



Duval County Public Schools

August 4, 2009, Regular Board Meeting

Ms. Betty Burney
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Chairman
Mr. Stan Jordan
Mr. W. C. Gentry
Ms. Nancy Broner
Ms. Vicki Drake
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
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, Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman, Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman, and Board members: Ms. Nancy Broner, Ms. Betty Burney, Ms. Vicki Drake, Mr. W. C. Gentry and Mr. Stan Jordan, present.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

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

Mr. Gentry said on behalf of the Board and so many who were friends of Jim King,, take a moment of silent prayer in memory of this great man. He was a great champion of this community, education and kids. He was a big man and I'm convinced he had to be because he had such a great heart and a great sense of responsibility. It took big shoulders for him to carry that. If we could just take a moment for a silent prayer and for the thankfulness that he was in our lives and grace and solace to his family members. Amen.

Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals said in addition to Senator King, as Mr. Gentry said, was a huge champion of education in Jacksonville and if it were not for him, we'd probably never have gotten the funding equalized between Duval and other districts.

In addition to Senator King, we also lost Dr. Ezekiel Bryant who at one point was a principal in the district and spent most of his time in Jacksonville at Florida Community College, now Florida State College at Jacksonville and he was the north campus president. I did have the opportunity to work with Dr. Bryant. This week, Jacksonville, Florida and the nation has lost two great educators and I agree with Mr. Gentry's tribute and we want to extend our sympathy to Dr. Bryant and his family.

Ms. Burney said she wanted to echo the Superintendent's remarks with regards to Dr. Ezekiel Bryant. Dr. Bryant was my high school principal and a giant of a man who spoke with the students at Raines High School and informed us every day that we were number one and never to accept number two. His spirit of excellence has lived on through numerous Vikings who have become leaders of this city and leaders of so many other cities throughout the United States. Thank you and I thank the Bryant family...we're going to do a resolution for him next month.

The Chairman said both of these men will be greatly missed!

Invocation

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes: Board Member Vicki Drake gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Presentations

[1. WELLNESS AWARD](#)

Minutes:

--During the inaugural First Coast Worksite Wellness Conference in May, Jacksonville Mayor John Peyton presented Duval County Public Schools' Department of Employee Wellness with a Bronze Award for being one of Jacksonville's Healthiest 100 Worksites.

--Our Department of Employee Wellness was one of many wellness

worksites throughout Jacksonville to be recognized by the Mayor's Council on Fitness and Well-Being.

--These awards were designed to commend and formally recognize companies and organizations of all sizes for their commitment to improving employee health.

--To qualify for the bronze award, DCPS had to have a health promotion program with employee health and wellness as the underlying goal.

--Would Crystal Wright, Supervisor of Employee Benefits, and Tonya Hill, Wellness Coordinator, come forward to be recognized?

--Congratulations to both of you for receiving this influential honor on behalf of our district. The newly revamped Employee Wellness Department not only has a positive impact on our employees' individual health, but also helps to reduce future health care costs for the district.

2. DISTINGUISHED BUDGET AWARD

Minutes:

-- Recently, Duval County Public Schools received numerous awards from both the Government Officers Association of the United States & Canada, and the Association of School Business Officials International for our annual budget reports and our comprehensive annual financial report.

-- The first two awards were presented to our Budget Department for the presentation of our annual budget reports.

--For the second year in a row, Duval County Public Schools received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

--To receive this award, organizations have to meet certain budgetary guidelines that assess how well their budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device.

--For the fourth consecutive year, we have also received the Meritorious Budget Award.

--To receive the award, organizations must provide understandable and clear budget guidelines, encourage state-of-the-art budget practices, and demonstrate sound fiscal management practices.

--The next group of awards was presented to our Business Services team for the preparation and presentation of comprehensive annual financial

report.

--For the eighth consecutive year, Duval County Public Schools has received Certificates of Excellence in Financial Reporting from both agencies for our comprehensive annual financial report.

--Being a recipient of both of these prestigious awards has a positive impact on the district's debt issuance, and provides the district with a stronger investor confidence. These awards reflect the professionalism and commitment of numerous individuals. It also reflects a high degree of dedication and leadership on the part of the Business Services staff on behalf of our district.

--Would Mike Perrone, Executive Director of Budget Services, and Cindy Hill, Director of Business Services, please come forward to accept these awards?

--I commend both our Budget and Business Services staff for their continued commitment to sound financial practices during these tough fiscal times. These awards represent a significant achievement by our school district.

3. CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Minutes: *(Included in Distinguished Budget Awards)*

4. PRESENTATION OF CHECK FOR E-PAYABLES

Minutes:

--Last year, Bank of America presented Duval County Public Schools' Accounts Payable Department with a check for more than \$257,000. The check, a rebate the district received from the first nine months of using the new *e-Payables* program, was invested in the district's classrooms.

--Tonight, a representative from Bank of America are here to present us with a rebate check for more than \$284,000, for money earned during the 2008-2009 fiscal year, an increase of 10% over last year's initial implementation year for the *e-Payables* program.

--*e-Payables* is an electronic credit card payment program used to pay vendors, which saves the district the costs of printing paper checks. The program was implemented in September 2007 after it was identified as a cost savings strategy that would also generate revenue by Project Invest, a task force formed by Duval County Public Schools and the Alliance for World Class Education, now known as the Jacksonville Public Education

Fund. The task force's mission was to identify possible cost saving changes in the district's business administrative offices.

--Here tonight to present Duval County with a rebate check for more than \$284,000 is Evan Tullos, Senior Vice President of Global Treasury Services for Bank of America.

--Would Mr. Tullos and members of the Accounts Payable department please come forward?

--This rebate represents the hard work and determination of Project Invest, Purchasing Services and the Accounts Payable Department working together to invest in the future of Duval County students.

-- In addition to the e-Payables rebate, Accounts Payable, with the assistance of Purchasing Services, was able to negotiate discounted payment terms with vendors. These cash discounts netted the district an additional \$125,000 during fiscal year 2009.

Comments From Audience

[COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Rufus B. Fletcher, III, said there is something I would like to share with you. There is a twisted form of gentrification going on. Gentrification is when mortgage and finance companies flood a community with home loans. They make the borrowing process seem easy and needed. Then the borrower is hit over the head with all types of other expenses. Broker gratuities, balloon payments, and all sorts of other hidden items. What this program is doing is hitting our educational community over the head, literally. (*See Attachment*).

Ms. Stacy Aubrey, representing Riverside Fine Arts and ACE (Arts for a Complete Education). I know we come every month so I have some fun things to tell you this year. We go into schools and provide free concerts with local and international professional musicians. Last year, we reached 17,498 students in Duval County elementary schools and LaVilla and Douglas Anderson School of the Arts and 1,166 adults. 40% of the kids that were reached and touched by the arts were in our Title I schools. This year our goal is to hit all 49 Title I schools. We did 35 programs and it was a total of 27 schools. One of the programs we did offer was the Box Coffee Cantata; we had Friday Musicale co-produce this with us and we paid for all of the busing and for the musicians and performers. I brought two letters to read from two

students who were touched by this performance and I think they will "touch" you, as well. We look forward to exceeding this goal.

Mr. Edward Exson said as the 2009-2010 school year convenes, I am wishful that all students become inclined to consider there is no option to drop out. For those that don't have the support of reinforcements or confirmation of the value of education in their home, let their fortune be so that someone or an organization be so magnanimous in helping which would transform their doomed fate that they, too, can succeed in spite of the conditions. No one anguishes over not being properly educated more than me, for that's a handicap that's not easily overcome and for some, impossible. Accordingly, dropouts and failing students are all subjects of my compassion. Black leaders, it is time to come to grips with our problem. Willie Lynch instructed the slave owners that it will last for at least 300 years and he had a huge impact on African Americans. Now, it's about to sunset 1712-2012, and still, we are engulfed by another group, just as wicked, the black church. W. E. DuBois "criticized black urban churches for catering to the better off and betraying the working man and for taking too great a portion of the poor families' income which would be better used for more pressing needs, such as housing." Moreover, he included "multiple portraits of black ministers as ignorant, drunken, unlearned, dishonest, and immoral" - that is as today as it was in 1903. It has always astonished me how the preacher has enraptured so many so-called highly educated people to subscribe to his exploitations and folly. They are to be pitted as much as failing students. I pray, "*Oh God, as you still reign, bring forth your wrath on these rogue preachers and send the taxman to take back your tithe that the preachers have put in their storehouses. Amen!*" Thank you.

Mr. Eddie Diamond, Jr, tonight I come to you as an ambassador for the New Town Success Program. We're working with S.P. Livingston and Eugene Butler. The Back to School Rally kicks off on August 22 and they'll have free physicals and asthma checkups - free to the community. All those who love their community and say they love their children, now is the time to give. You may bring books to the elementary school or write a check to the PTA. Children need two things - exposure and opportunity. So, tonight, I'm asking to the public, no matter what your position is, go to those schools and support them. The teachers are there to educate and the new after school program - they are offering a lot for the kids, as well. This is an opportunity for us to lift those kids up because they have been under pressure for years over in New Town. I'm challenging the preachers because the children are the most important. If you're going to practice what you preach, let's move and lift these children up; let's rise to the occasion.

Comments From Parent Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

PTA Report - Annette Worthen, PTA President:

Good evening my name is Annette Worthen; I am President of the Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs.

First, I would like to acknowledge the late Senator Jim King and as many before me, once again mention what a wonderful advocate he was on behalf of the children in the state of Florida and especially here in Duval County. The students past, present and future of DCPS are reaping the benefits of his dedication to the proper funding of public education. I know he will be greatly missed by his family, friends and colleagues as well as the citizens of the communities he served.

As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, PTA volunteers work year round speaking on behalf of every child. One of the ways we do that it by making sure the PTA leadership is trained and educated. To that end, the Florida PTA Leadership Conference and Training was held in Tarpon Spring this past month. Over 50 PTA volunteers from Duval County attended the conference and training. They took courses in Leadership, Finance and Advocacy. Here in Duval County we will host a Workshop in the early fall also offering a variety of courses for the local unit leaders and members that want to further their knowledge or were unable to attend the Florida PTAs Conference.

Local units are all preparing for this coming school year. We are continuing to support the local units as they call us in regards to audits, budgets, tax forms and general questions about organizing their local unit. If you have a local unit in your District that needs our help, please have them contact us. We are here to provide direction and assistance to all the PTA/PTSA. The first General meeting of the DCCPTA will be held right here in the Cline Auditorium on August 25th which happens to be the second day of school, with hospitality beginning at 9:30 and the meeting will be from 10am-noon.

The PTA volunteers will have a strong presence at the Back to School Giveaway at the Teacher Supply Depot. The opening is scheduled for August 14th from 8:30am to 1pm. Chris is still accepting donations from local businesses and community members. If anyone has goods that they would like to donate please call Chris at the depot. Her number is 381-7480.

District Advisory Council - Rachel Raneri, Chairman:

The District Advisory Council met on Monday, July 27th. We had a lower than usual attendance, but that was expected in the summer. Those who did attend received some very important information.

I would like to thank the Honorable Stan Jordan for attending this meeting. He shared his personal insights with us. I would also like to thank Representative Mia Jones for bringing her concerns and answers to our questions. She suggested that we work with Martin Miller and other school district lobbyists to present a joint front to protect public schools. She is also working on a bill to secure personal information for teachers and their families.

Superintendent Pratt-Dannals shared budget concerns and that he and Mr. Hazouri would be attending the Jacksonville Charter Revision Commission.

Mr. Doug Ayars described the plans for a flawless opening of the new school year and let us know when the ribbon cuttings for the 2 new schools, Westview K-8 and Bartram Springs Elementary would be held.

The newest member of the District Advisory Council is Dawn Mills, a former Duval County employee and now the School Liaison Officer for NAS Jacksonville. She explained to us about Impact Aid dollars for students who live on Federal property.

I thank those who were able to attend last week. The District Advisory Council meets on the 4th Monday of each month. The 4th Monday of this month is the first day of school, so we will meet on the 5 Monday, August 31st at 6:00 pm in room 613. We hope to have a Board member join us then.

Comments From Employee Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes: No comments from Employee Organizations this evening.

Student Achievement, Reform Activities, And Reports

[1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Charter Revision Commission:

On July 30th, Vice Chairman Priestly Jackson, Superintendent Pratt-Dannals and I had the opportunity to address the Charter Revision Commission. We shared that today's Board is focused on student achievement and that this should be everyone's goal who supports our school system.

We also addressed comments which have been made regarding breaking up the district into smaller school districts and having an appointed versus an elected Board. While the concept of mayoral appointed Boards and smaller districts may sound sensible, and

some mayors may want that power, I don't think any mayor would want the responsibility of governing the city and the school system and expect great success. Less we be reminded after Tuesday night's City Council Budget Hearing, a mayor has all he/she can handle dealing with their own billion dollar budget and the many priorities that must and should be funded.

What I believe the Commission can do is review how the city and the school district, in their own common way, help make consolidation work to the benefit of the taxpayers and our kids. A review of the relationship or lack thereof between the school district and the JEA is but one important area to look at. The Superintendent will delve further into this issue but it is clear that the school district gets no contribution from the JEA, yet, we receive nearly half of the property taxes. The city gets nearly \$100 million dollars and the school district gets the shaft. I believe there are ways we can get funds from the JEA without the threat of raising rates. If there is language that is written to allow any additional reserve contributions from the JEA to the city, it should be shared equally and continued indefinitely.

Equally important, I believe there is beginning to be a better and stronger partnership with the city and the business community. The Jacksonville Journey can be a major partner, the Children's Commission, State Attorney's Office, United Way and other "not for profit" organizations - all working together to be part of the solution for the shared concerns we all have for our children.

I believe, too, where you can review costs savings with the General Counsel's Office, technology and other areas of common interest, they, too, should be reviewed.

Our School Board district recognizes that the education process is a never-ending journey. Transparency of our work, outreach to the community, listening and learning have all made for a more proactive and productive relationship with our parents, business and community leaders. Do we have miles to go? Indeed we do, but have we made significant process? Indeed, we have!

Notwithstanding our appointed authorities, there is no substitute for an elected School Board when it comes to accountability. They represent the people. They have relationships with their constituents. They have a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayer, and they all have one common denominator - student achievement, graduating those students and preparing them for college or the workforce.

Speakers:

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member

Bartram Springs Elementary School:

Tonight, we are highlighting Bartram Springs Elementary School. On August 24, we will open the doors to a new elementary school in District 7 - Bartram Springs Elementary School. Bartram is located at 14799 Bartram Springs Parkway near

Racetrack Road and Phillips Highway and is the southernmost site in Duval County. It is a 98,000 square foot facility and situated on nearly 20 acres of land. Bartram can accommodate more than 800 students and will alleviate overcrowding at Greenland Pines and Loretto Elementary schools. Bartram is expected to open with 530 students and 34 teachers. We will have a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on August 19 at 9:30 am and we invite parents, students and community members to join us at the front of the school to celebrate this event.

Some of the features for Bartram include:

- * All classrooms have video projectors mounted in the ceiling
- * Document cameras in every classroom
- * A hybrid of MAC and Windows technology will be available with a 5-1 ratio of computers to students
- * There will be mobile laptop carts to allow entire classrooms to work on technology projects at the same time
- * The Science lab will have the capacity for two classrooms at one time with Science video streaming capabilities through united streaming
- * The school will offer Extended Day both before and after school
- * 3 Autistic Units and 2 Behavior Support Units to serve students
- * Each classroom will have a library with 500 books
- * 3 playgrounds for students to enjoy; 2 for kindergarten and 1 for intermediate students along with an outdoor covered courtyard and track for physical education classes
- * The cafeteria will accommodate 350 students at one time
- * The school's colors are red, white and blue and the Bald Eagle will be their school mascot.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Jud Strickland, Bartram Springs' new principal, to stand and be recognized. We wish you all the best for a very successful opening and a fantastic school year! This concludes my report.

[2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

We are on our way to being fully prepared for a flawless opening for the first day for teachers on August 17 and the first day for students on August 24. Mr. Ayars and his staff as well as Ms. Willis and her staff are ready and we're excited about the year. We look forward to the prospects of even greater student achievement this year and we have a great team on board.

I'd like to introduce to you our new Executive Director of Risk Management - David Ford. Welcome to Duval County Public Schools. Mr. Ford comes to us most recently from the Palm Beach County school system where he had many of the same responsibilities for risk management, the benefits program, safety and many of the other hats he'll be wearing. I feel we're very fortunate to have someone from Florida because Florida is unique and with his experience and we look forward to having him as part of the team.

Reports

[1. OPERATIONS REPORT - MR. DOUG AYARS](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Ayars said that on August 13, 2009 at Twin Lakes Middle School, the designated principal, Debra Lynch, for the new high school next year, will have public forum for naming the school. So, that process is going to happen. She has sent out fliers and I just wanted to share that this evening that the sequence will begin on August 13.

Mr. Soares spoke on Flawless Opening - I plan to cover two topics briefly, tonight - a report on our Flawless Opening process and the Communications effort on the upcoming changes with regard to school bus transportation.

Flawless Opening - we started the effort on June 16 and it's well underway. What the Flawless Opening process tries to do is to measure progress and preparation for school opening in 19 different categories across our schools. It ranges from staffing, student registration to facility cleanliness and building systems. Each category is measured as either a red, yellow or green for each school. A red is worth "1" point which means we're still putting together the plan or we're not quite where we need to be; a yellow is worth "2" points which means we have a plan in place and we're confident we're going to be ready for the opening; and green is worth "3" points and everything is proceeding as planned and expected. As an example: Facility cleanliness at Fletcher High School which happens to be "green" - 3 points. All together, we have 3,002 points of data and our last update on the 30th, we had 1,475 "greens"; 1,259 "yellows"; and 268 "reds". The average across the district is 2.39, roughly about 2.4, just below the middle between "yellow" and "green" which is where we need to be at this time of the year and that number will move closer to "3" as we shift to more "greens" or more of our preparations being ready for the first week of school.

Transportation - We're continuing to distribute information on the upcoming transportation changes. A quick summary on ways we're putting out information via fliers summarizing all the changes that are being mailed home next week plus hard copies are being placed in school packs. An earlier version of the was sent home at the end of the school year and a copy is posted on our website and being mailed to School

Advisory Councils, District Advisory Councils and PTAs. Our bus routes are by school and will be sent out this week and a hard copy is posted to our Duval County website. An updated bus stop change memorandum listing the stops changed, by school, is being sent to the schools via email and also posted to our website. A hard copy of that memorandum was sent during the last week of school in June. Our Transportation Call Center opens on August 11 through September 4, from 7:00 am - 6:30 pm and the number to call is 381-7433 (381-RIDE). Our Communications Office will cover transportation changes and the Transportation Call Center Stand Up on all television stations as of August 11 and will follow up on Channel 4 on August 17. Also, expect our staff to begin additional interviews for articles in newspapers as we get closer and closer to the first day of school. It's a full blast effort to get the word out and, hopefully, we'll have a smooth start.

Speakers:

Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Mr. Paul Soares, Chief Officer, Operations Support
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

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

Minutes:

Ms. Willis said tonight I'd like to give you some Professional Development opportunities teachers have been involved in over the summer:

Academic Services and the Schultz Center have collaborated extensively on professional development this summer. Some of the activities have included:

Professional Development to support the implementation of the Florida Assessment for Instruction in Reading (FAIR), the state's new assessment system for students in grades K-12. The state has provided FAIR Master Trainer sessions for teachers during the spring of 2009. In the summer, teachers attended the Just Read, Florida! Regional Institute at Wolfson High School July 27-30 to be trained as Master Trainers. Administrators also received FAIR overview training at the Institute.

- 225 Elementary teachers or coaches have been trained as Master Trainers
- 90 Secondary teachers or coaches have been trained as Master Trainers
- 133 Elementary and Secondary Principals have received Administrator Overview training.

The first testing window for FAIR will be August 31 – October 19. All schools are participating.

- The Schultz center has conducted thousands of quality professional development hours for DCPS teachers this summer. The offerings include:

Elementary Literacy- 664 participants
Secondary ELA- 222 participants
Secondary Reading- 72 participants
Elementary Math- 112 participants
Secondary Math- 74 participants
Leadership- 713 participants
New Teacher Training- 231 participants
Technology- 301 participants

- Extensive PROMISE (Partnership to Rejuvenate and Optimize Math and Science Education in Florida) professional development for the Next Generation SSS has been ongoing throughout the summer. Eleven modules have been conducted with topics that include Science Theories, Nature of Matter, Biology, Earth Space Science, Algebra and Geometry. A total of 336 teachers have participated. Additionally, there were 2-week Summer Institutes in which teachers received professional development through University of Florida professors.
- Numerous science workshops have occurred for approximately 100 Duval teachers and Advanced SpringBoard PD just finished for 120 ELA and 70 secondary math teachers.
- The District Response to Intervention (RtI) committee is writing a comprehensive District RtI Plan to support schools in this first year of planning and implementation. A District Team from Academic Services and the Schultz Center is currently receiving state Train-the-Trainer professional development.
- Core subject area teachers in the Turnaround Schools are returning early to their schools (August 10-13) for a jump start on getting ready for the school year. Academic Services is working with the Clusters and the STARS team to provide teacher support in mathematics, English language arts, reading, science, and social studies.
- Finally, school will open with our annual pre-planning on August 19th in which all of our teachers will be involved in professional development opportunities and meetings. All curriculum areas will provide valuable information about teaching and learning for the upcoming year.
- A total of approximately 3,201 DCPS teachers have participated in professional development opportunities offered by Academic Services and the Schultz Center.

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 4, 2009, AGENDA

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the August 4, 2009, Agenda as submitted on July 28, 2009, with the following changes:
Approval of Minutes - July 28, 2009, Special Meeting Minutes - Added Human Resource Services - Staffing - Item 1 - Human Resource Services Employee Transactions - Revised Attachment Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment - Item 1 - Charter School Contract for Pathways Academy Charter School - Revised Agenda Item Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance - - PASS
Item 3 - Contract Award: Drainage Site Improvements at Ft. Caroline Elementary School NO. 235: Construction Contract Award DSCB Project No. 91350 - Replacement Item Operations - Purchasing and Logistics - Item 8 - Health Insurance Renewal - Withdrawn
Emergency Agenda Item - Item 1 - Date Change for Public Hearing and Vote on the Final 2009-2010 Millage Levies and Final Budget for the 2009-2010 School Year - Item Added
Superintendent's Travel - Revised Item

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

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

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following minutes:

- July 7, 2009 - Regular Meeting
- July 14, 2009 - Special - Student Expulsion Hearing(s)
- July 14, 2009 - Board Workshop
- July 21, 2009 - Board Workshop
- July 21, 2009 - Special Meeting
- July 28, 2009 - Special Meeting

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Minutes for the Meetings listed in the Agenda Item. July 7, 2009 - Regular July 14, 2009 - Special - Student Expulsions July 14, 2009 - Workshop July 21, 2009 - Workshop July 21, 2009 - Special July 28, 2009 - Special - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Nancy Broner

- Nancy Broner - Aye
- Betty Burney - Aye
- Victoria Drake - Aye
- William Gentry - Aye
- Thomas Hazouri - Aye
- Stan Jordan - Aye
- Brenda Priestly jackson - Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motions:	
	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Victoria Drake	
Second: Betty Burney	
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

Consent Agenda

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Attachment: [Master May 2009 Final Board Statement Worksheet \(2\).pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

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

Attachment: [Board Approval - Renewal 08-4-09.pdf](#)

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

Attachment: [Board Approval - New 08-04-09.pdf](#)

2. SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF FINAL INSPECTION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS OVER \$1,000,000 AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS: WESTVIEW K-8 SCHOOL NO. 274/DCSB PROJECT C-90470

Attachment: [August 09 Agenda Item C-90470 CFI 6 15 09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [August 09 Agenda Item C-90470 CSC 6 15 09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [August 09 B-C-C90470 CSC 6 16 09.pdf](#)

3. CONTRACT AWARD: DRAINAGE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT FT. CAROLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 235: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD DCSB PROJECT NO. C-91350

Attachment: [C-91350 Ft Caroline Bid MBE letter262.pdf](#)

Attachment: [07-28-09-letter-DCPS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [August 09 BC Agenda Item PLACEMENT Drainage Site Impr at No 235 C-91350.pdf](#)

Attachment: [C-91350 Ft Caroline Bid Tabulation Sheet263.pdf](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

1. METAL OFFICE FURNITURE

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM Metal office furniture bid.pdf](#)

Attachment: [METAL OFFICE FURNITURE TAB.pdf](#)

2. SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL - PROQUEST INFORMATION AND LEARNING

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

3. HORIZONTAL BLINDS

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

Attachment: [HORIZONTAL BLINDS itb 043 09 Im.pdf](#)

4. REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT OR RESURFACING OF TACK BOARDS AND LIQUID CHALK SYSTEMS (MARKER BOARDS) AND SMART BOARDS

Attachment: [removal replacement or resurfacing of tack board and liquid chalk.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM Marker Boards \(2\).pdf](#)

5. TEXTBOOKS FOR EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

Attachment: [August 4 2009 BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES.pdf](#)

6. SUPPLEMENTAL ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION SERVICES

Attachment: [Catapult Learning BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM 01-14-08 \(2\) \(2\).pdf](#)

7. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

Attachment: [05August09.pdf](#)
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8. HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL -- WITHDRAWN

Academic Services

[3. TREE HILL AGREEMENT RENEWAL](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS CHALLENGES FORM Tree Hill 08-04-09.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Broner made the following comments for the following Academic Service items:

3. Tree Hill Agreement Renewal
4. Starbase Agreement Renewal
5. Museum of Science and History Agreement Renewal
6. Jacksonville Zoo Agreement Renewal
8. Continuation Agreement with Communities in Schools for 2009-2010

My comments are to articulate my support of these items and I want the public to understand the services all of these organizations provide for our children and they were reduced as we had to cut back due to budget cuts two years ago. These agencies have played a key role in our balanced education and educating the whole child and it's really important that we maintain our partnerships. I just wanted to say how much I appreciate the partnerships we have with all of these organizations and appreciate the extra efforts they make in the face of the budget cutbacks.

Chairman Hazouri wanted to add that in this day and time of the city doing it, we're doing it...having to cut back in these important areas, I hope that we can get back on course in the next year or so and renew our efforts because all of the schools benefit tremendously.

[4. STARBASE AGREEMENT RENEWAL](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS CHALLENGES FORM STARBASE 08-04-09 \(2\).pdf](#)

Minutes: *See Ms. Broner's comments in Item 3*

5. MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Attachment: [BENEFITS CHALLENGES MOSH 08-04-09.pdf](#)

Minutes: *See Ms. Broner's comments in Item 3*

6. JACKSONVILLE ZOO AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Attachment: [BENEFITS & CHALLENGES Jax Zoo 2009 08 04.pdf](#)

Minutes: *See Ms. Broner's comments in Item 3*

7. 2009-2010 FLORIDA'S DIFFERENTIATED ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN GRANT AGREEMENT

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

Attachment: [Amendment to Grant Agreement.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Budget.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Position Descriptions \(2\).pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly Jackson said I am supporting this item and I'd like a general overview for the public as to how this is aligning our state system along with the Florida A++ System. In that, if you could share whether or not we think this would create a more expansive opportunity for curriculum for us or is this going to be an additional narrowing curriculum for our young people? Does it free us up to have less mandates and, thereby, a little more flexibility or is it going to create additional mandates? My understanding is more of alignment.

Superintendent Pratt-Dannals said, yes, as you recall, Florida was one of the states that submitted an application to the federal government to combine the State Plan and the Federal Plan. There are a lot of disconnects between the two. Florida has a number of schools that are A schools that are not making AYP and that's because when the state of Florida developed its plan before No Child Left Behind, they decided not to change it. Most other states have much lower criteria to meet to AYP. Florida was poised to have 500+ schools in restructuring. Had we not done something with an agreement with the Feds, and so we submitted the plan, basically aligns the two such that the expectations, the sanctions and the support are aligned and it's a good thing. There were some districts that had concerns about it because it placed on non-Title 1 schools, some of the requirements in terms of performance of sub-groups, getting better. For instance, your African American students whose reading may have not gone up but the school is an A grade. In the past, there weren't any consequences on that unless you were a Title 1 school. With this Differentiated Accountability, everybody has to pay attention to those sub-groups, so, I think it's a good thing. There are some challenges with it...for instance, some of the first runs leads

to some changes and some adjustments, but I think for the most part, it's a positive thing. Like all things, it can be tweaked and made better, but overall, I think it's a good thing for Florida and I appreciate the Commissioner's work on getting that passed through the Feds.

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestley Jackson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Terri Stahlman, Chief Officer of Technology

8. MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT (SACS CASI) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,500

9. CONTINUATION AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS FOR 2009-2010

Attachment: [SEPPProgram20092010EndofYearReportfor20072008.pdf](#)

Attachment: [SEPPProgram20092010BudgetDetail.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BenefitsandChallengesFormAgreementwithCIS20092010.pdf](#)

Minutes:

See Ms. Broner's comments in Item 3

Ms. Burney said I want to echo Ms. Broner's comments with regards to Communities in Schools who have been an excellent partner with our district for a number of years. I also want to share with the public that Communities in Schools is doing something that it has done for years and that is having a free Back to School rally. I believe the rally is this upcoming Saturday at Gateway Mall. What they have done for years is provide supplies, information - everything a child and parent could possibly need - they have provided for free. We want to thank them for that.

What is special is this year, it's being named in honor of a former principal - Dr. Roy Mitchell who is now deceased, but was former principal of Eugene Butler, Robert E. Lee, Raines and more importantly for me, he was a principal on Special Assignment when former School Board Chairman Jimmie Johnson and I worked with Project Reach. I feel there's nothing more fitting than to name this event in his honor because he worked so hard to make sure that young people were able to receive everything that they needed to do with regards to resources to get a high quality public education. Thank you and I know that Mr. Bagsden and Mr. White are out in the audience - thank you, again, for all you do!

Discussion

Board Members

1. EMERGENCY TRAVEL

Minutes:

Speaker:

Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member

Ms.. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel

Ms. Broner offered a motion to defer this item until the September agenda and discuss it at the Board workshop scheduled for August 18, 2009.

Mr. Gentry seconded the motion.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board direct the Superintendent to prepare the 2009-2010 Budget to reflect an emergency allocation for travel limited to \$300,000. The Superintendent shall be granted prior approval to expend the base allocation of \$300,000 as he determines on an as needed basis. -

Vote Results

Motion: Stan Jordan

Second: William Gentry

Motions:

Motion to defer to September Board meeting. - PASS

Vote Results	
Motion: Nancy Broner	
Second: Stan Jordan	
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

Human Resource Services - Staffing

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

Attachment: [Agenda_08-04-09_TRANS.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

- Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
- Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
- Ms. Patricia Willis, Deputy Superintendent
- Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
- Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Officer of Human Resource Services
- Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
- Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
- Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
- Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve the Human Resource Services employee transactions on the attachment.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Victoria Drake	
Second: Nancy Broner	

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

2. REDUCTION IN FORCE OF TEACHERS FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Minutes:

Speakers:

- Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
- Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Officer of Human Resource Services
- Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
- Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
- Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
- Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member

Mr. Jordan offered a motion to postpone this item until the September 1, 2009 Board meeting.

Mr. Gentry seconded the motion.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve a Reduction in Force for the following position pursuant to Article I, the Duval Tenure Laws of Florida, Chapter 21197 (1941) as amended and Florida Statutes 1012.33. Industrial/Vocational Education - 1 least senior teacher

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake	
Second: Nancy Broner	
Nancy Broner	-
Betty Burney	- Nay
Victoria Drake	-
William Gentry	-
Thomas Hazouri	-
Stan Jordan	-
Brenda Priestly jackson	-

Motions:	
Postpone Item	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Stan Jordan	
Second: Nancy Broner	
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

1. SUSPENSIONS WITHOUT PAY

Attachment: [HRS_attach_08-04-09_susp.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

- Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
- Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
- Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Nay

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Nay

Thomas Hazouri - Nay

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

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

Attachment: [July 2009 Travel \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [September 2009 Travel \(2.1\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [October 2009 Travel \(2.1\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [November 2009 Travel \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [August 2009 Travel \(2.1\).pdf](#)

Minutes: Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve out -of-state travel per the attached list pursuant to Florida Statutes. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Nancy Broner

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly jackson - Aye

[2. APPROVE EXPENDITURES FOR MOBILE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES, STIPENDS AND OR SERVICE](#)

Attachment: [pagers for august board.pdf](#)

Attachment: [cell phones for august board.pdf](#)

Minutes: Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Mr. Mike Perrone, Executive Director, Budget Services

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman

Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the attached list for mobile communication devices, stipends and/or services pursuant to state statute. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Nancy Broner

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye

Operations - Information Technology

1. FUNDS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION (FIE) FEDERAL EARMARK GRANT

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

Minutes:

Speakers:

- Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
- Dr. Kris Larsen, Supervisor, Alternative Education
- Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
- Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board confirm submission of a proposal for federal earmark funding under the Funds for the Improvement of Education (FIE) program in an amount not to exceed \$285,000. 2. That the Duval County School Board, upon notification of award, approve acceptance of these grant funds and their budgeting in the appropriate Part I, General Revenue Budget Resolution, approve expenditures as indicated in the grant proposal, and approve any amendments required to implement the proposal in full. 3. That the Duval County School Board approve expenditures of FIE grant funds to purchase Compass Odyssey software for 12 STAR schools at a cost not to exceed \$215,000. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: William Gentry

Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye

Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment

[1. CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT FOR PATHWAYS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
 Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
 Dr. Kris Larsen, Supervisor, Alternative Education

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve a revised ten-year contract with Pathways Academy Charter School and authorize the Chairperson and the Superintendent to execute the contract on behalf of the Board subject to review and approval as to form by the Office of General Counsel. The contract approval is contingent upon the FDOE allowing charter schools to offer the GED Exit Option. If the FDOE does not allow charter schools to offer the GED Exit Option, an amended contract with the necessary modifications will be brought back to the Board in September (however, during this interim period, the charter school will be permitted to open and commence operations under the modified scope dictated by FDOE).

- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake
 Second: Betty Burney

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

Academic Services

[1. EDUCATIONAL DIRECTIONS LLC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SELECTED SCHOOLS](#)

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges DeSensi 09.pdf](#)

Minutes: Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
 Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
 Ms. Patricia Willis, Deputy Superintendent

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the purchase of services from Educational Directions LLC for professional development for Title I schools, thereby meeting federal requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act for schools in school improvement, corrective action and restructuring for the 2009-2010 school year in an amount not to exceed \$654,000. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Stan Jordan

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson

- Aye

2. CONTINUATION AGREEMENT WITH ALTERNATIVES UNLIMITED FOR THE DROP BACK IN ACADEMY DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAM IN 2009-2010

Attachment: [AlternativesUnlimited2008-2009EOYData.pdf](#)

Attachment: [AlternativesUnlimited-2009-2010-BusinessCaseforDropBackInAcademy-7-16-09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BenefitsandChallengesFormAlternativesUnlimited2009-2010.pdf](#)

Minutes: Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve the continuation of an agreement with Alternatives Unlimited, Incorporated to implement the Drop Back in Academy dropout prevention program at up to twelve community-based sites within Duval County for the 2009-2010 school year in an amount not to exceed \$5,800,000. 2. That the Duval County School Board authorize the Board Chairperson and the Superintendent to affix their signatures to the agreement upon approval as to form and to approve any amendments required to fully execute this agreement. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Nancy Broner

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly jackson

- Aye

10. ALTERNATIVES TO OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ATOSS) FUNDING APPLICATION

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

Minutes: Speaker:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board confirm submission of grant proposals to the Jacksonville Children's Commission in the amount not to exceed \$1,350,000. 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. 3. That the Duval County School Board approve an agreement with community and faith-based partners for the purpose of administering Alternative to Out-of-School Suspension centers from January 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010. 4. That the Duval County School Board authorize the Superintendent and Board Chairperson to execute the appropriate agreement contingent upon award and approval as to form and approve any amendments required to implement this agreement in full.

- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: William Gentry

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

General

1. DISTRICT-WIDE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR PARENTS AND DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES ParentLink 08-04-09.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

- Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
- Dr. Terri Stahlman, Chief Officer of Technology
- Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
- Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
- Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
- Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
- Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member

Motions:

THAT THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT WITH PARLANT TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR A DISTRICT-WIDE AUTOMATED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, PARENTLINK SERVICE, FOR THE 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$156,650 AND FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$223,750. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Nancy Broner

Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Nay
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye

Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

Emergency Agenda Items

[1. DATE CHANGE FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON THE FINAL 2009-2010 MILLAGE LEVIES AND FINAL BUDGET FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR](#)

Minutes:

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

- 1. Date change for Public Hearing and vote on the final 2009-2010 millage levies and final budget for the 2009-2010 school year

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve changing the date of the Public Hearing and Vote on the Final 2009-2010 Millage Levies and Final Budget for the 2009-2010 School Year from September 10, 2009, to September 15, 2009, at 5:05 p.m., at the School Board Administration, First Floor Board Room, and that the related Superintendent authorizations be filed with the City of Jacksonville. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye

Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

Board Member Travel (8:59 am)

BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL

Minutes:

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

August 10-11, 2009 - Emergency Preparedness Meeting - Daytona, FL - Jordan
(No expense to the district)

September 9-11, 2009 - FSBA Board of Directors' Retreat - Orlando, FL -
 Burney, Drake, Gentry

October 8-11, 2009 - CUBE Annual Fall Conference - Austin, TX - Priestly Jackson

October 10-14, 2009 - NFUSSD Fall Conference - Omaha, NE - Drake

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve
 the following Board Members Travel: October 8-
 10, 2009 - CUBE - Austin, Texas - Priestly - PASS
 Jackson October 10-14, 2009 - NFUSSD -
 Omaha, Nebraska - Drake

Vote Results

Motion: William Gentry

Second: Betty Burney

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

Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

Superintendent's Travel

SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL

Minutes:

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

August 14, 2009 - FSBA-FADSS-Florida Educators Investment Trust Fund - Tampa, FL

(No expense to the district for this travel)

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve the following travel for the Superintendent:	
August 14, 2009 - FSBA-FADSS-Florida Educators Investment Trust Fund - Tampa, FL	- PASS
(Note: There is no expense to the District for this travel item.)	
Vote Results	
Motion: Nancy Broner	
Second: Victoria Drake	
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

For The Record

FOR THE RECORD

Minutes:

Ms. Drake said I had the privilege of going to Matthew Gilbert the other day to their graduation ceremony for summer school and saw many talented young people performing. They had their "bridging up ceremony" for those students who moved up from elementary school into middle school. The principal talked about how excited the children were to be 5th graders going into middle school and seeing their new school and get acclimated. The principal mentioned how the 8th graders would have benefited to go to the high school for summer school and have the opportunity familiarize themselves and recommended next year that the 8th graders would be allowed to do so. I went over to First Coast High School and they did a summer program for their incoming 9th graders. It was a week long program to acquaint them with the school, get their schedules, meet the teachers and get to know the school. Everyone talked about what an awesome program it was for the students.

Ms. Priestly Jackson said the new principal at Ribault Senior High School held a community meeting 2-3 weeks ago and we had a very good turn out and it is my understanding he is meeting with the students, as well. We just want to reassure parents that there are some things in place to make certain the discipline issues are addressed. That's not my primary concern as mine are always academics. There are some innovative practices in terms of a set of books to go home and a set in school and no back packs and things that I would hope will reassure parents. The principal also has a military background and told a little bit about himself. I'm an invested parent. My son has been there and going into his senior year and at a future date, I shall share some positive, blessed things that is happening with him and show that a good product comes from all of our schools and all the young people in them deserve us to invest in them and the school should not continue to be stigmatized by a grade, but it's the young people that are involved and engaged.

Ms. Nancy Broner said I want to thank the Commanding Officer Pat Bowman who hosted today the Local School Principal's Visit for the feeder schools. The schools that service the children from Mayport and it was well attended and a good tour. Commander Bowman and his wife had lunch with us and strengthened the partnership that we have with the naval base.

Mr. Jordan said what a difference leadership makes at Terry Parker High School.

Ms. Burney said I had the pleasure today of meeting 231 new teachers in Duval County who were all excited about working for us and I wished them the best. This is the month of August and school starts day one.

Mr. Hazouri wants to remind everyone and Mr. Ayars will be sending a notice about the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies at both Westview K-8 and Bartram Springs, and an early start regarding the new high school (AAA).

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman