of art - it's all forms of art and literally, hundreds of schools applying for this award. It's done by the Grammy Awards under the same criteria that will be mentioned on national television. It is an extraordinary accomplish for this city and we should all be very proud. As Tommy said, these kids are also achieving academically although many are not scholars when they enroll but, again, by linking their art, music and passion with education, they contribute to a very high graduation rate as they all attend college. I believe last year they received approximately \$10,000,000 in scholarship offers at Douglas Anderson. So, great things are ongoing there as well as many of our schools. I enjoyed going to Andrew Jackson today and Ms. Wright, you did a wonderful job. I saw the synergy of the Lastinger Foundation created by some of our citizens here in Duval County and then City Year with Kim and Michael Ward and seeing what a huge impact that members of our community are having on our schools. Earlier last week, I was at Wolfson High School and Jeff Atwater was there and was absolutely overwhelmed by the VyStar program. Wolfson also has a Legal Academy and is working with Coastal School Law which is very involved with that school. So many exciting things and those are examples of what I saw during the last week as to how are communities are coming together to support our schools. I'm on the Hope Committee along with Ms. Burney. The Times-Union called a meeting last Friday which was very productive and Ms. Burney, I'd like to commend you on guiding us through the Superintendent Search. We had a great meeting with the Times-Union and they made it very clear they will be heavily engaged in letting people know what's happening and become an active partner. We owe a debt of gratitude to them for its role in helping educate the community and reaching out as far as we can possibly reach to make sure everyone has an opportunity to participate.

Ms. Burney said I'd like to say to all students who take the FCAT that I wish them well and that the results do not define who they are. I'd like to thank all of the teachers, principals, executive directors, coaches, the academic team - everyone who has worked so diligently to prepare our students for the FCAT. I'd like to thank the Times-Union Editorial Board for meeting with us as we had a wonderful meeting in sharing our goals and objectives for the 2011-2012 school year and our optimism about how we're going to engage the public in the Superintendent Search. I, too, want to commend Jackie

Cornelius and her team. I just think of Douglas Anderson as a place that provides a world class education and what they do is tremendous. Ms. Wright and I had an opportunity along with the Superintendent to attend the State Department of Education meeting and I think that it bears for us to let the public know that our schools have improved. The State Board of Education members were congratulatory after looking at our data. It shows that our schools are definitely improving. Ms. Barrett, I taught "Teach for America" - first grade at Martin L. King Elementary and it just reminded me why God put me on this earth which is to work with little ones - it was just a joy! Mr. Perrone, I wish you well and Ms. Young, I wish you well in both of your endeavors. Finally, I'd like to say to the community we do want all citizens of the community to get involved in the Superintendent Selection Search process. When we have our Envisioning Committee meetings, the public is welcome to come. In addition, it will be streamed live on the Duval County Public Schools website so everyone will be given an opportunity to participate. We will not stream live for the meetings we have with staff and we want that to remain private in order that staff members can feel free to share with us any input that they would like.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman