



## Duval County Public Schools

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August 3, 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 of Schools, Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel, Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Chair, Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Vice Chair and the following Board members: Ms. Betty Burney, Ms. Vicki Drake, Mr. W. C. Gentry and Mr. Tommy Hazouri, present. Ms. Martha Barrett was absent.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

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

Invocation

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes: *A moment of silence was held.*

Pledge of Allegiance

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Presentations

1. FIDELITY INVESTMENTS RECOGNITION

Minutes:

-- Our first presentation of the evening recognizes one of the district's business partners, Fidelity Investments, for its support of and generous contributions to the students and staff of Duval County Public Schools.

--Would Tim Miller, Jerry Smith and Jacquelyn Lowe from Fidelity, along with Kim Bays, former principal of Lake Forest and Rhenda Ajluni, current principal, as well as Assistant Principal Amy Patterson, representing DuPont Middle, please come forward?

--Since 2007, Fidelity has provided Lake Forest Elementary and duPont Middle with a variety of support initiatives, including:

-A Mad Scientist Collection Drive, which raised an estimated \$3,000 worth of student science materials;

-A Teacher's Rule Supply Drive that provided \$16,000 in supplies to our teachers; and

-A book drive that brought more than 900 books into the Lake Forest media center.

--Fidelity employees have also exchanged more than 3,500 letters with the students of Lake Forest Elementary, through the *Write On!* Pen Pal Mentoring Program.

--Not only do these employees serve as positive role models, through the letter writing they also enhance students' reading and writing skills.

--This past Saturday, with the help of HandsOn Jacksonville, the Fidelity School Transformation Project brought more than 100 volunteers to duPont Middle to beautify the campus and help create a dynamic learning environment.

--On behalf of the students and staff of Duval County Public Schools, I would like to thank Fidelity for its support. Not only does Fidelity support our schools financially, they also leave a lasting impact with our students

through mentoring, career preparation and campus beautification projects.

## 2. FLORIDA HEALTHY SCHOOL DISTRICT AWARD

Minutes:

--In June, Duval County Public Schools was one of only eight school districts in the state to receive the Florida Healthy School District Award from the Coordinated School Health Partnership.

--Would the following staff members please come forward?

- \* Kathy Bowles
- \* Wayne Atwood
- \* Tonya Hill
- \* Rick Kane

--During a recent meeting in Tallahassee, we received the Healthy School District Award's silver level designation for receiving an outstanding score in the areas of Health Education, Healthy School Environment, Family and Community Involvement, and District Infrastructure.

--These scores were determined based on the Florida Healthy School District Self Assessment tool, which assesses policies, programs and practices identified from national and state guidelines, best practices, Florida statutes and the Coordinated School Health model.

--Congratulations to this team on a job well done. Meeting these high standards will result in sustainable policies and practices at the district level, and will have a positive impact on the physical, mental and psychosocial health of Duval County Public Schools' students and staff.

## 3. DISTINGUISHED BUDGET AWARDS

Minutes:

*This item has been postponed until the September 7, 2010 Board meeting.*

## 4. ALLSTAR PROGRAM GRADUATES – LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR NON-CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

Minutes:

--A few years ago, our Professional Development staff created the ALL STAR leadership training program for the district's non-certificated employees.

--Tonight, we would like to recognize Brenda Wims, the director of Professional Development, and members of the first cohort of this very important program.

--Would Ms. Wims and the following employees please come forward?

- \* Elton Brown
- \* Severina Camacho
- \* Kate Hurst
- \* Brenda Jones
- \* Dee Dee Lobaugh
- \* Gara Roberts
- \* Jackie Scott

--Now, Ms. Wims will tell us more about the ALL STAR Program and assist with the presentation of awards.

--One of the district's goals is to provide high quality support to schools. Through the hard work of the Professional Development Office and this cohort of emerging leaders, our district is well on its way to meeting this goal.

## 5. FCAT GAINS RECOGNITIONS

Minutes:

--We recently received our FCAT scores from the Florida Department of Education, and several of our schools saw significant improvements in the number of students who scored proficient across all grade levels and in all content areas.

--Tonight, we are recognizing the top three schools in elementary, middle and high, whose students made significant gains.

--Will the principals please come forward as I call your school's name.

### Elementary Schools

\* Representing Justina Road Elementary is Assistant Principal Victoria Pickford; Reading Coach Cynthia Sanders-Smith; and Curriculum Integration Teacher Deonna Mathis;

\* From Ruth Upson Elementary, we have principal Margaret Kring; and

\* Principal Kenya Griffin from Englewood Elementary

#### Middle Schools

\* From Julia Landon College Preparatory and Leadership Development School, Principal Kelly Coker-Daniel;

\* Representing Baldwin Middle School is Assistant Principal James Dean Ledford; and

\* Principal Robert Gresham from Northwestern Middle School

And from our high schools we have:

\* Principal Greg McCanless from Frank H. Peterson Academies of Technology;

\* Principal Corey Wright from Englewood High School; and

\* Principal Dane Gilbert from Fletcher High School

--Thank you for all of the hard work your schools are doing to ensure that our students receive a high quality education.

#### Comments From Audience

#### [COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Stanley Scott said the last time I was hear, I wanted to talk about freedom of speech. Freedom of speech is something that everybody has a right to. They say that you are not to slander anyone, call fire in a theater, but you know, freedom of speech is very important. I, as a Viet Nam vet, Viet Nam era vet, I fought for freedom in this country and the last time I was here, I was totally disrespect...I have a right to my opinion...that's part of being in America. And, you know, it took me back to the part of where I talked about intellectual stupidity. That people know that they are doing wrong and they take it on their own to break the law and treat people any kind of way and that's something I'm going to definitely be dealing with because it's not the first time this happened here. It's the second time and I stand by what I said and I will be following it up. It's a shame here...these students out here in this city, especially on the north side of town...to go out and do so much and people say where Obama want everybody to go to college. Everybody not

meant to go to college. That's the most stupidest statement I've ever heard. The point is, education should be for everybody and you come to the point where a student is not moving forward, it is the school's responsibility to look for other ways to make him a productive citizen, to be able to raise his family and do the thing that he need to do...and I'm disappointed with the School Board to allow this to happen. What took place last week, no one contacted me to talk to me or say anything about it; they just totally overlooked it, especially my representative. This country was built on the First Amendment - freedom of speech. That's right and for the thing that took place and call the police on me and escort me out of the building, I'm appalled about that. You know, it remind me of the day when I was coming up when an African American agree with somebody white, they jump up and "I'm going to call the police on you!" That sounds like a racist to me and I'm disappointed with it and I stand by what I said because there was a time when the same individual's having problem with the Superintendent Wise, they call people in the community to come to (inaudible)...*Mr. DeAndre Jackson said, "You are out of order; you are out of order; you don't know what you're talking about..."* Mr. Gentry said, "Madam, Chair..." Mr. Scott said, "As far as the police, he should be escorted out. Board Chair said, "Your time is up, Mr. Scott, I now call Mr. John Turner followed by; I'm sorry, I call Om Mishra followed by John Turner." Mr. Scott said, "You have this on tape."

Mr. Om Mishra said thank you for allowing us to speak and thank you for the educational opportunities to offer our children and I'm from a small kingdom in China. We are the members of a refugee population calling Jacksonville our home and to have a voice and to assist them on their behalf. Many of us can not return to our own countries. The United States and Jacksonville provided us a solution and Jacksonville hosted over 1,200 refugees last year from several countries. We come to you today about our secondary school children living off Phillips Highway near (inaudible, maybe Imeson?). The children have to cross Phillips Highway and this is a very busy road. We are asking that you consider putting a crossing guard at the intersection to ensure our children are safe crossing the road and possibly add a bus stop so the children wouldn't have to cross these busy streets. The bus number is 240 going to Southside Middle School. Thank you, again, for all of your work.

Mr. John Turner said on the 23rd of July which was a Friday, about 4:30, I heard a loud explosion, rushing of air and sounded like a jet engine blast and looked out my back window and I saw a fire on a propane tank (*showed a picture which is attached to the Minutes*). This tank is located behind Mandarin High School. I called 911 and told the family to get in the car and let's get out of here. I've lived there a decade and have never seen anything like this. 911 said Fire and Rescue and police were on the way and said to hold on for just a moment which was a little hard to do when you see a tank burning and think it was going to explode. The operator added on that "we already know about that; they're doing some kind of maintenance." I asked them if it were safe and they said they couldn't advise me on that. I asked who was doing the maintenance and they couldn't advise me on that but we know about it. We didn't stay, obviously, and left. I didn't know if this was an accident or part of the

maintenance. I have a clear view from my back yard and there were no vehicles, fire trucks, police cars, maintenance...just burning on its own in a large parking lot. About an hour later, we came back and it was still burning so we called 911, again. They said it would burn for another hour or so but we can't tell you why. I'd like to point out to you about two months ago in Miami, a tank of similar size which is about 33,000 gallons caught on fire. The reason is that the fueler drove off without disconnecting the hose and it caught on fire. It took over 250 firemen and it evacuated 20 blocks to put out that fire. I can't find out anything after it all burned down. I called the high school and the principal would not talk to me and relayed a message that she was not concerned about it, didn't know anything about it and wasn't going to look into it. Now, I'd like for you to understand that you have a neighborhood that was terrorized by this burning propane tank and we can't get answers why it happened? Will I be notified when they refuel this tank? I'd like to have the option of leaving. Keep in mind, there were no signs posted and no one knew anything about it in our neighborhood, the principal didn't know about it and now I'm asking the School Board, are you concerned enough for the community's safety and will you look into it and give me some answers? Thank you for listening.

Mr. Rufus Fletcher said I'd like to bring up two brief points. I was going past Darnell Cookman on 8th and Davis, I believe. I noticed they are having some construction going on which looks like they're giving their school a face lift and me and another person, were talking about the situation with the lotto money and stuff like that and the school system. Well, I mean, personally, I believe that if you have lotto monies at your disposal, this is the kind of stuff you should do...giving a school a face lift or buy some computers to fund an after school program. Lotto money is apparently not something you can fund a budget with because the only thing true about lotto is you win some and you lose some. Basically, what I was trying to say was that as far as lotto money is concerned, we need to fund our school system the same way as we're being funded without the lotto money that way it won't become addictive to you like a drug almost. One other thing I want to bring up. As you know, I've filmed a couple of movies here in town and I also have a magazine that is coming out and I have a new film project where I'm going to film an indepth school system...some of the trials and tribulations that we went through over the last couple of years. Situations with Raines and Ribault almost closing with 55% graduation rate at Raines and things like that. I'm going to try to film something that will help shed some light on what's going on in our town. So, if you see me out and about, please help support my efforts to get this information out there to better educate all of us. Some of us adults need to know what's going on. I have a new film coming out which has to do with the school system. Thank you so much.

Mr. Bradford Hall said at last month's meeting, I expressed to you some of my deepest concerns and I'd like to thank Ms. Burney for reaching out to me, publicly. Also, when I opened my email the next morning, I must have had 1,000 messages from tons of people thanking me for my comments. They came from teachers, principals, assistant principals and

even a few district administrators. A parent that weekend even stopped me in a public supermarket and said "thank you" and so this says to me that a substantial amount of people who work for you and outside of the district are concerned about daily operations. However, some of the changes that are being recommended tonight, I must say that I must applaud the district for taking the bold step to make those changes and while there are some things that I believe should be tweaked out, I am happy that we've decided to go in the direction where we have Cluster Chiefs who have proven backgrounds and experience with moving schools. One thing that is important to me is that we have results and if this is a district that wants results, you need to have people in those key leadership positions who have been responsible for directly soliciting results. One thing I was taught at Ribault High School was that you should always stand up and speak for what you believe so when I come to the Board meeting, I don't do it for to know what people think about my comments or what they think about me, but I do want to make it clear and I want to make sure that everyone understands that you owe all of your loyalty to the students of Duval County Public Schools...not to our administrators. I am very concerned that we have a Chief Office of High School Programs. Why does it take a Chief to oversee that? Again, that is \$135,000 that my alma mater, Ribault High School, will love to use. That could be going to a school budget. We have all of these Chiefs but what's the point when you have schools going backwards every day? We keep talking about administrative costs don't cost the district alot of money..it only accounts for 1% but it's still money that could be used in a school budget for effective stuff like more coaches. Why are schools being forced to cut instructional coaches and we have more Chiefs at the top? I don't understand. Everyone says they're surprised by the elementary scores and how they declined this year, that only indicates that the people at the top don't know what's going on in schools. You don't know what instruction looks like because if you knew, you'd be in the classrooms knowing what's going on and the administrators are not doing that so I'm asking the Board to hold your one employee accountable and that the Superintendent, in turn, will hold these administrators accountable and now that you have people in these key positions who have proven backgrounds and they are proven leaders, that you will give them the will to make the decisions that they need to make. Thank you.

Mr. Edward Exson said "Ignorance is competing with education!" In the rivalry between ignorance vs. intelligence, educated people should fear the contagion in the pastoral vaudevilles put on by so many black pastors calling it sermons, preaching God's word! Few people benefit more from the ignorance and pathologies of their people than the black pastors, most black politicians, and many black leaders. They perch at the top of the pyramid, neither demonstrate a pathway to a good education, equality, or economic empowerment for their people, they delight in the status quo, (others that violate us could be put into a tailspin if we muster the courage to challenge them). Their leadership is leading us off a cliff. Their integrity has amazingly lost moral and ethical principles. Their accountability is indefensible and unanswerable. If intelligence is to triumph over ignorance in America, we must immediately employ a new strategy that will give all students enrolled or dropped out (those who

have lost their way), a greater sense of self worth, purpose and accomplishment. A rigorous curriculum is imperative for those pursuing professions with great demands. We are lagging behind other nation's students. Vocational training with high standards extends liberty to those that have been trapped as a result of a biased, asymmetrical system or sins of their fathers. Ignoring vocational training is to relegate a dysfunctional class to a permanent isolation that will wreak havoc on an orderly society. Getting those that are lost to get a GED can be given the tools to participate in the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) to make America and our city stronger while more civilized. Imagine the good that could have been done with the millions of dollars that Bethel Baptist Church under the leadership of the McKissick preachers who have squandered in a motel which had been used restoring houses in black neighborhoods and reducing the unemployment of black youth using vocational training. A good vocational training program could raise the bar so that many could vault the abyss that they are mired, complimenting a good AP program. I am cognizant advancing a people is not limited to vocational training. More next time and I thank you.

## Comments From Parent Organizations

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

Minutes:

#### PTA Report - Melissa Kicklighter, President:

Good evening, my name is Melissa Kicklighter, and I am President of the Duval County Council of PTAs. I would like to begin my report this evening with some exciting news from the Florida PTA Leadership Conference in Tarpon Springs. Not only did we connect with PTA leaders from all over the State of Florida and participate in high quality training to help us have a successful year, but we returned with one of the most coveted awards that can be received from the Florida PTA – the President's Membership Challenge Award – this beautiful loving cup. This award is given to the Region that has the highest increase in membership in the State, and Region 3 was the winner this year. Region 3 consists of several counties; including Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Hamilton, Nassau, Putnam, St. John's, Union – and our own Duval County! Being the largest of the Region 3 counties, we played a huge part in helping Region 3 receive this award. I am extremely proud of the efforts of the many people who helped make this happen, but I would especially like to recognize the efforts of our immediate past President Annette

Worthen and most importantly our Florida PTA Region 3 Representative LaTasha Green-Cobb. Her tireless efforts throughout the region really paid off!

In the spirit of continuing our membership success into this year, I have even more exciting news. We have now confirmed plans for partnering with four local organizations to offer district-wide PTA members benefits this year. The first is our PTA Family Day at the Museum of Science and History – better known as MOSH, on Saturday, November 20. Families will receive discounted admission just by showing their PTA membership card. The second is PTA Game Day with the Jacksonville Jaguars, which is scheduled for December 12! Again, PTA members will be allowed to purchase discounted tickets to the game against the Oakland Raiders! The third organization we are working with is the Jacksonville Zoo. They have graciously offered discounted admission for PTA members for up to four family members during the entire month of February 2012. And, finally, we will continue our Annual PTA Night at the Jacksonville Suns later in Spring 2012! More details about these exciting PTA member benefits will be shared throughout the year. We will, however, be sending preliminary information out to our local units very soon, so they can use these local member benefits to assist with their membership campaigns!

Finally, we only have a few short weeks before the school year begins, so we are all hard at work making final preparations to welcome our local unit officers back at our first General Meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24 – right here in the Cline Auditorium. Hospitality will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the business portion of our meeting beginning promptly at 10:00 a.m. The meeting schedule for the entire school year is listed on our website at [www.dccpta.org](http://www.dccpta.org), and we hope that all of our PTA leaders will plan to join us at our monthly meetings and special events this year.

In the next week, I am excited to be meeting with the Principals. In addition, we will be holding our first roundtable with all of our high school PTA leaders to share ideas and best practices. So, we can try to increase parent involvement at the high school level. We have a lot of good stuff going on!

Thank you always to the School Board members, the Superintendent and all the district staff for your support of the mission and work of PTA – we look forward to an amazing year!

District Advisory Council - Rachel Raneri, Chair

The District Advisory Council met on Monday July 26<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank those who took time out of their busy summer schedule to attend.

Ken Sutton brought us news of changes that are taking place in the legislature that will affect Exceptional Education. Many of the changes are mandates from the Department of Education including a much more strict reporting system.

Paul Soares gave an update on the new DCPS Police department and how the officers are being deployed. He also reminded us of the ribbon cutting for Atlantic Coast High School at 10:00 am tomorrow. Paul shared the operations work going on during the summer while working around the summer school schedules.

Pat Carley, who is responsible for compliance of School Advisory Councils, explained the changes to the new SAC Handbook. She also explained some new procedural changes. All SAC and Area Advisory Council By-Laws shall be sent, electronically, to Ms. Carley as well as all minutes of meetings of both groups. She will also keep the sign in sheets for said meetings.

Since the Area Advisory Councils are determined by high school feeder patterns, Ms. Melody Davis and Ms. Pat Willis are working on restructuring the feeder patterns with the opening of the new high school.

Ms. Janetta Lucas shared her experience at the Title I Parent University that was held at Butler Middle School on July 17<sup>th</sup>. I also had the privilege to attend. There were excellent breakout sessions which included family finances, assisting children with homework, kitchen math and kitchen science. Making ice cream in a plastic bag was a real hit! I personally am looking forward to the next Parent University.

The District Advisory Council traditionally meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Since the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of this month is also the first day of school, we will meet the following Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor conference room. I am looking forward to a report on the flawless opening of school.

Title I - Parent Advisory Council - Sharon Hodges, Chair:

To the chair, board, and superintendent, my name is Sharon Hodges, parent at Biscayne Elementary School, I am serving as chair for Duval County Public Schools' Title I Parent Advisory Council for the 2010-2011 school year. Also serving are Mrs. Iva Smith, vice chair and grandparent at St. Clair Evans Academy, Mrs. Karen Bailey, secretary and parent at Mt. Herman, and Mr. Jerome Sanders, parliamentarian and grandparent at Sallye B. Mathis and Justine Road Elementary Schools.

The Title I Parent Advisory Council represents all Title I parents and interested parents may attend the PAC meetings. Parents may contact the Title I District Parent Involvement Headquarters located at Matthew Gilbert Middle School.

We have been working diligently with Ms. Myrna Amos, Director, Title I Parent Involvement and Pre-K Education and her team of specialists on developing and implementing programs and activities that will increase parental involvement which leads to student success. Our parental involvement mission is to “Empower parents and families to support their children’s cognitive, social, and emotional development from cradle to the workforce and or college. We will accomplish this by strengthening district, school, family and community partnerships through support and training.

This past July 17<sup>th</sup>, Title I parent Involvement hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Parent University where board member Betty Burney was the keynote speaker. She delivered a powerful message to our parents that charged us to take parental involvement to another level that would sure to ignite the greatness in our children’s success. Parent University provided special trainings with valuable information that increases and enhances parental involvement that will ultimately support our children’s educational success.

As PAC chair, I also had the privilege of attending the Florida Department of Education Parental Involvement Conference July 21<sup>st</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup> in Orlando, FL. Parents, Principal, and Administrators came together for a common goal of Building Bridges between School and Home. Jan Anderson, from the Florida Dept of Education and her team offered workshops such as:

- Parents are Leaders too!
- Overcoming Barriers to Parental Involvement and also
- Developing Effective School Parental Involvement Plans

Those were two days well spent. Please mark your calendars for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Advisory Council Forum, Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Schultz Center off Beach Blvd. Our theme will be: Parent Empowerment for Student Success, and again board member Burney has agreed to be our keynote speaker.

We have an exciting year ahead of us filled with family programs and activities that will promote our parental involvement goals and objectives. We are soliciting your support and our efforts to increase parent involvement throughout the district. We ask the board and the Superintendent in bringing awareness of the different activities and programs that are offered for parents and students.

We know that parent involvement is crucial to the academic success of our students and with your support we will see firsthand the fruits of our labor. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in allowing me the opportunity to speak before the board.

I would like to present the board with these bag packs that were distributed to parents at the parent university workshop. The program agenda is included for

your review.

Thank you again and we look forward to a wonderful school year. This concludes the Title I Parent Advisory Council Report.

## Comments From Employee Organizations

### COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS

Minutes: *No comments made at this meeting.*

## Student Achievement, Reform Activities, And Reports

### 1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly Jackson said the first is to solicit participation in our high school acceleration programs. Dr. Girardeau was kind enough to provide to me a listing of all the programs and the current capacity of each program and I think it is fair to say, Dr. Girardeau, you can shack "no" if I say something incorrect, but we have space open in each program at every school. So, I would encourage students to still sign up for Fletcher's AICE program; Forrest High's AICE program; Mandarin High's AICE program; Raines High's AICE program.

We have Atlantic Coast's Advanced Placement Honors program; Baldwin's Advanced Placement Honors program; First Coast High's Advanced Placement Honors program; and Andrew Jackson's Advanced Placement Honors program.

Next, Englewood High's Early College program; Lee High's Early College program; Ribault High's Early College program; and Sandalwood High's Early College program.

We have the IB programs at Ed White High; Ribault High; Terry Parker High; Wolfson High Schools.

I am encouraging parents to sign your students up. If you will notice, these programs are strategically located all across the district and I will maintain until I leave this seat in November, that for your young people to

be competitive, it is of vital importance that they take a rigorous curriculum and that they prepare to go on to post-secondary education. Our goal

## 2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

Mr. Pratt-Dannals said he'd like to echo Ms. Priestly Jackson's encouragement for parents and students to pursue first, locally, at your neighborhood school, the acceleration program available and for some reason if that's not perceived to be the best fit, that one of the other programs would be available and that combination with our increasingly successful career academies, together will help prepare students regardless of their post secondary option that they pursue and this has been a long time coming, a long time commitment of the Board to get to this place and it's exciting to see this year, finally, we can say that every high school has at least one of these major acceleration programs and we look forward to the day when all schools are perceived as equally successful and challenging. I think the reality is getting there and then we need to make sure that the community, at large, perceives that the reality is there. So, again, parents take advantage of those opportunities, if you will, please.

I would like to give you a very brief report on where we are with FCAT results. As many of you know, I was one of five superintendents who wrote a letter about 3-4 weeks ago to the Commissioner outlining concerns that we saw anomalies particularly in the reading area in elementary schools and specifically in the learning gains areas and another area called the bottom quartile learning gains - that's for each school; you look at the students who are in the bottom fourth of the performance the prior year and how well they did the next year. There were some severe drops particularly in the learning gains. Those drops were significant here but even more dramatic in some of the other districts throughout the state. I think the Commissioner is taking very seriously those concerns and he has asked for further reviews of the results by outside experts and we're still in the process of communicating with him in terms of ensuring that those are valid and reliable. We are having to move on with a number of areas and we went ahead and made the principal appointments based on the information we had at that point as well as some changes in district staff, but it does affect things like parent choice, Opportunity Scholarship program - we're currently holding those letters until we have more information. So, hopefully, there will be a process in place to resolve this issue within the next week or two because school is about to open and many decisions are based on these results. Again, our concern was whether or not we liked the results. The concerns were if they were fair, valid and reliable and with those kinds of inconsistencies across the state, the inconsistencies were consistent. It became obvious despite the initial information that there was not a concern. I think there is a recognition that there is a concern.

They are still delving into "What is the issue?" "How to resolve it?" and "How to be fair?" in looking at school grades for this coming year. So, as soon as we have that information, we will share it with the public and, hopefully, that will be soon.

## Reports

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

#### Minutes:

Mr. Ayars offered a couple of comments about construction projects and then Mr. Soares will provide an update on school opening. Tomorrow, the new high school ribbon cutting, the big event at Atlantic Coast High School, there will be plenty of things said about the building and everything that goes with that, but I thought I would just comment from the OPS team to say how much we appreciate the chance to work on those kind of projects. All of the school projects we do...alot of work and we have over the last several years, but it's really a special time to roll out a school that is significant as a new high school as the first in a couple of decades. You do have a tremendous team committed in the district to make these things go well. Looking back 8 years ago searching for a piece of property, tomorrow will be a significant day to cut that ribbon and it takes alot of great people and you have a great staff with some here this evening and it's inclusive of everybody in OPS from counting the money, to getting the money, to buying the land and doing the right IT outfitting, to the maintenance concept for the building so it will last 50 years and we really appreciate the chance to work on all of these projects and not just the high school but all of the ones we do and deliver those to the kids and the community. They really are community assets.

Additionally, we have a groundbreaking coming up for the Waterleaf K-5 on Kernan Boulevard the morning of August 18 and we look forward to that. It's underway already and we'll deliver that next summer. On behalf of the entire OPS team, we want to say thanks to the Board for making it possible but also, to the public who worked with us on this whole process in finding the right site and working out some concerns they had early on regarding high school. For us, it's great work and we look forward to doing alot of this in our other schools as well, not just a brand new school, but renovations. We need alot of that kind of work to get all of the schools where we'd like them to be and we just appreciate the opportunity to be a part of that.

Paul Soares, Chief Officer, Operations Support:

Good evening Madam Chair, members of the board, and Mr Superintendent. After many months of waiting, our Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design certification, or as it is more commonly known, our LEED certification finally came back for our newest K-8 school located in the West Side right off of 103<sup>rd</sup> Street on Connie Jean Road. We are happy to announce we received LEED GOLD!!!! Once again, LEED stands for Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) and is an internationally recognized green building certification system, providing third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across all the metrics that matter most: energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts. This latest LEED Gold Certification for Duval has been a few years in the making and congratulations are due to everyone on the Design and Construction team for their commitment and efforts on this project. This includes the DCPS Design and Construction department, McVeigh & Mangum Engineering, Inc., JSA -Architects Interiors Planners, and Ajax Construction. It was definitely a team effort due to everyone's combined efforts!

Overall, our Flawless Opening Process is going very well this year, our fourth year of using the flawless opening process.

As you may recall, the Flawless Opening process tracks over 3,000 data elements scoring each on scale from one –red, two – yellow, and three - green. As of last Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, we had an overall average of 2.33 across all data elements. In raw numbers, we had 47% of the data elements rated green, 43% rated yellow, and 10% rated red. With the end of most summer camps/schools last Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, we have seen a major ramp up in those previously occupied spaces and expect a overall average score increase to roughly 2.5 by the next update due this Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

This year seemed to move smoother than last year thanks to several programming improvements made to the Flawless Opening Portal which removed some challenges in using the portal. For example, the portal now autosaves all data entries right after they are made preventing frustrating data losses, changes such as this one really helped. We are receiving great feedback on the flawless portal from our schools this year. Thanks to our IT department for the programming support, to our planning department for managing data on the portal, and to all the school principals and their designees for using their valuable time to provide our District Staff with the information we need for all of us to be successful on opening day.

As a frame of reference, throughout the summer, we clean 15 million square feet of school spaces, deliver over 800,000 textbooks and support materials, plan nearly 1,000 bus routes to transport over 50,000 students.

Our goal is simple to understand but not always easy to do! We want all of our schools to have a trouble-free, or flawless, opening day.

That concludes my comments!

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

Minutes:

Tonight we will bring an update on the Summer Professional Development that is being offered for teachers and administrators in collaboration with the Schultz Center, The University of Florida Lastinger Center, Academic Services, and The Florida Department of Education, as they prepared for the start of the 2010-11 school year.

Following the Professional Development Report, Ms. Kathy Bowles will come with the requested report on the status and use of the information gained from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey that was administered in April 2009 and reported back to the district this past February.

### Professional Development Report

Many of our teachers and administrators had an opportunity to participate in various trainings and professional development in the areas of Reading, Math, Science, Exceptional Education, and Data Systems and Assessments.

#### During the month of June

Professional Development was offered in: Summer School Preparation, Reading & Literacy, Math, Science, Urban Institute, Technology, Exceptional Education Summer Academy, and Leadership

With a total of over 1,533 participants

#### During the month of July

Professional Development was offered in: Reading & Literacy, Math, Science, Leadership, DA Model Training, Technology, and Exceptional Education Summer Academy

With a total of more than 1,161 participants

During the month of August

Professional Development was offered in: Reading & Literacy, Math, Science, Exceptional Education Summer Academy, and Urban/Turnaround – Early Return.

Our registrations project more than 2500 participants (registrations)

New Teacher Training and Orientation is being conducted at the Schultz Center this week, August 2 & 3, and next week, August 9 & 10. We have 158 participants this week and project another 130-140 for next week.

The District Inservice Day for all content areas is scheduled for August 18.

This summer we will have trained over 5,000 educators – some of the topics included: (please see attachments)

Our teachers and administrators have had a very productive summer of learning and are excited about implementing all they have learned in the classrooms and schools for improved academic achievement for the students of Duval County.

\* A comprehensive report will be submitted to the Board office.

Kathy Bowles:

The overall health and welfare of our students is of the utmost concern to everyone in Jacksonville. Recognizing that engaging in risky behaviors prevents students from reaching their full academic potential, DCPS, in partnership with the Duval County Health Department (DCHD), administered the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The YRBS monitors priority health-risk behaviors and the prevalence of obesity and asthma among middle and high school students. The YRBS data is important as it helps to reveal the prevalence of youth risk factors that the community as a whole must work collaboratively to address.

The first county-level administration of the YRBS in Duval County was in April 2009. One hundred per cent (100%) of the middle and high schools participated allowing for the attainment of weighted data. DCPS sub-contracted with the DCHD, Institute for Health Policy, Informatics, and Research, to provide sub-county level data analysis via the six health zones. The geographic analysis of the YRBS data intends to inform data-driven decision-making and policy changes, a targeted approach to programming, and effective allocation of resources. In February 2010, the Superintendent and Dr. Robert Harmon, Director of the DCHD, hosted a forum that was attended by over 236 school and community stakeholders, including city council representatives and school board members. The

YRBS data was presented and followed by a "Community Call to Action." The data from the next administration of the YRBS in April 2011 will allow for the initial analysis of local trend data.

Schools, families, and communities must work together to encourage the development of positive behaviors by delivering clear consistent messages and providing support and access to prevention and intervention resources. Since the release of the YRBS data, initial efforts have focused on working collaboratively with DCHD and other community partners to bring forth an awareness of the identified risks and to garner support for action towards increasing efforts to address these risks by increasing protective factors.

Examples of how DCPS, DCHD, and other community partners are working collaboratively to address these areas of concern include:

- Influential organizations (i.e., DCF, DCHD, DJJ, JCC, JCCI, JSO, JU, UNF, United Way, and Health Planning Council) serve on the YRBS Surveillance Advisory Team for the planning and dissemination of YRBS data in promoting data-driven policy changes.
- Approximately 20 community agencies and organizations are represented regularly on the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) and the District Wellness Committee, which provide expertise, support, and guidance toward improving coordinated school health programs by making data-driven policy and programming recommendations.
- DCHD, Healthy Jacksonville, continues to work tirelessly to increase the awareness of community risk factors while strengthening efforts to increase protection through the work of a number of community coalitions.
- In anticipation of the YRBS results, Healthy Jacksonville's Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition created "A Call to Action" based on a socio-environmental framework and plans to use the data to inform its next steps.
- The Safe and Healthy Duval Coalition is using the data to drive their strategic plan in efforts to combat substance use and violence in the community.
- DCPS, along with DCHD, will continue to promote the use of the YRBS data to raise awareness of the risk factors, to encourage more targeted prevention and intervention programs/resources, and to inform subsequent policy decisions.
- Professional development and student instruction on suicide prevention was conducted in a pilot high school in collaboration with the University of South Florida, the Office of the Governor, Child Guidance, United Way and Daniel with proposed expanded efforts in 2010-11.

## Approval of Agenda

### [APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 3, 2010, AGENDA](#)

#### Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the August 3, 2010, Agenda as submitted on July 27, 2010, with the following changes:

1. Approval of Minutes - Revised Item
2. Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial - Item 2 - District Technology Plan - Revised Agenda Item; Revised Attachment; Added Attachment
3. Human Resource Services - Staffing - Item 1 - Human Resource Services Employee Transactions - Revised Attachment
4. Human Resource Services - Staffing - Item 2 - Reappointment of District Administrators - Revised Attachment
5. Human Resource Services - Staffing - Item 3 - Reappointment of Specialists, Psychologists and Social Workers - Revised Attachment - PASS
6. Human Resource Services - Staffing - Item 4 - Reappointment of School-Based Administrators - Revised Attachment
7. Operations - Purchasing Services - Item 2 - Exclusive Healthier Beverage Contract - Revised Agenda Item
8. Emergency Agenda Item - Item 1 - Approval of Amendment to Superintendent Employment Agreement for W. E. (Ed) Pratt-Dannals Relating to the Date of the 2010 Formal Evaluation - Added Item and Attachment

#### Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner	
Second: Thomas Hazouri	
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:

- July 6, 2010 - Board Workshop
- July 13, 2010 - Board Workshop
- July 20, 2010 - Special Board Meeting - Budget
- July 20, 2010 - Board Workshop
- July 20, 2010 - Special Board Meeting - Attorney-Client
- July 27, 2010 - Board Workshop
- July 27, 2010 - Special Board Meeting - Class Size Public Hearing
- July 27, 2010 - Special Board Meeting - Budget

Motions:

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

- July 6, 2010 - Board Workshop
- July 6, 2010 - Regular Board Meeting
- July 13, 2010 - Board Workshop
- July 20, 2010 - Special Board

Meeting - Budget	
• July 20, 2010 - Board Workshop	- PASS
• July 20, 2010 - Special Board Meeting - Attorney-Client Litigation Shade	
• <u>July 27, 2010 - Board Workshop</u>	
• <u>July 27, 2010 - Special Board Meeting - Class Size Public Hearing</u>	
• <u>July 27, 2010 - Special Board Meeting - Budget</u>	
Vote Results	
Motion: Nancy Broner	
Second: Betty Burney	
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: Betty Burney	
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye

William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

## Consent Agenda

### Academic Services

#### [3. MASTER INSERVICE EDUCATION PLAN 2010-2014 AND ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS](#)

- Attachment: [BelToolscurr11.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [CoacProfLearn2010.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [2010 TIP Manual DRAFT 7-11-10 \(2\).pdf](#)
- Attachment: [BENEFITSANDCHALLENGESMPAUGUST201011.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [ProfCrisisMgt.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [AthleticEndorsement2015.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [ESOL18hourcomp.pdf](#)

#### [4. CONTINUATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS WITH DJJ, GATEWAY, ETC.](#)

- Attachment: [B-C-Updated-DJJ. DOC.pdf](#)

#### Minutes:

Ms. Burney said I pulled this item for two basic reasons. The first is that I'd like to share with the public what I shared with my fellow Board members that I've seen a tremendous change in what is happening with DJJ for Duval County Public Schools and one of the major reasons is because of Dana Kriznar. Her heart for the youngsters - she truly gets it and she understands that we must make sure that no matter circumstances the children find themselves, we've got to provide them with the rigor, relevance but we definitely must provide them with relationships. It was really brought home to me yesterday when I was visiting one of our DJJ facilities at the Duval County Jail and there were youngsters...and we were talking about our high school acceleration programs throughout the city...and there are young people there who are from all points of the city. Just about from every high school we have, we had young people represented who have made some mistakes and have found themselves incarcerated. One young man said to me as I was about to leave, he said, "I will be coming out pretty soon, but I'm afraid I just don't know what I'm going to do or where I'm going to go and I do need support." I was able to share with him that Ms. Kriznar's team is working on ways to find support for our youngsters when they come out so they don't find

themselves alone and making the same mistake. So, I pulled this item primarily to highlight the work of Ms. Kriznar, Dr. Stahlman and the work they are doing and I appreciate it.

#### 5. TEXTBOOKS FOR EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

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

#### 6. MENTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM i3 VALIDATION GRANT

Attachment: [Agenda Item i3 Mentor Program Budget.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges i3 Validation Grant.pdf](#)

#### 7. CONTINUATION OF AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH DUVAL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Attachment: [B-C-DOH CONTRACT. DOC.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Staffing

#### 2. REAPPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

Attachment: [reappointment.dist.admin10mnth.63011.pdf](#)

#### 3. REAPPOINTMENT OF SPECIALISTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS AND SOCIAL WORKERS

Attachment: [reappointment.sw.spec.psyc10mnth63011.pdf](#)

#### 4. REAPPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL-BASED ADMINISTRATORS

Attachment: [reappointment.sch.admn10mth.63011.pdf](#)

#### 5. REDUCTION IN FORCE OF TEACHERS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

#### 6. REDUCTION IN FORCE OF PARAPROFESSIONALS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

#### 1. SUSPENSIONS WITHOUT PAY

Attachment: [HRS\\_attach\\_08-03-10\\_susp.pdf](#)

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

#### 1. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Attachment: [Master May 2010 Final Board Statement Worksheet.pdf](#)

## 2. DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN

- Attachment: [District Technology Goals Summary 2010 \(2\).pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Tech Plan approval letter from FLDOE 2010.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Addendum DCPS Yearly ERATE Tech Plan 06112010.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [DCPS District Technology Plan July 1 2010 - June 30 2013.pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

### 1. NEW DAY TREATMENT CLASSROOM ADDITION AT EUGENE BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 168: SELECTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK FIRM/DCSB PROJECT NO. C-91430/OFDC-RFO-006-10

- Attachment: [August 10 B-C C-91430 CM Selection for Eugene Butler MS No 168 PLACEMENT 06 14 10.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [C-91430 CM Selection for Butler No 168 Agenda Item Attachments 07 06 10.pdf](#)

### 2. RENOVATIONS, REMODELING AND NEW CONSTRUCTION AT ROBERT E. LEE HIGH SCHOOL NO. 33: SELECTION OF DESIGN PROFESSIONAL DCSB PROJECT NO. C-91460/DFDC RFO

- Attachment: [C-91460 Lee HS A-E Selection August 2010 Agenda Item Attachment 07 22 10.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [August 10 B-C C-91430 CM Selection for Eugene Butler MS No 168 PLACEMENT 06 14 10.pdf](#)

### 3. PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

- Attachment: [BOARD APPROVAL - NEW August.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [BOARD APPROVAL - RENEWAL AUGUST \(2\).pdf](#)
- Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM August.pdf](#)

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

- Attachment: [August 10 Agenda Item Subs Comp Final Comp for July 2010 07 13 10 \(2\).pdf](#)
- Attachment: [August 10 B-C Subs Comp Final Comp for July 2010 06 15 10.pdf](#)

### 5. CHANGE ORDER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2010

- Attachment: [August 10 Agenda Item Change Order Report Chart for July 2010 07 09 10.pdf](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

## 1. CLOCK AND BELL SUPPLIES

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM CLOCK AND BELL SUPPLIES 6-16-2010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CLOCK AND BELL SUPPLIES TAB SHEET ITB-032-10-CP.pdf](#)

## 2. EXCLUSIVE HEALTHIER BEVERAGE CONTRACT

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM - Exclusive Healthier Beverage Contract.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Financial Summary Page Duval County Schools.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exclusive Healthier Beverage Evaluation Summary.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Broner asked for some explanation given to the public. As long as I've been on the Board, I get questions from the public about what children are allowed to buy from the vending machines at school and there's a lot of confusion about that. Mr. Ayars, is that for Mr. Soares?

Yes, we're prepared to address that; Mr. Soares will be right back.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member

Mr. Paul Soares said let me start by briefly talking about the new "Exclusive Healthier Beverage Contract". It is named as such because the new contract complies with beverage guidelines contained in the "Alliance for a Healthier Generation" which discourages the sale of high calorie carbonated beverages. The new beverage contract takes effect this October 1st.

At the elementary level, we only expect one beverage vending machine per school, located for access by teachers and staff, typically in or near the teacher's lounge. Student access is very limited.

At the middle school level, the vending machines are typically not turned on until one hour after the lunch meal has ended. This is due to a restriction on having any competitive food or drink sales with the school lunch program. This keeps machines off for most of the school day leaving them available only at the end of the school day.

At the high school level, vending machines selling sodas can occur during the school day provided the machine also sells 100% juice products at the same time. However, under the new Healthier Beverage contract, there will only be diet and lower

calorie drinks offered such as water, vitamin water and drinks.  
This will help at the high school level.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
Mr. Mike Perrone, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

3. RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE OF PRINTING CODE OF CONDUCT BOOKLETS

Attachment: [PRINTING CODE OF CONDUCT BOOKLETS tab sheet.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM - PRINTING CODE OF CONDUCT.pdf](#)

4. EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

Attachment: [ATTACHMENT A.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES - Employee Health Insurance Benefits.pdf](#)

General

1. AGREEMENT WITH WJCT, INC.

2. MEMBERSHIP DUES AND APPLICATION FEES FOR SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT (SAC CASI) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,700.

Discussion

Academic Services

1. TEACHER INCENTIVE FUND

Attachment: [TIF.BOARDAG.G R E A T EXPECTATIONS Letters of Support.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [TIF BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES8.3.10.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [TIF.Board Agenda Chart.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Officer of Human Resource Services

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve submission of the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) grant funded under the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education funded by the USDOE in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.

2. That the Duval County School Board - PASS  
approve the acceptance of these funds upon notification of award and approve their budgeting and expenditures in the appropriate Part IV, Special Revenue budget Resolution and approve any amendments and/or contracts required to fully implement the programs.

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

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

[2. CARL D. PERKINS IV, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SECONDARY PROGRAMS PLAN/GRANT APPLICATION](#)

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges Carl D. Perkins IV.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Attachment to CARL D. PERKINS IV - CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SECONDARY PROGRAMS PLAN GRANT APPLICATION.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member  
Ms. Chris Force, Director, Career/Technical Education  
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Chair

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve, and confirm submission of, a Perkins IV application to the Florida Department of Education to comply with the requirement of the Carl D. Perkins IV, Career and Technical Education Secondary Programs. As required by law, this work is a collaboration of Worksource, the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce, Postsecondary Partners and Duval County Public Schools. - PASS

That the Duval County School Board approve the acceptance of these funds.

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Thomas Hazouri

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

[8. OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION CENTERS - THE JACKSONVILLE JOURNEY](#)

Attachment: [B-C-ATOSS. DOC.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Board Chair

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board confirm submission of a grant proposal to the City of Jacksonville, Jacksonville Children's Commission, in the amount not to exceed \$1,067,423.
2. That the Duval County School Board, upon notification of the award, approve acceptance of these funds and their budgeting in the appropriate Part 1, General Revenue Budget Resolution, approve expenditures as indicated in the grant proposal and approve any amendments required to implement proposal in full. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Thomas Hazouri

Second: Victoria Drake

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

Human Resource Services - Staffing

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

Attachment: [HRS Attach 08-03-10 TRANS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [HRS Attach Asst Prin 08-03-10.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member  
Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Officer OPS  
Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Officer, Human Resource Services  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Vice Chair

The Superintendent introduced some of those new joining our staff and/or moving to a different position:

Moving to School Chief:  
Tony Bellamy, Jackie Byrd, and Debbie Mennard

Moving to Executive Director:  
Stephanie Manabat

Moving to Neptune Beach, principal:  
Elizabeth Cavanaugh

Moving within at Lone Star, principal:  
Anastasia Washington

Congratulations to all of you and we know you'll do a great job!  
Thank you.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board  
approve the Human Resource Services  
employee transactions on the  
attachment. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Nay

Emergency Agenda Items

1. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO SUPERINTENDENT EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR W. E. (ED) PRATT-DANNALS RELATING TO THE DATE OF 2010 FORMAL EVALUATION

Attachment: [AMENDMENT NO. 1 - 2010.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 amendment to Superintendent's Employment Agreement for W.E. (Ed) Pratt-Dannals relating to the date of 2010 formal Evaluation

Speaker:

Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve an Amendment to the Superintendent Employment Agreement to extend the date of the Board's 2010 formal evaluation to occur no later than August 27, 2010, as necessitated by the Florida Department of Education's delayed release of official District Schools' 2009-2010 FCAT scores; and authorize the Chairman to Execute the same on behalf of the Board when form approved by the Office of General Counsel.

- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Betty Burney

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: *No travel for Board members this month.*

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

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

July 29, 2010 - Commissioner's Meeting - Tallahassee, FL

Motions:

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

- July 29, 2010 - Commissioner's Meeting - Tallahassee, FL - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Betty Burney

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 said today is my wife's birthday and I want to say "Happy Birthday" to her. She's been my babysitter now for the last 4-5 days...almost 45 years, but particularly the last week or so.

Ms. Burney said I did attend the Parent University that was put on by Title I. They did an awesome job and well attended. The workshops were great.

Ms. Broner invited everyone tomorrow on behalf of the Board to the ribbon cutting for our new high school, Atlantic Coast High, which is very exciting. We worked a long time on that one.

The next time we meet at the Board meeting, school will have started and I'd like to say to the teachers, administrators, staff, students and parents that we are confident in our teachers, administrators and kids in performing well. Even though these are rough times financially and alot of times all we hear are the problems we face, we have a group of fantastic teachers and students and I know it's going to be a great year.

Mr. Hazouri said I look forward to tomorrow as it's been a long time coming and for those of you who haven't seen the school, I encourage you to visit it because Atlantic Coast is the first new high school in 21 years and it's going to be exciting. It's everything we want in a high school and more.

Ms. Priestly Jackson thanked Ms. Mann and I was trying to think of the individuals who work with you. Yesterday, the Superintendent, Mr. Dennis and I had an opportunity to participate in a graduation ceremony for our young people, senior who graduated over the summer. These were young people who had not met all of the requirements in the spring of the year to graduate with their schools so they hung in there and stayed and ought to be commended because there are so many indicators that they could not have moved forward. We thank them for staying in there and changing their life options for success by graduating. We, also, thank

them from a district perspective because they get counted with their cohort of kids so that's the real time reality of it. They go with their class that graduated in June. They are not in any way detrimentally impacted, so it was really positive to see them. Thank you for including us and so we would hope many more young people will finish.

Everyone is getting ready as school starts for our young people in two weeks and 5 days. How do I know? I have two at home and teachers go back less than that. They go back in one week and 5 days. We look forward to an exciting year for young people in the district. School starts with day 1!

Ms. Broner said she should have mentioned and Ms. Priestly Jackson's comments prompted me to also commend the two students at Fletcher High School. We had a little graduation ceremony yesterday morning for them. To come back and put on the cap and gown and we did the processional and all of that, that takes some extra spirit for these kids to hang in there, so I really want to join in and congratulations!

Adjournment

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman