



## Duval County Public Schools

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July 23, 2012, Regular Board Meeting

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

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

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes: The Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Invocation

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes: A "*moment of silence*" was held.

Pledge of Allegiance

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Presentations

Comments From Audience

## COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

Minutes:

Mr. Trey Csar said I'm representing the Jacksonville Public Education Fund and I'd like to echo the praises on the district staff - teachers and students - for all of the tremendous effort reflected in the school grades that were released last week. Despite changing and more difficult standards, some of Duval County's most challenged schools made incredible progress. Although statewide, elementary school grades were expected to drop, five of Duval County's most economically challenged schools gained a letter grade. On behalf of JPEF staff and Board, I want to commend you for your leadership on this and for all of our teachers and students who worked so very hard on this test. As all of you know, the primary election for four of our School Board seats is August 14 and the JPEF is working with the Coalition of Organizations to help promote voter education and turn out during this election. That Coalition includes organizations like Save Duval Schools, the Jacksonville Kids Coalition, Duval County Council of PTAs, the Urban League and WJCT. These partner organizations have developed a website where we posted responses from candidates to a questionnaire that was jointly developed. That website is: [Schoolboard 2012.org](http://Schoolboard2012.org). We encourage you to check it out and see what the candidates are willing to bring to this Board should they be elected. Additionally, we are hosting four (4) candidate forums; one in each of the four districts. Those begin tomorrow (July 24) night in District 7 at Atlantic Coast High School at 6:00 pm; District 1 forum at Terry Parker High School on Thursday, July 26 at 6:00 pm; District 5 at Raines High School, July 31 at 6:00 pm; and District 3 at Englewood High School at Englewood High School at 6:00 pm. We invite everyone to come out to the forums to make sure everyone is fully informed when they enter the polls on August 14th. We know it's been a very busy summer for all of you as well as for us and I want to thank you for everything you do for the kids in our county and I look forward to a great school year working with you this coming year. Thank you.

Mr. John Turner said tonight you will divide up over one million dollars to several non-profit groups in hopes that their programs will save at-risk students from dropping out of high school. Although I commend you for wanting to do something about our drop out rate, I still must insist that as a "watch dog" against waste fraud and abuse that you provide the proof that the programs really work and they are worth the expense. Tonight, you're going to divert \$400,000 to Communities in Schools. CIS claims to be the largest drop out prevention organization in Jacksonville. That may be true but being the largest does not mean the best. How do we know if the program is any better than Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America? When was the last time you

conducted an audit to verify their claims of success? CIS was required to submit a comprehensive annual performance report to the School Board no later than last Thursday, July 12; however, I can't find anyone in this room that knows of such a report being filed. Perhaps, the report finally showed up during the workshop but I can't speak to that. What I found out about is through a Google search. There's a website called CharityNavigator.org which is a highly respected organization for rating non-profit groups also known as 501(c)(3). According to this site, CIS failed to get the highest rate of four stars due to accountability and transparency discrepancies. CIS failed to list the salary of their CEO for their IRS 9-90 form; failed to have an Audit Oversight Committee; they pay members on their Board of Directors; although Board members being compensated is not illegal, it can call into question a non-profit's financial integrity. The most troubling of all that I found was a former employee of CIS gave a review and gave it the lowest rating. They said that CIS does not properly monitor mentoring relationships. Obviously, this ex-volunteer is worried about possible child abuse by mentors of CIS and whether or not that is warranted, I do not know. I hope the School Board will look into this before granting anyone funds or turn over our children to them. Thank you for listening.

Board Member Barrett said I'm on the CIS Board and I've never been compensated at all for being on that Board. That is incorrect.

Ms. Sarah Fowler said I'm bringing greetings from the Friends of Northwest Jacksonville Schools. On July 10, 2012, representatives of the Friends attended a meeting at City Hall with Florida's Commissioner of Education, Gerard Robinson. Commissioner Robinson informed us several alarming things concerning the priority schools. He stated that there were two schools that have the potential of either closing or becoming contracted to an EMO. He also pointed out that the district has already submitted a plan to the state regarding the future of the priority schools. Additionally, Commissioner Robinson stated that the final decision regarding the future of priority schools rests with our local School Board. Last summer, the initial four priority schools were given conditional waivers by the Florida Board of Education. Please advise us of the status of the following four schools and provide a copy of the plan the district submitted to the state for these schools for the 2012-2013 school year. The schools are Ribault High, Raines High, Andrew Jackson High and North Shore Elementary. We are requesting receipt of this information by Thursday, July 26 at noon. Thank you in advance for your timely response to this request. Also, with the recent release of school grades for elementary and middle schools and in recognition of the hard work performed at one of the top priority schools, North Shore Elementary in earning a "B" grade this year. We will present this plaque to the North Shore Chargers and thank the faculty, students, teachers, parents and community for their part in keeping our school system here in Duval County in tact. This is the plaque from the Friends of Northwest Jacksonville Schools.

Comments From Parent Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

District Advisory Council - Rachel Raneri, Chair:

The District Advisory Council did not meet in June; however, our next meeting is this evening at 6:00 p.m. and I'd like to invite any Board members that are available to stay and join us. Thank you.

PTA - Gretchen Lynch:

During June, we hosted Saturday training for PTA Presidents and Treasures and tonight we are hosting training at Highlands Library. This focus on financial and leadership training will allow our PTA volunteers to continue to have a positive impact in the school communities we serve.

41 Duval PTA leaders traveled to Tampa for Florida PTA Leadership Conference and Convention. Five of our council members provided advocacy training for PTA leaders from across the state.

We are continuing to collect local unit officer information for our 147 active PTAs.

For the 2011-2012 school year we are reporting 33,268 Members and 147 Active PTAs.

Our first general meeting for the new school year will be in the Cline Auditorium on Tuesday, August 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Comments From Employee Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes: *No report for this meeting.*

Student Achievement, Reform Activities, And Reports

[1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT](#)

Minutes: *No Chairman's Report at this meeting.*

[2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

I was, also, at the meeting with the Commissioner and I was a little surprised at the way he described some of the issues with our Intervene schools because he said it would be up to our Board to decide whether to close those schools and that's been the last thing on our Board's mind. We know that North Shore Elementary based on their school grade is going to exit Intervene status and we're confident that Ribault High will also exit but those grades won't come out until November or December. At the March State Board Meeting, the report from the support staff from the DOE, only recommended that we continue in our current plan with Andrew Jackson High School which we will, along with a number of additional resources in the social/emotional behavioral arena. I'm not proposing nor have I heard a single Board member mention closing these schools. We are on our way to successfully improving these schools and I think it's a great track record of success that we plan on building on and making even higher this coming year. I do appreciate your bringing it up because there may have been some confusion based on some comments. Thank you for doing that.

We received good news Friday night that we were the only school district in the entire state that increased the number of "A's" and decreased the number of "F's". Now, we have gone from one higher "A" to nine higher "A's" than we had in the prior year and three fewer "F's". This makes for the stronger success we have given what we expected with the much more rigorous cut scores, particularly in elementary and middle school. So, kudos to our teachers, principals, support staff for the hard work they did and we still have a long way to go. I feel this is greatly encouraging to some of our schools as there's nothing like progress and success to energize people. They are very excited going into this next school year. We'll make particular attention to those schools to make sure that they turn around and become successful, as well. Highlands Elementary has made incredible gains from an "F" to an "A" - a very special congratulations to their staff! Thank you.

BUDGET:

Each year at this time of year, the Board approves an advertisement that will be placed in this Saturday's Florida Times-Union and this is outlining by state statute what is required in terms of notification on our budget for next year. On Tuesday, July 31, the Board approves the tentative budget and in September, a final budget.

Over the last four years, we have reduced from anticipated costs \$96.2 million dollars. The state has provided districts with an increase in revenue each year equal to \$19 million for Duval County. That's the good news. The bad news is that it doesn't even recoup the prior year's cut much less going back to where we were in 2006-2007, but we will take it. The required state millage has increased slightly - Required Local Effort - which the state mandates for all school districts and it has increased by .047 mills to 7.6 mills and because property values have decreased even more, it means for the average property owner, an approximate 4% reduction in taxes. Overall, if you count all funds - funds, etc. - all sources, the district's budget will go down by \$64 million from \$1.7 billion to \$1.641.

We have put in place a number of practices that have reduced costs as I mentioned earlier and the Board has been able to focus on some of our priorities including, unlike many districts, maintaining art, music, physical education and media. The Board also increased the number of guidance counselors per school. Now, each school has a full counselor which was not the case for some of our smaller schools in the past. Through some modifications and changes to our athletic program, we're able to maintain it without having to go to the community and our ROTC programs due to a great recruitment effort in those schools. All of this is good news and we've had great cooperation from our Employee Organization in terms of our health insurance, as well. We've been able to maintain a non-contributory health plan for employees with no increase in premiums for dependents and that's been a great collaboration.

Overall given the kind of results we've seen this year compared to what we anticipated, the public is getting a strong bang for the buck and we're getting better on resources and I commend the Board for focusing and working collaboratively with staff to get these good results compared to the last four years. Thank you.

## Reports

## Approval of Agenda

### [APPROVAL OF THE JULY 23, 2012, AGENDA](#)

#### Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the July 23, 2012, Agenda as submitted on July 16, 2012, with the following changes:

1. Minutes - Revised Agenda Item
2. Human Resource Services - Staffing -  
Item 1 - Human Resource Services  
Employee Transactions - Revised      - PASS  
Attachment
3. Administration and Business Services  
- Budget and Financial - Item 4 -  
Authorize Advertisement of 2012-  
2013 Proposed Millage Levy and  
Proposed Tentative Budget - Revised  
Agenda Item; Attachment Added

#### Vote Results

Motion: Thomas Hazouri

Second: Martha Barrett

Martha Barrett - Aye

Rebecca Couch - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

## Approval of Minutes

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following minutes:

June 11, 2012 - Regular Board Meeting

June 12, 2012 - Board Workshop

June 12, 2012 - Joint Duval County School Board & City Council Meeting

June 19, 2012 - Board Workshop

June 21, 2012 - Special Board Meeting

Motions:

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

- June 11, 2012 - Regular Board Meeting
- June 12, 2012 - Board Workshop - PASS
- June 12, 2012 - Joint Duval County School Board - City Council Meeting
- June 19, 2012 - Board Workshop
- June 21, 2012 - Special Board Meeting

Vote Results	
Motion: Thomas Hazouri	
Second: Martha Barrett	
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Rebecca Couch	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Paula Wright	
Second: Rebecca Couch	
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Rebecca Couch	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Consent Agenda

Academic Services

[1. LEARNING FOR LIFE GRANT PROPOSAL](#)



Attachment: [Benefits Challenges and Metrics July 23 2012.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2011 2012 Learning For Life Schools.pdf](#)

## 2. TEXTBOOKS FOR EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

Attachment: [July 23, 2012 BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES TEXTBOOKS.pdf](#)

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

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM Health Dept 2012.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Duval County School Health Plan 2010-2012 \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [2010-11 Annual School Health Final Report 7-20-2011.pdf](#)

## 4. CONTINUATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS WITH AMI KIDS, PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS AND KEYSTONE DJJ LLC. D/B/A JACKSONVILLE YOUTH CENTER

Attachment: [DJJ Interagency Agreement Benefits and Challenges 7-23-13.pdf](#)

## 6. CONTINUATION AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS FOR THE STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AND THE DUVAL READS! PROGRAM

Attachment: [CIS-2012-2013-SchoolSitesLeveagedFunding-06-12-12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [SEP Program-2010-2011-EOY Data From 2010-2011-8-15-11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BenefitsandChallengesForm-2012-2013-SEPandDuvalReadsAgreement-06-12-12.pdf](#)

## 7. ACHIEVERS FOR LIFE

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges Achievers for Life 7 23 12.pdf](#)

## Human Resource Services - Staffing

### 1. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

Attachment: [HRS Attach ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENTS 07-23-12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [HRS Attach 07-23-12 TRANS.pdf](#)

### 2. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - ELEMENTARY MATH INTERVENTION TEACHER

Attachment: [MinQuals Elem Math Interv 07-23-12.pdf](#)

### 3. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - ELEMENTARY READING INTERVENTION TEACHER

Attachment: [MinQuals Elem Reading Interv 07-23-12 \(2\).pdf](#)

[4. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - SECONDARY READING INTERVENTION TEACHER](#)

Attachment: [MinQuals\\_Sec\\_Reading\\_Interv\\_07-23-12.pdf](#)

[5. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - SECONDARY MATH INTERVENTION TEACHER](#)

Attachment: [MinQuals\\_Sec\\_Math\\_Interv\\_07-23-12\\_\(2\).pdf](#)

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

[1. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS](#)

Attachment: [April\\_2012\\_Board\\_Statement\\_Worksheet.pdf](#)

Attachment: [April\\_2012\\_Cash\\_and\\_Invest.pdf](#)

Attachment: [April\\_2012\\_Monthly\\_Financial\\_Statement\\_Narrative.pdf](#)

[2. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS](#)

Attachment: [July\\_2012\\_Narrative.pdf](#)

Attachment: [July\\_2012\\_Spreadsheet.pdf](#)

[3. NEW ACCOUNTS PAYABLE 3 WAY MATCH INVOICE PROCESSING SOFTWARE](#)

Attachment: [Benefits\\_Challenges\\_Metrics\\_3Way\\_Match\\_Board\\_Item.pdf](#)

[4. AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF 2012-2013 PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVY AND PROPOSED TENTATIVE BUDGET](#)

Attachment: [2012-13\\_Trim\\_Ad\\_DCPS.pdf](#)

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

[1. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AT ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 240, TO JEA FOR THE JEA TOTAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PROJECT](#)

Attachment: [July\\_23\\_2012\\_B-C\\_Agenda\\_Item\\_JEA\\_Temp\\_Const\\_Easement\\_Arlington\\_Hts\\_ES\\_#240\\_6-5-12.pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

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

Attachment: [Board\\_Approval\\_-\\_Renewals\\_07-2012.pdf](#)

[2. DISTRICTWIDE ENERGY RETROFITS/LIGHTING RETROFITS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS GROUP 2 PHASE 1-3 SCHOOL NOS. 169, 170, 205, 234, 45, 68, 88, 215, 250/DCSB PROJECT NO. M-83750/OFDC-ITB-014-012: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT](#)

## AWARD

Attachment: [July 23 2012 B-C Agenda Item DW Energy Light Retrofit for Gr 2 Ph 1-3 Cons Cont Award 6-5-12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [M-83750 DW Energy-Lighting Retro Gr 1 Ph 1-3 Bid Tab 06 19 12 \(2\).pdf](#)

### 3. DISTRICTWIDE ENERGY RETROFITS/LIGHTING RETROFITS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS GROUP 2 - PHASE 2-1 SCHOOL NOS. 89, 21, 78, 79, 48, 51, 19, 65, 15 AND 59/DCSB PROJECT NO. M-83750/OFDC-ITB-015-12: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD

Attachment: [M-83750 DW Energy-Lighting Retro Gr 1 Ph 2-1 Bid Tab 06 19 12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [July 23 2012 B-C Agenda Item DW Energy Light Retrofit for Gr 2 Ph 2-1 Cons Cont Award 6-5-12.pdf](#)

### 4. FIRE ALARM AND INTERCOM SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT AT SAN MATEO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 218/DCSB PROJECT NO. M-83970 AND M-83980: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD/OFDC-ITB-008-12

Attachment: [July 23 2012 B-C Agenda Item M-83970 Fire Alarm and Intercom Replace at No 218 Cons Cont Award 6-5-12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [M-83970 80 12 06 12 Bid Tab for No 218.pdf](#)

### 5. CHANGE ORDER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2012

Attachment: [July 23 2012 Agenda Item Change Order Report Chart for June 2012 06 04 12.pdf](#)

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

Attachment: [July 23 2012 B-C Agenda Item CSC-CFI-Cont Sav on Projects under \\$1M Report 06 04 12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [July 23 2012 Agenda Item CSC-CFI-Cont Sav on on Proj Chart for June 2012 06 19 12.pdf](#)

## Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

### 2. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY BEST PRACTICES

Attachment: [OPPAGA 2011-2012 School Safety and Security Best Practices Update.pdf](#)

Attachment: [B & C OPPAGA July 2012.pdf](#)

### 4. HORIZONTAL BLINDS

Attachment: [HORIZONTAL BLNDS- ITB-035-12-LM-Tabsheet.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM Horizontal Blinds.pdf](#)

5. TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY PROGRAM 403B AND 457

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES - Tax sheltered annuity program.pdf](#)

General

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

Discussion

Board Members

1. DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES FOR 2012-2013

Attachment: [ANNUAL-DUES-AND-FEES-2012-2013.pdf](#)

Minutes: Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member

Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the membership for the 2012-2013 school year in organizations on the attached list. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Thomas Hazouri

Second: William Gentry

Martha Barrett - Aye

Rebecca Couch - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Academic Services

5. CONTINUATION AGREEMENT WITH THE JACKSONVILLE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION FOR THE TEAM UP PROGRAM 2012-2013 AND SUBMISSION OF 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER GRANT PROPOSALS

Attachment: [TEAM UP-2010-2011-Segmentation Report-8-25-11.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [BenefitsandChallengesForm-2012-2013-TEAMUPAgreement-2012-2013-06-13-12.pdf](#)  
Attachment: [TEAMUP-2011-2012-ListofSites-06-13-12.pdf](#)

Minutes: Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member  
Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief, Academic Services  
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member  
Dr. Dana Kriznar, Executive Director, Alt Ed./Behavioral Support

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve the continuation of an agreement for the 2012-2013 school year with the Jacksonville Children's Commission for funding and operation of the TEAM UP Program at 27 elementary schools, 1 charter school, 14 middle schools, and two exceptional student centers in an amount not to exceed \$2,210,589.

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 approve any amendments required to fully execute this agreement. - PASS

3. That the Duval County School Board confirm submission of three 21st Century Community Learning Center grant proposals to the Florida Department of Education in support of the TEAM UP Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,916,289.

Vote Results

Motion: Martha Barrett

Second: William Gentry

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

8. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISION OF BOARD POLICY 5.42 DISTRICT STUDENT ATTENDANCE PROVISIONS

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM Attendance 7-23-12.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Attendance Policy 2012-July 23 2012 Agenda Item.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Attendance Policy Recommended Revisions 7-23-12.pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

Revision of Board Policy 5.42 District Student Attendance Provisions

The Chairman asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak to the Board regarding this item; there being no response, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and approve the attached revisions to Policy 5.42, District Student Attendance Provisions. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Thomas Hazouri

Second: Martha Barrett

Martha Barrett	- Aye
Rebecca Couch	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Fred Lee	- Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

1. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: WELLNESS POLICY

Attachment: [Wellness Policy Word Doc for July 2012 Board Meeting.pdf](#)

Attachment: [July 23 2012 B-C Agenda Item Wellness Policy-1.pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

Wellness Policy

The Chairman asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak to the Board regarding this item; there being no response, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and Vote to renew the Wellness Policy required under Federal Public Law (PL 108.265, Section 204). - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Thomas Hazouri

Second: Martha Barrett

Martha Barrett - Aye

Rebecca Couch - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

3. DAY CARE SERVICES

Attachment: [Copy of daycare 2012-2014.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM teen parent 2012.pdf](#)

Minutes: Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Ms. Gloria Lockley, Director Alt. Ed./Behavioral Support

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the contracts for approved vendors to provide child care services for the Teen Parent Program from date of award through June 30, 2014, as provided in the attached list. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Martha Barrett

Second: Thomas Hazouri

Martha Barrett - Aye

Rebecca Couch - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Fred Lee - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

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

September 5-7, 2012 - FSBA Board of Directors' Retreat - Orlando, FL - Couch

October 16-21, 2012 - Council of Great City Schools Fall Conference - Indianapolis, IN - Wright

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board



approve the following Board Members  
Travel:

- September 5-7, 2012 - FSBA Board of Directors Retreat - Orlando, FL - Couch - PASS
- October 16-21, 2012 - Council of Great City Schools Fall Conference - Indianapolis, IN - Wright

Vote Results

Motion: Martha Barrett

Second: Rebecca Couch

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

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

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

July 23-24, 2012 - Florida Department of Education's FCAT 2.0 Writing Reactor Panel - Tallahassee, FL

Motions:

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

- July 23-24, 2012 - Florida Department of Education's FCAT 2.0 Writing Reactor Panel - Tallahassee, FL - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Martha Barrett

Second: Thomas Hazouri

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

For The Record

[FOR THE RECORD](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Couch said I'd like to wish everyone a great summer for the rest of the summer and we're looking forward to seeing the applicants. Today was the deadline for applications for the Superintendent Search. Thank you to the community who came out to the meetings and to the teachers and staff who participated; we really do value your opinion and it will be reflected in our decision making for the next Superintendent.

Ms. Wright said I'd like to say "hello" to everybody. I'd like to say to the students in summer school and it ends on Friday and for them to enjoy their last month of summer. I'd like you to join me at 12:01 a.m. as I get on the website to see who has applied to be our next Superintendent as this is an opportunity for us to continue the great work that all of our teachers, our staffs, our students, parents and community stakeholders have come together to help us to move this district forward as we're looking toward some great results. I'd like to thank all the participants in the four community meetings. We heard alot of good information and received many good suggestions. We're going to implement as many of those suggestions and ideas that you shared with us as possible. This is truly a community effort. We've gathered the information from each of you and find the best Superintendent for Duval County Public

Schools. Thank you.

Mr. Hazouri offered our condolences to all those in Aurora, Colorado for their loss. It's a tremendous loss in this country and for all of those in that theatre and those still injured in the hospital. Our prayers are with all of you and it's been a very sad weekend for everyone in America. Hopefully, we'll get stronger, as a result. Election Day is August 14 so we have one more meeting on August 7. The election is important for this School Board. Public education is what this country's foundation was based on - please get out and vote.

Ms. Barrett said I, too, appreciate the community meetings that we had. We received good feedback from teachers and parents. I'm on the Communities in Schools Board and I'd like to invite the young student who attended a Board meeting a couple of months ago - to see the wonderful things CIS are doing. I wish everyone a great summer and I'm looking forward to school starting on August 20th.

Mr. Gentry commended the Superintendent for the incredible progress we have made this past year where Duval County led the state in the number of schools who moved up to an "A" and the number that moved from an "F". That news was made better this last weekend when we learned we had 19 more schools who earned a letter grade better than what the state had given them. So, this has been an exceptional year for our school district in terms of demonstrating high performance and improvement. We've been chasing the state for a long time and people tend to forget where we were ten years ago. We have made huge strides over the last 5-7 years. I know we're all frustrated and want to beat the state average and move ahead and become the number one urban district and this is the first time I think we've ever led the state. This is a great compliment to the Superintendent and he should be commended for his work and principals, teachers and staff that made that possible. The most recent news is the lack of credibility of a system that is so dependent upon a testing mechanism. We're not only now holding schools and students hostage over these grades, but we're holding teachers and principals. The accountability system is built around these grades which has been shown to be flawed over and over, again. Before FCAT 2.0, we knew the FCAT system was not working as it was giving false positives and negative results for children who could read in high school. The writing exam showed how ridiculous the system had been where our students were not encouraged to use good grammar or spelling but simply sit down. A template is set by the state and then they change the rules and everyone fails the test. It is a very flawed system and I think it's wonderful that they've acknowledged their mistake and came forward and recognized there were hundreds of schools that did better than they said, at first. The system needs to be revamped. We must have assessments but not the way we're doing it. Congratulations to you, Mr. Superintendent and to the Board, too. We do have an important election coming up and I've seen some of the literature. The reality is a decade ago, this School Board was dysfunctional, not respected and not doing well and neither was the district. The Board members that come on made a huge effort to improve the professionalism of this Board which is a Governance Board. The achievement we're seeing in this district is directly attributable to having a strong Board and a good, strong Superintendent/Board team which takes a lot of work. During this time, we've increased our graduation rate over 20%+. So, great accomplishments and we've seen great results under your leadership.

Mr. Lee said I want to echo what my fellow Board members said to the Superintendent, staff, teachers and administrators - job well done with the grades. I know more times than not, you do so much each and every day that goes unnoticed and it is appreciated. The children do respond and are appreciated. Thank you to my fellow Board members for letting me chair, today. Madam Chair Betty Burney will be back in this seat the next go round and I wish her a safe trip back.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman