



Duval County Public Schools

August 4, 2015, Regular Board Meeting

Ms. Cheryl Grymes, Chairman
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Becki Couch
Mr. Jason Fischer
Dr. Constance S. Hall
Mr. Scott Shine
Ms. Paula D. Wright
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief Officer of Legal Services, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

[INVOCATION OR THOUGHT OF THE DAY](#)

Minutes: The invocation was given by Board Member Paula Wright.

Pledge of Allegiance

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

LAKE SHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Minutes:

Chris Begley, Principal, Lake Shore Middle School

Mr. Begley gave information about Lake Shore Middle School by explaining some of the new programs that have been implemented during the past year and how they have improved student performance, such as:

- creating "schools within a school" to help foster a feeling of a small group on a large school campus for students that come from small elementary schools.
- each group having it's own "specialty" it offers students and parents.

Lake Shore partners with the University of North Florida to incorporate teaching interns into their program. They offer sports and extracurricular activities to their students as well as a student recognition/mentoring program that incorporates key members in the community. See attached.

Board Member Couch thanked Mr. Begley for coming out to showcase Lake Shore Middle School and growing the programs there.

Communications

RECOGNITION OF GREEN CHAMPIONS

Minutes:

Tonight's first presentation recognizes a number of Duval County employees who have contributed to improvements to the District's ecological footprint with efforts that have made our schools more sustainable and energy efficient.

- Over the past five years, all schools throughout the district

have participated in the Green Champions Program. Staff members designated as Green Champions promote green, sustainable behavior among students and employees while also identifying and reporting opportunities to save energy and water in schools.

- Since the initiative's implementation in 2010, 70 Duval County schools have reduced energy consumption by more than 30 percent and 10 of them reduced consumption by more than 50 percent.
- In addition to school-based successes, the district has also earned numerous honors including Florida's Best Green School District Award, Keep Jacksonville Beautiful awards, and recognition from the Environmental Protection Board.
- Tonight, we're delighted to recognize 13 Green Champions whose leadership and dedication have contributed to the program's successes.
- Joining us to make presentations to the Green Champion Award winners are Susan Carew, Director of Facility Engineering and Energy, and James Richardson from the Environmental Protection Board.

Congratulations to the Gold Level winners:

- Marcia Lamkin, Oceanway MS, represented by Principal Tonya Marx;
- Kelli Heath, John E. Ford K-8, represented by Assistant Principal Shana Ingram;
- Chris Smith, Holiday Hill ES, represented by Principal Tammy Haberman;
- Jackie Weaver, Enterprise ES, represented by Assistant Principal Martin Carter and
- Unable to attend are Thuvan Debellis, Oceanway ES; Nathan Hafner, Alden Road Exceptional Student Center; Teresa Gregson, Thomas Jefferson ES; and Robert Graver, Palm Avenue Exceptional Student Center

Platinum Level winners:

- Colleen Iacuzzo, San Pablo ES;
- Coy Trawick and Mary Mott, James Weldon Johnson College Prep MS, joined by Principal Sharwonda Peek and
- Marcia Rivas, Twin Lakes ES, accompanied by Principal Denise Robertson. Marcia is also the recipient of this year's Environmental Protection Board/DCPS Environmental Champion Award
- Unable to attend is Emma Araya, Arlington Heights ES

And the 2014-2015 Green Champion of the Year, Steve Sherrill from Sandalwood HS

P.E.P. RALLY FOR EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION

Minutes:

The new school year brings with it new goals, opportunities, and milestones. It also brings bragging rights and honors to several participants in the 2015 Public Education Partners (P.E.P.) for Excellence Rally, held on May 30th to celebrate reading and student achievement.

As part of the festivities, the District challenged every school to show their school spirit by participating in the second annual SPIRIT 5K and kids' one-mile Reading Is Fun Run. To encourage participation, several community partners collaborated with us to offer rewards to two schools with the most participants.

The first prize goes to the school with the highest percentage of runners based on enrollment registered for both races by May 22nd. With 52 runners representing seven percent of the school community, this school is receiving an award to keep them moving in the right direction, a bicycle courtesy of Regions Bank.

Representing Regions Bank is Alicia Somers, Household Growth Manager, to congratulate the winner, Chaffee Trail Elementary School led by Principal Casie Doyle and teacher Katherine Tsengas.

The second set of prizes goes to the school that had the highest percentage of runners overall based on enrollment. This school is receiving quite an award. They are being treated to a catered staff lunch donated by AXA Advisors, a specially designed Jostens class ring for its Teacher of the Year, and a check for \$500 from Chartwells-Thompson School Dining Services.

Representatives from each of the companies are here tonight to help make presentations. They are Marie Galke, Financial Advisor for AXA Advisors; Terri Hall, Florida Operations Manager for Jostens; and Louisa Alderson, Marketing Director for Chartwells-Thompson.

With 113 runners representing nearly 40 percent of the school's community, congratulations to Arlington Middle School represented by Principal Yolanda Sanders, Teacher of the Year Micolette Perry, Media Specialist Susan Wyly, and Reading Coach Victoria Johnson.

What is a pep rally with a spirit captain? This year, Board Members acted as spirit captains by showing off their hula hooping skills during a special competition to get attendees excited. The winner with the best hula hooping technique was voted on by the enthusiastic applause of the crowd.

The winner of the contest and keeper of the Spirit Stick for the second consecutive year is the Honorable Paula Wright and the members of District 4. Congratulations Mrs. Wright.

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF AUGUST 4, 2015 AGENDA](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board Approve the August 4, 2015 agenda as submitted on July 28, 2015, with the following changes:

1. Emergency Item - waiver of School Board Policy 6.32 - Teaching out of Field - Item added
2. Communications - Outstanding Community Partner Award - Withdrawn
3. Recommendation of a name for School No. 1561 - Item #16 - Page 476 - Revised agenda item and title - PASS
4. Public Hearing and Approval of Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct - Item #10 - Page 260 - Item revised and attachment added
5. Human Resource Services Employee Transaction - Item #17 - Page 478 - Attachment replaced

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye

Chairperson's Report

[CHAIRMAN'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Cheryl Grymes, Chairman, Duval County School Board

I would like to thank the Jaguars, NFL, Jacksonville Sports Medicine Program, Brooks Rehabilitation, Jacksonville University, Mayor Curry and Dr. Vitti who worked together to put a partnership in place that will assure that we have professionals in our schools that are trained in preventing and properly treating injuries in athletes. The program, titled "Project 17," will place 17 highly trained full-time athletic professionals in all 17 Duval public high schools by 2020.

The five-year training program is estimated to total at least \$1.5 million and is being funded in part by grants from Jacksonville University, the Jaguars and the NFL. The Jaguars Foundation will make a \$50,000 donation toward funding the first year of the program, which the NFL will match with the possibility of donating more in the future. The city also has committed about \$53,000 to the program. Jacksonville University will provide each certified trainer with a tuition-free fellowship to complete the university's kinesiology master's degree program, valued at a total cost of about \$500,000 for all 17 trainers.

I continue to be so proud of our community. This is one more example of how we bring people together to do amazing things for our students.

It is hard to believe but we are only three weeks from the start of school. I appreciate all of you who have been working so hard during the summer to make sure we have a flawless opening.

I want to emphasize to all parents & guardians that Monday, August 24 is the first day of school. We are asking that you make every effort to get

your child to school on the first day. Learning will start on that day and we don't want your child to miss anything.

Superintendent's Report

[SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools

Dr. Vitti reviewed the changes proposed to the Student Code of Conduct for the District, reiterating that research shows when students are suspended from school, they fall behind in their course work and other areas, making them more susceptible to dropping out of school. There was another task force that met four times to tweak the code in an effort to move it closer to perfection. The proposed changes are listed in his PowerPoint presentation (see attached). There will also be changes to the alternative schools regarding where and how long students are placed, wraparound services being increased and the review process done through the hearing office.

Department Reports

[DEPARTMENT REPORTS](#)

Public Comment

[PUBLIC COMMENTS](#)

Minutes:

Marie Galke, Parent

Ms. Galke is Public Education Strong because of all the choices public education offers that private school cannot. Their only problem with public education is choosing the best program for their children.

Isaiah Rumlin

Mr. Rumlin asked the Board to put the name Eugene J. Butler first in the middle school's name and not after the academy names.

Michelle Braun, President and CEO, United Way of Northeast Florida

Ms. Braun thanked the Board for their support of their Achievers for Life Program over the years and emphasized that their support is so much more than financial. She is proud of the family component of the program which the following speaker would clarify more.

Lois Villearreal, Parent

Ms. Villearreal's daughter began middle school as a struggling student who fell behind even more after school began. The Achievers For Life mentor was there for her acting as a "second mom" to her while she was at school. Her grades came up and the family has been involved in events planned for families by the program.

Bill Ferry, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Comcast/NBC Universal

Mr. Ferry supports the Beyond School Walls program through the Big Brother/Big Sister program (BB/BS). His company is one of 13 large companies who support it not only financially, but also with the talents of their employees. The program not only allows students to learn about available jobs in Jacksonville, but it also allows the company to help shape the skills of the students graduating and entering the work force.

Paula Chaon, Citi Bank

City Bank supports the BB/BS program Beyond School Walls and has partnered with Florida Blue in a four-year commitment. They predict a shortage of workers, especially females, in the IT field and hope to increase an interest in it through the BB/BS program.

Warren Grymes, CEO, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Mr. Grymes asked the Board to support the Chamber program that BB/BS has partnered with to strengthen the Jacksonville workforce. Businesses looking to locate businesses in this area ask what the likelihood is of

them being able to find qualified workers in this area. Ensuring they can find qualified workers is the purpose of the Beyond School Walls program. The students of Duval County Public Schools also benefit from the program.

Bob White, Any Given Child

Mr. White thanked the Board for their support over the years of the arts program. Research shows art instruction enhances achievement in other subjects in the classroom and creates a culture of problem solving.

Bradford Hall, Advocate

Mr. Hall presented data of black student performance that reminds everyone of the achievement gap within our school system. He doesn't see enough of the black community in our history books and asked that the Board not change the name of Eugene J. Butler Middle School.

Eddie Diamond, Jr., Volunteer

Mr. Diamond voiced his concern about the violence he has seen in the schools.

Betty Miller

Ms. Miller gave some historical background on Raines High School, citing well-known citizens coming out of the school.

John Nooney

Mr. Nooney asked the Board to consider allowing public access to the St. Johns River by way of School Board property.

Reverend Aaron J. Flagg, Jr., Baptist Ministers Conference of Duval and Adjacent Counties

Rev. Flagg suggested that the Board go back in history and see how things were being done back when Eugene J. Butler was a thriving school. Relationships were formed between the students and faculty. Now the

faculty members are simply a revolving door and there are no relationships formed with the students. Students don't know who their teachers will be the next year.

Comments From Parent Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

Karen Nuland, President, Duval County Council of PTA

The Duval County Council of PTAs has been busy this summer.

The Board along with local PTA units attended the Florida PTA Leadership Convention and came back to Jacksonville energized with new ideas and programs.

We have made presentations to new and current Principals informing them about how PTA units and their schools can work together for all students.

We have been providing training to incoming PTA Presidents and Treasurers of all the local PTA units.

We have been assisting many local PTA units with restarting

The Council Treasurer will be speaking to the schools' bookkeepers. This will help the school bookkeepers and the Treasurers work together on accounting procedures.

We have been meeting with the Jacksonville Public Education Fund on the planning for the EDDY Awards.

Our first General Membership Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1st at 9:00 a.m. in this auditorium. During our General Membership Meetings we'll be training our members to become advocates for the students of Duval County Public Schools.

Sabrina Zinamon, Chair, District Advisory Council (DAC)

The DAC meeting will be held Monday, August 31st, because the 24th is the first day school for students, at 6 p.m. here on the 6th floor. Our Honorable Jason Fischer will be supporting the Board that night. The new Supervisor of the School Improvement Office will be presenting as well.

I just want to say thank you from myself to the Board, to Superintendent Vitti and his staff and also Board secretaries for their encouragement in making my first year as the Chair very eventful and not having any issues when I email someone for a response. Everybody has been wonderful in helping me in completing this first year. I also want to say a special thank you to Mr. Roziers and his department and Ms. Oliver in Communications for assisting the DAC with their web page. If you happened to miss it, go check it out! Mr. Mack and Ms. Oliver did a very good job. Also, there is one last person to thank, Ms. Iranetta Wright, for mentoring me and teaching me the ropes. That being said, we look forward to seeing Mr. Fischer on August 31st.

Comments from District Student Government Association

[COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION](#)

Minutes:

Essence Duncan, President, Jacksonville Association of Governing Students (J.A.G.S.)

My name is Essence Duncan and I served as the first president of the Jacksonville Association of Governing Students for the 2014-2015 school year. Being in J.A.G.S. has been an amazing experience, and I want to thank you for providing us this opportunity. Last year was a busy year, as we went through the process of establishing our organization. From the first meeting getting to know everyone, to going through the process of making up a name, to ending the year with the trip of a lifetime.

Last school year the J.A.G.S. advocated for the one issue that seemed to resonate with almost all high school students--testing. It is one thing to simply complain about testing but as a member of J.A.G.S. we were able to express our feelings about the issue directly to those who needed to hear it. We were able to learn about how the school district manages testing, where those decisions are made, and what we can do to change it. Another focus was student retention of third grade students based on a single test score. The J.A.G.S. felt very strongly about the topic and wanted to advocate as much as they could about the issue.

We also had the opportunity to meet with the student government cabinet members from the University of North Florida, and learned that student government does not end after high school.

Another large event for J.A.G.S. was the Global Young Leaders Conference. I could go on for the rest of the meeting about this trip but I know I only have a few minutes so I won't. The conference was an absolute revelation for me. I learned so many things about other cultures and especially about

my own. Meeting different people from all over the world and being able to feel welcomed was a feeling that can never be duplicated. No one knew each other's past, no one knew all the things we had done, no one knew how we grew up, and we all accepted each other like we had been friends all of our lives. I have truly made friends for life on the trip and even became closer to the members of J.A.G.S. through this opportunity. It was an amazing experience and I couldn't be thankful enough.

For the upcoming school year, there are many things planned for the J.A.G.S. We will be having a 2-day retreat next week that will involve a lot of team-building and informational seminars. We will also be exploring downtown and meeting people that work for City Council, community organizations, and more. Throughout the year, we will be learning a lot about the school system, student voice, and how we can truly make a difference. We will also be planning a service learning project that will not only benefit students, but will also build our skills in the history of Jacksonville, networking, community values, and public speaking. We will be meeting once a month on Early Release dates to talk about the topics and issues concerning students of DCPS. This year will be filled with many events and opportunities for J.A.G.S. and I am more than excited to be a part of it all. I want to thank the School Board Members for making us official and believing in us. This has truly been an amazing year and I can't wait to see what happens during the years to come.

Comments From Employee Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Approval of Minutes

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the minutes for the meetings listed in the agenda item.

- April 30, 2015 - Superintendent's Professional Development Plan - PASS
- July 21, 2015 - Special Board Mtg. - Tentative Budget and Millage

Vote Results	
Motion: Rebecca Couch	
Second: Connie Hall	
Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Rebecca Couch	
Second: Ashley Juarez	
Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Consent Agenda

Academic Services

1. [DUAL ENROLLMENT TEXTBOOKS FALL 2015 AND SPRING 2016](#)
2. [FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE TUITION - DUAL ENROLLMENT FALL 2015 AND SPRING 2016](#)

Attachment: [Duval FSCJ DEAA 2015-2016 Final.pdf](#)

3. [EMBRY RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY - DUAL ENROLLMENT FEES \(FALL 2015 AND SPRING 2016\)](#)

Attachment: [Duval GAI AY15-16 Agreement Final-7-28.pdf](#)

6. [DROPOUT PREVENTION PLAN](#)

Attachment: [DropoutPreventionPlan Final 201516.pdf](#)

8. [CONTINUATION AGREEMENT WITH THE JACKSONVILLE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION FOR THE 2015- 2016 TEAM UP PROGRAM](#)

Attachment: [TEAM UP Agreement 15-16 vfinal.pdf](#)

9. [DISTRICT TESTING PLAN](#)

Attachment: [Testing Calendar 2015-16.pdf](#)

11. [ATTENDANCE PLAN 2015-2016](#)

Attachment: [FINAL Attendance Plan.pdf](#)

12. [DEVELOPMENTAL RESPONSIVENESS PLAN 2015-2016](#)

Attachment: [FINAL DCPS Annual Developmental Responsiveness Plan.pdf](#)

School Choice and Pupil Assignment

13. [FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE VIRTUE ARTS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTRACT](#)

Attachment: [Virtue First Amendment \(Middle\).pdf](#)

14. [FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE VIRTUE ARTS AND SCIENCE ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL CONTRACT](#)

Attachment: [Virtue First Amendment \(High\).pdf](#)

15. [RECOMMENDATION OF A NAME FOR SCHOOL NUMBER](#)

16. [RECOMMENDATION OF A NAME FOR SCHOOL NO. 1561](#)

Human Resource Services - Staffing

17. [HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTION](#)

Attachment: [Agenda_08-04-15_TRANS.pdf](#)

18. [MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - SUPERVISOR, STRATEGIC PLANNING](#)

Attachment: [HRS_Min_Quals_Supervisor_Strategic_Planning.pdf](#)

19. [MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - SUPERVISOR, BUDGET](#)

Attachment: [HRS_Min_Quals_Supvr_Budget.pdf](#)

20. [MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - COORDINATOR, PUBLIC INFORMATION/RECORDS](#)

Attachment: [HRS_Min_Quals_Coor_Public_Info_Records.pdf](#)

21. [REAPPROVAL OF DIRECTOR, RESEARCH SERVICES](#)

Attachment: [HRS_Min_Quals_Dir_Research_Serv.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

22. [TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY PROGRAM 403b AND 457](#)

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

23. [EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY - SARAH HOWARD](#)

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

24. [MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS](#)

Attachment: [May 2015 Monthly Financial Report.pdf](#)

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

25. [PREQUALIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS](#)

Attachment: [Prequal Board Approval - New 8-4-15.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Prequal Board Approval - Renewals 8-4-15.pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

26. [PERIODIC REPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS AND FINAL INSPECTIONS OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER \\$1,000,000](#)

Attachment: [August 2015 Agenda Item CSC-CFI-Cont Sav on on Proj Chart for July 2015.pdf](#)

27. [FIRE ALARM SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AT JACKSONVILLE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 229/DCSB PROJECT NO. M-83970/OFDC-ITB-025-15: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [M-83970 Contract for FAS Replac at No 229.pdf](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

28. [SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT](#)

Attachment: [05AUG16.pdf](#)

Attachment: [07AUG16.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Retirement Order Highlight outline AUGUST 2015.pdf](#)

Attachment: [06AUG16.pdf](#)

Attachment: [AUGFY16 RETIREMENT.pdf](#)

Attachment: [04AUG16.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ROSUMAUGFY16.pdf](#)

General

29. [CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT](#)

Attachment: [DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION PROPOSAL - Revised 2.pdf](#)

Discussion

Academic Services

4. [CULTURAL PASSPORT PARTNER AGREEMENTS](#)

Attachment: [MOCA 2015 2016 vfinal.pdf](#)

Attachment: [MOSH 2015-2016 vfinal.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Jax Symphony 2015 2016 vfinal.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Vice-Chairman Ashley Smith Juarez abstained from the vote.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board

approve the following agreements for educational services and programs, and authorize the Chairman and the Superintendent to execute each agreement upon approval as to form by the Office of Legal Services: (a) Agreement with the Museum of Science and History of Jacksonville, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$120,880.00; (b) Agreement with the Jacksonville Symphony Association, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$110,640.00; and (c) Agreement with the Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$81,600.00. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Abstain

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

5. [RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH JACKSONVILLE REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE](#)

Attachment: [Cooperative Agreement - JAX Regional Chamber of Commerce 2015-2016 vfinal.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Paula Wright moved to amend the item to require that the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce use a Request For Proposal process whenever they intend to award more than 50% of the work to any one subcontractor.

Chairman Grymes abstained from the vote.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board amend this item to revise paragraph 14 of the attached contract to be approved by this agenda item; the amendment is to delete the second sentence of paragraph 14 and replace it with the following language. This amendment will add language at the end of the existing second sentence as follows:

- PASS

JRCC is permitted to subcontract any of the work set forth in this Agreement; however, if JRCC subcontracts more than fifty percent (50%) of the work to a single subcontractor, then JRCC shall use a competitive selection process (such as an invitation to bid or a request for proposals) to select the subcontractor and award the subcontract.

Vote Results

Motion: Paula Wright

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Abstain
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Nay
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Motions:

1) That the Duval County School Board approve the renewal of the contract with the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce to provide mentoring opportunities and to expand business partnerships associated with

the district's Early College Career Academies in an amount not to exceed \$90,000. - PASS

2) That the Duval County School Board authorize the Board Chairman or Vice-Chairman, and the Superintendent, to affix their signatures to the contract upon approval as to form.

As amended.

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Jason Fischer

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Abstain

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

7. CONTINUATION AGREEMENT WITH UNITED WAY FOR ACHIEVERS FOR LIFE PROGRAM

Attachment: [Achievers For Life 2015-16vfinal.pdf](#)

Minutes: Chairman Cheryl Grymes abstained from the vote.

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve an agreement with United Way to continue to provide support services for students in the Achievers for Life Program in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.
2. That the Duval County School Board delegate to the Superintendent of Schools the authority to annually renew the agreement for the Achievers for Life Program for two subsequent years as approved on

similar terms and conditions, subject to the availability of funds. - PASS

3. That the Duval County School Board authorize the School Board Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson, and the Superintendent, to affix their signatures to the agreements upon approval as to form and to approve any amendments needed to fully execute the agreement.

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Abstain

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

10. [PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT](#)

Attachment: [2015-16 Elementary Code of Conduct Track Changes.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2015-16 Secondary Code of Conduct TRACK CHANGES \(Secondary\).pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Jason Fischer moved to amend the Student Code of Conduct Section 2.12 to eliminate "retaliation" language and replace it with self-defense language. Discussion followed that expressed concern from other Board Members over the possibility of the change creating confusion for administrators. Board Member Fischer felt it gave administrators more room to analyze each case as situations arise. Dr. Vitti said he thought his staff captured the concerns of the Board in this item with the recommended changes and that changing the language would most likely create a vagueness that administrators would have

to interpret.

Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez asked what avenue students have if they feel they are being bullied and what communication tool is being used to get that information to them. Dr. Vitti explained that students who are bullied are encouraged to take the issue to an adult they feel comfortable with and there is currently a bullying campaign in the works that will be communicated through social media.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing on the revisions to the Code of Student Conduct 2015-2016 outlined in the attached summary. That subsequent to the public hearing, the Duval County School Board approve the 2015-2016 Code of Student Conduct. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Nay
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Motions:

Amend 2.12 - Note Elementary

Self-Defense is described as action to block an attack, by another person to shield yourself from being hit by another person or to use the

reasonable defensive force only necessary to stop an attacker If the self-defense actions ~~retaliation~~ meets this definition then there will be no consequence. If the actions exceed blocking the attack or shielding oneself from the attack or using force that is unreasonably necessary to stop the attack then such actions are Retaliating by hitting a person back is not self-defense and consequences outlined in the rubric should be followed. - FAIL

Vote Results

Motion: Jason Fischer

Second: Scott Shine

Rebecca Couch	- Nay
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Nay
Ashley Juarez	- Nay
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Nay

Motions:

Board Member Paula Wright called the question. - FAIL

Vote Results

Motion: Paula Wright

Second: Scott Shine

Rebecca Couch	- Nay
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Nay
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Nay

Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Motions:

Amend 2.12 -Note Both Student Code of Conduct

Self-Defense is described as action to block an attack, by another person to shield yourself from being hit by another person or to use the reasonable defensive force only necessary to stop an attacker If the self-defense actions ~~retaliation~~ meets this definition then there will be no consequence. If the actions exceed blocking the attack or shielding oneself from the attack or using force that is unreasonably necessary to stop the attack then such actions are ~~Retaliating by hitting a person back is~~ not self-defense and consequences outlined in the rubric should be followed.

- FAIL

Vote Results

Motion: Jason Fischer

Second: Scott Shine

Rebecca Couch	- Nay
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Nay
Ashley Juarez	- Nay
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Nay

Emergency Agenda Items

[EMERGENCY ITEM- WAIVER OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 6.32 – TEACHING OUT OF FIELD](#)

Attachment: [Copy of Out of field 20142015.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board waive School Board Policy 6.32, Teaching Out of Field, for a period of one school year for the employees listed on the attached document and allow them to remain employed for the 2015-2016 academic year in an area of their current certification. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Paula Wright

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Jason Fischer	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following travel:

- October 6-12, 2015 - CGCS Annual Fall Conference - Long Beach, CA - Wright - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Connie Hall

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

For The Record

[FOR THE RECORD](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Couch

Board Member Couch congratulated Essence Duncan with J.A.G.S. on a job well done. She also explained that Chaffee Trail was able to easily win the bike from Regions Bank because of the students running in honor of a beloved teacher who passed away unexpectedly this past school year. She welcomed the students back to school and reminded everyone of the tax free holiday for clothes and supplies.

Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez

Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez reminded everyone that supply lists are on the District website and challenged families to set some goals for this next school year. She also thanked everyone involved in the work that went into revising the Student Code of Conduct, noting that it is a very complex document.

Board Member Wright

Board Member Wright thanked participants for the Project 17 effort and noted how it contributes to why Jacksonville is ranked 37th as the best large city in which to live. She also thanked the First Coast High School community for their involvement in their meetings to improve the high school. She thanked DCCPTA and J.A.G.S. and Dr. Kriznar for their work. She thanked and welcomed Chief Edwards, the District's new Chief of Police. She informed everyone of the joint meeting she and Board Member Hall had with City Council Members to see how they can work together to improve life for their constituents which should then carry over into school life for our students.

Board Member Fischer

Board member Fischer said the following:

"Tonight we voted on some very important items and I believe they're worth highlighting, at least one last time, before we close out the evening. I'm proud that we as a leadership team tonight voted to increase access and participation in college through dual enrollment at FCCJ and Embry Riddle Aeronautical Academy. I'm also proud that we dramatically reduced testing for the next year. Elementary assessments down 23 to 10! That's a pretty big step. Secondary assessments down 29 to 12; another really big step.

The last thing I wanted to bring up was something I brought up last year; there was a lot of discussion tonight and I believe that there is a human rights gap in our Student Code of Conduct. When we have students who are justly defending themselves and they're exercising their basic human rights, they're being punished. Defensive force is supported by common law and has been codified in statutes in the vast majority of jurisdictions. We shouldn't punish children for justly defending themselves; it's just wrong, and when you punish victims, you empower bad guys and bullies. We have the ability to differentiate and for the sake of justice, we should. In my opinion, it's immoral to punish someone for justly defending themselves. My position is very clear. Every person has the right of self-defense and children shouldn't be punished for stopping their attacker.

Board Member Shine

Board Member Shine reflected on a book he is reading on the history of Jacksonville and how our government was established. He noted that the book talks about how the leaders of 53 years ago felt like the level of

education in the schools needed improvement. He finds it interesting that the words ring true just as much today as they did over half a century earlier. He hopes that the sentiment 53 years in the future will be much different than it is today.

Board Member Hall

Board Member Hall wanted to express her appreciation to the Jacksonville Children's Commission and the work they did to expand summer camps for the students in our area. She especially favored the robotics camp held at Frank H. Peterson. She congratulates the work done by the School Advisory Council at Eugene J. Butler Middle School. They are changing the mission and climate in the school by working collaboratively with other groups like War on Poverty to engage parents in that community. She also mentioned how impressed she is with Essence Duncan and how well she represents our district.

Adjournment

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman