



Duval County Public Schools

June 8, 2009, Regular Board Meeting

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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, 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 6:06 p.m.

Invocation

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes:

Deacon James Scott
Christ the King Catholic Church

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Presentations

[1. PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR ENTIRE SCHOOL CAREER](#)

Minutes:

--Every year, there is an elite group of students who accomplish the impressive feat of graduating from high school with perfect attendance from beginning to end.

--Tonight, we have two students, who despite the odds were able to attend school daily, from grades kindergarten through 12th, regardless of obstacles.

--Will Lena Summery from First Coast High School and Keturah Brown from Stanton College Preparatory School please come forward to receive your certificates of accomplishment.

--The commitment you two have shown to your education is one that is to be commended. You serve as shining examples for your peers and those students to come behind you. Congratulations on this major accomplishment and best wishes as you move on to the next chapter of your lives.

--Will the parents, teachers and principals who are here to celebrate with your student, please stand up, so we can acknowledge you, too.

[2. GCA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS](#)

Minutes:

--Tonight, we will recognize three groups of scholarship winners.

--Our first group of students received \$1,000 scholarships from GCA Services Group, Inc., which oversees custodial management for Duval County Public Schools.

--Representatives from GCA and district officials collaborated to create this scholarship for Duval County public school students.

--Initially, only five scholarships were to be awarded, but seven students applied and met the criteria, so GCA decided to offer scholarships to all seven.

--Recipients of this scholarship had to submit an essay on how businesses and businesspeople can contribute to the mission, vision and goals of public education. They also had to have a minimum grade point average of 3.3, and an 1100 on the critical reading and math portions of the SAT.

--Here tonight to tell us more about this scholarship and to present these deserving students with their scholarships is Steve Gritzuk, Senior Regional Manager for GCA Services Group and Walter Carr, Duval County Public Schools' director of district staffing.

--We are thankful that GCA is not just a contractor but also one of our partnerships in education. These scholarships will allow our students to pursue their post-secondary

careers.

3. FIRST COAST COUNSELING ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Minutes:

--Our second group of students received scholarships from the First Coast Counseling Association.

--Each year the First Coast Counseling Association recognized outstanding seniors for their academic accomplishments, contribution to school and community, and determination to be successful.

--This year, they awarded three \$600 scholarships to Duval County Public Schools' seniors. To be eligible for these scholarships, students had to have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher, demonstrate financial need and be recommended by a member of association.

--Will the following students please come forward to receive your award:

- * Aryn Raderman from Wolfson High School
- * Keiarra Harris from Raines High School
- * Laura Berger from Paxon School for Advanced Studies

The association also recognizes a deserving elementary or middle school student for excellent citizenship and good grades. The association is presenting a \$275 "campership" award to Tamia Mallory from Brentwood elementary. This campership will provide Tamia the opportunity to attend a summer camp.

--In addition to the scholarships and campership made available to the students of Duval County Public Schools, the First Coast Counseling Association has also presented an award to one of our school guidance counselors.

--This year, Carla Crumley-Forest, guidance counselor at Jacksonville Beach Elementary School, was presented with the association's Lucille Crysell Award.

--This award recognizes a school counselor who adheres to the high standards of professionalism exhibited by the former Supervisor of Guidance.

-- Mrs. Crumley-Forest goes above and beyond in her ability to create a comprehensive guidance program that positively impacts the academic, career and personal needs of her students. According to her principal, Jill Linehauser, Mrs. Crumley-Forest is actively involved ensuring that all students are academically successful.

--Would Mrs. Crumley-Forest come forward to receive her award.

--We are thankful to the First Coast Counseling Association for their help in recognizing these commendable students and outstanding counselor.

4. ARAMARK SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Minutes:

--Our final group of students received scholarships from Aramark Education.

--For more than 18 years, Aramark Education has provided \$900 scholarships to Duval County Public Schools' students to use for their post-secondary educational expenses.

--Joining us tonight from Aramark Education, we have Catherine Thorne, Resident District Manager, and Wiley Swanson, Director of Community Relations. Would the two of you please come up front to help us recognize these 11 students, and present their plaques.

--As your names are called, would the following students come forward to receive your awards:

- * Yetiva Comacho - Frank Peterson Academy of Technology
- * Danchelle Jones - Andrew Jackson High
- * Sandra Orr - Douglas Anderson School of the Arts
- * Taylor Stewart - Robert E. Lee High
- * Laura Platzer - Mandarin High
- * Jason Chang - Paxon School for Advanced Studies
- * Jessica Wilson - A. P. Randolph Academy of Technology
- * Keturah Brown - Stanton College Preparatory School
- * Janeca Parker - Wolfson High
- * Latoya Jefferson - Ribault High
- * Alicia Benefield - Raines High

--In addition to the scholarships provided to students at our magnet schools, this year, Aramark partnered with Snapple Beverage Corporation to present two Duval County public school students with \$3,000 scholarships.

--To qualify for these scholarships students were required to write an essay describing how they have made a difference through work in the community, or by participating in a health, wellness or environmental initiative.

--This scholarship opportunity was open to all Duval County Public Schools' high school students.

--Would the following students please come forward to be presented with their awards:

- * Michelle Tsoutsos, a freshman at Terry Park High, and
- * Jason Fosky, a senior Mandarin High School, whose was unable to join us tonight but his father Robert Fosky is here to receive his award.

This year alone, Aramark has been able to secure almost \$16,000 in funding for our student's post-secondary education. Over a span of more than 18 years, Aramark Education has provided nearly \$180,000 in scholarships to the students of Duval County Public Schools.

--We are truly grateful for our relationship with Aramark education and appreciate all you have done for the students and staff of Duval County Public Schools.

[5. STUDENT RECOGNITION - TONY HANSBERRY](#)

Minutes:

--Also tonight, we will highlight several partnerships between Duval County Public Schools and our many business partners.

--Our first DCPS collaboration highlighted is one where a student was able to participate in an activity that led to national recognition.

--Last summer, Tony Hansberry, a ninth-grade student at Darnell-Cookman Middle/High School, had the unique opportunity to participate in the University of Florida's Center for Simulation Education and Safety Research at Shands Jacksonville.

--Tony, along with other students, was able to take part in this exclusive project through a partnership between Darnell-Cookman and the University of Florida's College of Medicine at Shands Jacksonville.

--As a result of this experience, Tony became rather interested in minimally invasive surgery and developed a technique that reduces surgical time for minimally invasive hysterectomies.

--Tony presented his project during the regional science fair, where he came in second place, and then went on to compete in the state finals.

--Tony's project garnered the attention of UF faculty who deemed it worthy of being presented alongside physicians at their medical education week.

--At this time, I would like to call Tony, his principal and his family to the front.

--We congratulate Tony on a Job well done and send our best wishes as he pursues a very promising career in the medical field.

6. DUVAL ART TEACHERS ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Minutes:

--For the past seven years, the Duval Art Teachers Association has recognized an outstanding principal who has shown great support for arts education in our schools.

--This year, the association is pleased to announce Susan Phillips, principal at Chets Creek Elementary School, as their Principal of the Year.

--In a statement regarding her philosophy of art education, Ms. Phillips comments, "At Chets Creek we believe that unfolding the creative imaginations of young children through art is equally as important as the high academic standards we employ in our classroom instruction.

--Here tonight to present Susan with her award is Jennifer Snead, president of the Duval Art Teachers Association.

--Susan please come forward to be presented with her award.

--In addition to Susan, the organization has recognized Carol Daniels, principal of Paxon School for Advanced Studies and Janelle Wagoner, principal of LaVilla School of the Arts as the runners-up for the 2009 award.

--Would Carol please come forward to be recognized. Janelle is unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a previous engagement.

--Congratulations to each of you on a job well done. It is administrators like you that provide our students and teachers with the support needed to keep the arts alive during these tough fiscal times.

7. CFE RECOGNITION - COMMISSIONER'S BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARD

Minutes:

--Our second recognition honors this year's recipients of the Commissioner's Business Recognition Award.

--For more than twenty years, the Florida Department of Education, in partnership with the Florida Education Foundation, has been the hosts of the Annual Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards Program, which recognizes businesses and businesspeople who make a difference in public education.

--Businesses are selected by the school district they serve. School districts have the opportunity to evaluate their most worthy partners based on its own specific criteria. Once the winners are selected, their names are sent to the Department of Education.

--The number of award winners for each school district is determined by its size, which is indicated by FTE count. Duval County is considered a large district and has the opportunity to choose three winners.

--Joining us tonight are representatives from Duval County's three winners:

- * From Christian Fellowship Ministries, Pastor Ola Williams;
- * From Community First Credit Union, we have CEO John Hirabayashi, Mr. Stephen Daigle and Mr. Jason Sykes;
- * From Tietjen Technologies, we have Mr. Ian Tietjen

--Over the past years, business involvement in education has played a significant role in shaping Florida's education reform efforts. Together, with the help of our business partners, our district will meet its mission of being the best large urban school district in America.

8. PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – URBAN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL PROJECT

Minutes:

--Our third presentation highlights a collaboration between Duval County Public Schools and the University of North Florida's Urban Professional Development School Project, in which four of our schools had the privilege to participate in this school year.

--Here to tell us more are Dr. Larry Daniel and Dr. Cathy O'Farrell.

--Through partnerships like the ones highlighted tonight, Duval County Public Schools is able to meet our mission of providing our students with high quality educational opportunities where they acquire the knowledge and skills to be successful.

9. PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD - COMMUNITY AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Minutes:

--Our final presentation will be presented tonight is by our Office of Community and

Family Engagement.

--Here to provide an update on this department is Dr. Constance Hall, director of Community and Family Engagement, honoring Dr. Alvin White.

10. CHINESE TEACHERS

Minutes:

--In 2007, Duval County Public Schools initiated an ambitious partnership with the Hanban/College Board to place teachers from China in our schools to enhance Chinese language and culture education.

--This "Chinese Guest Teacher" program was implemented in January 2007 with the arrival of our first guest teacher Yan Lei. Four additional guest teachers arrived in August 2007. Three guest teachers returned to China and three new educators were appointed who arrived in August 2008.

--Would the following teachers please come forward to be recognized:

--We would also like to express gratitude to the following host families who have generously provided accommodations as well as extraordinary warmth and kindness:

Xiao Yang from Rufus E. Payne Elementary School
Xu Lei from Mandarin Oaks Elementary School
Qian Ying from Stanton College Preparatory School
Yuanyuan from Mandarin Middle School
Zhiyan from Mandarin High School

We would like to express gratitude to the following host families who have generously provided accommodations as well as extraordinary warmth and kindness:

- * Jane and David Lamp
- * Kim and Pete Glasgal, and
- * Drs. Song

--Dr. Joanne Davis, supervisor of World languages has selected one of our guest teachers to speak about her time at Stanton. Would Qian Ying "Shane ying" please go to the podium and share your experience with the audience.

Comments From Audience

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Minutes:

Ms. Edna Jane Bowman, geography teacher , said she is on the suspension list and will be terminated tomorrow. Please vote against my suspension without pay. After filing the charges, retaliation escalated. The investigation about my evaluation never happened. I was given a notice of unsatisfactory in October, 2008. Please reconsider this action.

Ms. Elnora Atkins, Chairman of the Education Committee of the NAACP. We all know that parents are a child's first and most important teacher but few parents have either the time or ability to teach their children everything they need to know. Instead, parents turn over many educational responsibilities to schools, teachers, administrators and, of course, you, the School Board. Children depend on those teachers to do the right thing for them. What are you saying to the black students who are attending school at Susie Tolbert Elementary School? Are you saying, "You are second-class citizens and don't deserve to be in the same classroom as my black students; that you don't deserve to play on the same playground or eat in the cafeteria at the same time and that you are inferior to non-black students?" This is how the black students at Tolbert internalize what is happening and it needs to stop. I realize that a task force is being formed to bring back recommendations to the Superintendent by October, 2009, however, it is the NAACP's opinion that this has been happening too long and it is now time for a change. Secondly, I ask you what is happening to the senior high schools in Duval County? For the past couple of years, the majority of our high schools have received a grade of "D" or "F" and we don't see any of it changing, any time soon unless something different and drastic happens. A missed opportunity occurred last week when Mr. George Maxey was not appointed principal at Ribault Senior High School. Mr. Maxey has proven his leadership abilities by empowering his teachers and administrators to work with students so that the school moved from an "F" when he arrived to either a "C" or a "B". Appointing him as principal of Ribault Senior High School would have afforded him the opportunity of duplicating the things he did at Ribault Middle School while working with the same students, parents and community, however, we want to go on record and saying that we will overwhelmingly support the new principal as long as he does the right thing for students. Lastly, I ask you, how many of our students on the northside are receiving a quality education? I don't think too many are. The Duval County school system needs to do better.

Mr. George Young, said in 1954, the Supreme Court ruled that "separate but equal" was unconstitutional and should not be practiced by the school district that is educating our children in the United States of America. Almost 55 years later, we have that practice being practiced and implemented at Susie Tolbert Elementary School. Recently, a newspaper article and comments from parents clearly described in 2009 a description of separate, but definitely, not equal. They described Susie Tolbert's magnet students and their neighborhood students...it is clear that all of these discriminatory practices by the recent school's administrative personnel was not discouraged, challenged or stopped by neither the district Cluster Chief nor the district magnet director. It is apparent that these individuals and others were asleep at the switch while the school...while they treated their neighborhood students as second-class students while magnet students were treated the opposite. How can something like this happen in 2009? Maybe a better question might be, "Is this happening at other schools under the guise of the magnet program?" I encourage this Board and the Superintendent of Schools to answer a simple question to appropriate district staff - "Why were the Board members and parents in the community groups not involved of the issues before it was realized in the Florida Times-Union? Who was responsible for the monitoring of the school, magnet program and the implementation?" Thank you for this opportunity to address you tonight and I certainly hope this Board will presently direct the Superintendent to address this issue and hold those individuals responsible for creating this culture of "haves" and "haves nots" at Susie Tolbert.

Ms. Carol Sittema spoke on as the president of the School Advisory Council at Sallye B. Mathis Elementary School. I will tell you that our community was very saddened and surprised by your decision to move Mr. Maxey to Raines High School. With your permission, I would like to read a little bit of an explanation of why we are surprised by that. "Salaries are recommended that the minimal tenure of a principal should be five years. Inner-city schools are unique and complexed systems and they challenged inner-city schools which take more time to lead the stakeholders and community to a turn-around strategy." In many ways, removing Mr. Maxey at this time is like hiring a specialist to perform heart surgery and in the middle of the surgery, transferring the responsibility to another surgeon with totally different specialty. I don't want to be judgmental, but it doesn't appear from our side as there was no discussion, that there has been succession planning to ensure that the hard won games at Ribault Middle School are institutionalized. The principal at Ribault Middle School was not given the opportunity to mentor and coach his successor, but rather his replacement, I think, was chosen from a high school that will probably score an "F" this year. If the school district is really concerned about the long term impact on our children, why not promote Mr. Maxey to be the principal at Ribault High School since they are replacing the current principal there? This strategy would give the school district the ability to expand his successes

to the feeder school for students at Ribault Middle School. Please reconsider this and recruit some passionate new blood, especially on the northside.

Mr. Peter Sittema, pastor in Mandarin and a three-year mentor at Sallye B. Mathis Elementary, as well. I echo much of what my wife just said. The community of schools that includes an elementary, middle and high schools which is in small ways, a microcosm...very tight, very close and particularly, the gains that are achieved by one school, impact the other schools. I commend you and Mr. Maxey for the achievement he has made and for the promotion that he has received. I would just like for us to keep it within that microcosm of schools that is Sallye B. Mathis Elementary, Ribault Middle and Ribault High. I suggest and encourage you to reconsider giving him the promotion but having it at Ribault rather than Raines.. Thank you very much.

Ms. Iris Williams spoke about Ribault High School and their marching band. We want a principal that will stand behind and advocate for the band as well. Mr. Maxey has done this at Ribault Middle School and we think he'll do the same thing at Ribault High School. We're not only left without a principal that is familiar with the northside and the issues at Ribault High School, but we're also left without a band director and have been so since August, 2008. We're asking that you reconsider Mr. Maxey not for all the other wonderful things that we've already heard but because of the marching band, as well. Thank you.

Ms. Tameka Gaines said I am concerned about Ribault High School. Our stability has been threatened with the removal of our principal. The high school and community would be better served to have Mr. George Maxey as principal at Ribault High instead of Raines High. He is the better candidate.

Mr. Larry Brown, upcoming senior at Ribault High School, enrolled in the Early College program and captain of the varsity football team. I'm here on behalf of a man who I admire. His name is Mr. George Maxey from Ribault Middle School. I admire Mr. Maxey for a number of reasons: he's an awesome leader; he's a great role model, a strong believer in education and a great friend. Please give Ribault High School an opportunity to reach academic excellence...please give us Principal George Maxey.

Ms. Tiera Jackson, a rising senior at Ribault High School, enrolled in the Early College program, captain of the varsity girls' basketball team and I support Mr. George Maxey. Mr. Maxey should become our principal. He has what it takes to move our high school. Please allow him to be our principal as he belongs there.

Ms. Shelby Speight said Mr. George Maxey was a great principal at Ribault Middle School - please bring him to Ribault High. Why not go with it? You will be making the right decision.

Ms. Sara Williams, an upcoming senior at Ribault High School, here to advocate for the band as well as Mr. Maxey. The band builds leadership and is a legacy. The band members are leaders on campus and leadership begins at school. Please give us Mr. George Maxey as our principal.

Ms. Pervalia Gaines, member of the Ribault Alumni Group, said for 12 years, we've trusted you to make wise decisions for us and now, you have let us down. The district has failed our children. You must take personal responsibility for the children. Listen to the students who are crying out for help. We need consistency in our community, those who understand our culture and accountability for the faculty and staff. It's time for you to trust us. We want George Maxey at Ribault High School.

Ms. Rakita Dozier spoke about the principal changes at Ribault High School. Mr. Royce Turner is leaving and we need a great match at our school - Mr. George Maxey. It would be an easy transition; one school starts from ground zero. We want Mr. Maxey at our school.

Dr. Felicia Gaines spoke about Ribault High School and this being my third appearance before you. We must have stability at Ribault High School. It takes a minimum of three years to get to know a school and five years to turn that school around. We have had seven principals in the last twelve years. Mr. Turner's reassignment was a shock to us. Please stop the revolving door. We ask for your support to end this turnaround of principals. Our children need a high quality education in their neighborhood school.

Ms. Martha McManus, from the Cultural Council, here representing the ACE Coalition (Arts for Complete

Education) and we want to tell you how much we appreciate your wisdom in making optimal use of the federal Stimulus money to maintain school staffs. We know that means that schools will be able to maintain the elementary art and music programs that were mandated by this Board in 2003 and I think that's an important step. We have an arts pilot program and partnership with the Kennedy Center; future of America. We can see that future citizens must be problem solvers and make creative decisions which is a critical piece with the arts. You must have critical thinking skills, leadership and valuable habits. Thank you for supporting the arts in our community and in children's education. Thank you for all you do.

Ms. Mischell Glenn, School Advisory Council chairman at Ribault Middle School and I'm here to voice the following concerns with the removal of Principal Maxey from the Ribault community to the community across the road. Under Mr. Maxey's five year administration, Ribault Middle has gone from an "F" school for having the lowest scores in the district of 260 five years ago to unofficially having a high "B" this year and being one of the most proficient middle schools in the district. As an alumni of Ribault Middle and Ribault High Schools as well as the life long member of the Ribault Manor neighborhood and community, I can say that the community is devastated. Please promote Mr. Maxey to principal at Ribault High School. Please do not destroy our village.

Mr. Bradford Hall, a recent graduate from Ribault High School, thank you for the opportunity to stand before you and speak tonight. I'd like to extend a special thanks to Vice Chairman Priestly Jackson and Board Member Burney, Superintendent Pratt-Dannals, Chief Officer Dennis and also Principal Gwen Crutchfield from Sallye B. Mathis, as she's in the audience, for participating in Ribault's graduation on June 2nd. Let's remember the times of the year 2004 and think of Ribault Middle School and think of the negative energy surrounding Ribault Middle School. Let us fast forward time to the year 2009; again, think of Ribault Middle School. I won't boast about or mention the hard work George Maxey and his staff have put into making Ribault Middle School the fine institution of learning it has become, today. I'll let the school's grade for the upcoming school year tell the story. I have the distinct honor and pleasure to attend Ribault Middle School's 8th Grade Graduation in the auditorium of Ribault High School and it was, in deed, phenomenal. At the end of the ceremony, I witnessed Mr. Maxey brought to tears as he delivered a message of hope to the audience. His tears immediately became indicative to me of the non-stop, whatever it takes, smart, difficult and every bit of work that Mr. Maxey has contributed to Ribault Middle School every day for the past five years. I also notices the strong rapport Mr. Maxey has with the community, not just any community, Ribault's community. For the past five years, Mr. Maxey has been vital in reaching out to feeder elementary schools easing the transition for numerous students from elementary to middle school. He has formed a vertical alignment in the high school from Ribault Middle School students to enter Ribault High School's Early College program of which I'm a proud product. The community agrees that Mr. Maxey is ready to take on high school but we also anticipated that when the time came for new principal, Mr. Maxey would become the head Trojan at the pride of Winton Drive. Mr. Maxey knows the students, he knows the community, and he has formed lasting relationships with members of the high school faculty. His two sons are Ribault students and his wife is Parliamentarian of the School Advisory Council and yet, the Superintendent announced on June 3 his recommendation to send Mr. Maxey to Raines High School. I can not begin to tell you how hurt that made me feel. Mr. Maxey has invested much time and energy into Ribault High School and instead of becoming its new leader, he is being sent to another community to learn from point A. Let's make one thing clear...I want the best for Raines. It's a fine institution of learning, but it just doesn't make sense for Mr. Maxey to be at Raines providing his positive history in the Ribault community. Tonight, I stand here at this podium and can not help but remember the controversy surrounding the renaming of Nathan Bedford Forrest Senior High School. Right before the Board voted on the item, several Board members cited that the community did not want a name change after surveying a large number of community members. Well, Board members Drake and Broner, tonight, I am here to remind you that Ribault's community would love out have Mr. Maxey as principal of Ribault High School.

Mr. Eddie Diamond, Jr. told a story about a young boy who played Pop Warner football. His mother would watch him play and when he ran for a touchdown, she would say, "Go, Sweetie, Go!" That's how he got the name "Sweetie, Go". I saw him last week and he's now teaching third grade which is his passion. He's bringing male students from level one to level three in reading. Xavier Herndon teaches at Susie Tolbert and he graduated from Northwestern Middle School. We talked about personal achievement and about his grandfather who was a retired railroad man. His uncle was a war hero and POW in the Korean Conflict. His aunt was the first black post master in south Florida. So, with the example of Mr..

Herndon, let's tell all of our children, "Go, Sweetie, Go" in sports and academics.

Ms. Patricia Colbert, a member of the Sallye B. Mathis PTA Board and School Advisory Council but most of you know me as I'm an advocate for our northside schools. We've always had an unequal situation with the northside schools with Norwood Elementary, A. Philip Randolph - I fought for everything, so now, I'm standing here as a parent that had a daughter that went to Ribault Middle. Ribault Middle was so out of hand before Mr. Maxey arrived. I saw Mr. Maxey give an awesome presentation about what was going on at Ribault Middle and I realized then that this is where I wanted my child to be. When I heard about his moving up, I just knew he would be going to Ribault High School not to another school. I'm here to ask you to please consider placing him at Ribault High School so that we can keep what we have going on the northside and that area. It makes a difference when you have a person who truly cares about children and tell them. We must give children positive reinforcement to thrive on and Mr. Maxey does just that. Thank you.

Mr. Edward Exson said condolences came from all over the world for the 228 victims in the Air France Flight #447, such a tragedy. Whereas, hundreds of thousands of African-Americans fall from radar, walk off the face of the earth; with few that have empathy for their circumstances and others thinking with their demise, the world would be better off. Blacks, we should not be surprised of our condition. We were cautioned in *The Dark Ghetto*, by Dr. Kenneth Clark, *The Moynihan Report*, by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, then Assistant Secretary of Labor, *An American Dilemma: The Negro Problem and Modern Democracy*, by Gunnar Myrdal, economist and politician, *Miss-Education of the Negro*, by Carter G. Woodson. Those men well knew slavery's impact on us, however, we opposed their writing, still in denial, and unable to contradict any of their work. We could have been rescued from our designed, destructive plight with education...Dr. King's victories, an ethnic unity. However, our contemporary black leaders chose self and ethnic discrimination which in itself has consequences as bad as racial discrimination. I acknowledge with pride that many blacks have made many great contributions to America and Jacksonville. Accordingly, there is hardly an organization or group this date, by blacks in Jacksonville that has more substance than folly (so sad). Most preachers are morally bankrupt and intellectually inept. Legislatively, our elected have done absolutely nothing. Look at our neighborhoods...they should be made to wear jockey silks so to see whose stable owns them. The SCLC locally is dead! The local NAACP is no semblance of an organization for change. President Obama puts a choke hold on any community initiative for change. I applaud Mrs. Atkins for her insight on the education committee. Other organizations are just about pomp. Now, that the social scientist has started a subtle ethnic cleansing in this new world order, I suggest to you that Dr. King's dream has been thwarted by his people's commissions and omissions from a variety of fronts. What you will see within 100 years in spite of Obama is white boys and girls asking what happened to black people...that you will see. I thank you.

Mr. Stanley Scott said once again, I'm surprised...you know I talked about last time here about this intellectual stupidity. I'm disappointed in you when I listen to the young people out there. They talk about Ribault. You know, it's either you have plans to...well, I'm going to say it like it is because you know I don't cut corners. It can't be for one thing and that's to take Ribault because you're doing everything to destroy it and why is this? I'm talking to the African-American leaders here. You'll keep on doing this to these students. It's by design. You can sit up here and act like it's nothing, but why would you take someone who is connected to the community and you say you have passion and concern about the community? That's a joke. You know, a baby can see through this mess. A one month old baby can see that you have a goal to take Ribault and I just don't understand. Now, you have this gentleman who's connected to the community. The kids love him, parents love him and then you're going to wake up one morning and make a decision. Intellectual stupidity. I don't understand that. I got a paper here that's talking about the incarceration rate in Jacksonville. I was down to the courthouse and I saw these African-American males in there and see, you know my concern is only for the kids out here, the grandmamas, the mamas and the fathers that are trying to do the best they can and you keep on doing these things. You sit up here and lie like your bull self and don't give nothing but pain and you go to the other side of town and do whatever you want...fix up nice schools and give them everything they want but when it comes to the northside, you're not talking about the African-American leaders, you don't even come to the community...you talk well, but when you're in trouble, don't you want someone to stand with you? I'm sick of this. You know, I'm going to write an article...I'm going to stay up if it takes me all night about intellectual stupidity with the Duval County School system, here. As far as African-Americans are concerned, I want them out of the school system. I want them to create their own schools

because the only way these kids are going to come up and know by themselves through Afro-Century school. You all continue to do the community wrong and I don't understand why. There's got to be an agenda...cause and effect. Jacksonville being one of the most racist cities in the south. I don't understand and people. I just don't understand and I will be back if I have to come in a wheel chair.

Ms. LaShawn Barton, an alumni of Ribault Middle and Senior High Schools. I am the current president of PTA at Sallye B. Mathis Elementary. Mr. Maxey has established a working relationship with our community, parents and students which has heightened positive progress in Ribault Middle rising from a failing grade to a "B". With all of the accomplishments that Mr. Maxey has had at the middle school can be nothing but an asset for our students, staff and community of Ribault High School. Being the PTA president of Sallye B. Mathis, we, the parents of Sallye B. Mathis, want Mr. Maxey as our senior high principal of Ribault High School. Thank you.

Mr. Christopher Taylor and I'm Student Council Vice President of Jean Ribault Senior High School and I'm also Mr. Ribault second runner up. I truly appreciate the time that you let me have before you this evening. Being at Ribault Senior High School for about four years now has always been an uplifting experience under the leadership of Mr. Royce Turner, as principal, but now, the time has come for a change. I believe that appointing Mr. George Maxey as principal at Jean Ribault Senior High School will make a tremendous difference. Mr. Maxey, as all Trojans know him, is a part of our Trojan family. Whether Ribault is at it's worst or best, Mr. Maxey remains supportive and in our corner. A man of his character and integrity will be the best choice for this appointment.. Mr. Maxey has brought Ribault Middle School's FCAT scores up tremendously. I find it downright ridiculous to take an opportunity from our school to achieve success and don't do it. Nevertheless, the Duval County School Board's first priority is the success of the students. So, why not grant Jean Ribault Senior High School, my school, the opportunity to achieve the success by giving us George Maxey? Thank you.

Mr. Ken Ohnsman, said I regret that I must speak critically of a superior, however, I'm compelled tonight to speak clearly, directly and truthfully regarding my personal character. I want you to know that I strive to follow through on all my commitments and always remain true to my word. Additionally, as a professional, I take very seriously my role in supporting the school administration and their best intentions. I know them to be my superiors and I act accordingly. I might mention that I'm on the agenda for "Suspensions Without Pay" tonight. Last June, I contacted my principal to request that she contact the Certification Office regarding my teaching record. In response, she's expressed her expectation that I would soon be terminated. Furthermore, she put forth a gross distortion of the matter which included complete fabrications. She also attributed false statements to me. As a result, our once positive and productive relationship is now one of distrust. In the past month, she has leveled three charges of insubordination against me and these are distortions. In all circumstances, even when the directions were unclear, confusing, conflicting, contradictory or even impossible to carry out, I have striven to the best of my ability to execute according to the administration's desires. The charges against me place blame unfairly. They deflect attention from the misstatements, missteps and failures of school administration which have been many this year and which have thwarted my efforts and those of my students. The evidence I make available now shows the charges to be false and I urge that you postpone this motion for suspension pending your further review. I also ask that you investigate my claims. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ms.. Tonisha Carter, PTA president of NorthShore K-8. The parents, along with the faculty, feel that reappointing Dr. Sutton would be detrimental to our students. Earlier today, several of you received a petition from the staff outlining several of the points that I will share. First, during the school year, NorthShore K-8 opened combining three schools which took enrollment from 300 to 1,010 and only 20% of the attended were original NorthShore students. We also added 6th grade and reconstructed our staff. Of the 89 certified faculty members, 39 were first year teachers. Due to these situations, NorthShore should have received a new school number which would have started a new history. Based on the original NorthShore students, 50% of third grade achieved a level of III or higher on this year's FCAT. More than 40% of 5th and 6th grade students were at NorthShore for the 2007-2009 years, had one year or more years of growth on the FCAT. It would not be beneficial to the students nor the staff to uproot Dr. Sutton at this time. We are asking you to reconsider reassigning her based on the achievements of the pre-existing NorthShore students. As a parent, I am more than confident that Dr. Sutton will continue to successfully lead student enrichment at NorthShore. The students at NorthShore need consistency and

stability to become successful and to reach their potential. We, the principal and the staff, our students and community deserve more than one year to adjust and reach the expectations that not only you, but what we have set, ourselves. Thank you.

Ms. Eden Odom said I'm a graduate from Sandalwood High School. A week before my graduation, my math teacher told me that he wasn't going to grant me grade recovery because he felt I didn't give my all by scoring 75% out of 100%. Respecting the advice of my principal and the Board of Education, I took another grade recovery test for him. This time, without the privilege of using outside resources, I scored lower. His words to me nonchalantly with a scolding voice, he said, "I'm still not giving you it to you." No words of encouragement from him nor the principal. She said to me, "You can always come back and get the credit in summer school." Basically saying, it's OK....Just like the time I told her in confidence that I'll pass the FCAT, her response to me was, "Oh, I don't know" and these are our teachers. After receiving the 1/2 credit through ASO Compass Odyssey in time for graduation, I returned to my principal's office to receive my cap and gown and as I turned away, she, with no sense of happiness or praise, "Oh, congratulations." This is the same math teacher who responded to a student's dream of becoming a professional soccer player and said, "If you didn't play soccer in middle school or a recreational team or for Sandalwood, you're not going to make it." This is the type of negative reinforcement that I sit in class every day. We were called "imbeciles" or "stupid" and that "a third grader could do this." I never would participate in class with this teacher, ask questions or seek help because I was afraid of the negative, embarrassing remarks he would make. Some environment to learn in and these are the types of teachers that are teaching my generation.

Ms. Gwen Griffin-Odom, thank you for giving me a chance to come before you, again, and I will keep coming back until something has been done about Sandalwood High School. I listen to all of these people who spoke about Ribault and they are adamant about what they feel about their school and the principal they want. I commend them for that, but the situation at Sandalwood is not getting any better...it's getting worse. Due to the fact that I came to the School Board last October, my children were constantly retaliated, picked on by teachers and pointed out by the principal. I have a copy of a letter I wrote to each of you. It's crazy and these teachers are ineffective, they say and do what they want to our black students...this must stop. Our students are being treated as second-class citizens. It's not fair and I'm coming to you to ask for help to make a change at Sandalwood.

Ms. Edna Washington said as I come before the Board this afternoon, I am somewhat perplexed by the decision to move Mr. Royce Turner. I understand that principals are allowed five years in a position to make a turnaround in their schools and Mr. Turner has only been at Ribault for three years. I know there has been a lot of support for bringing Mr. Maxey to the high school; he's done an excellent job at the middle school. However, Mr. Turner has done many things at Ribault, as well. Those things have not been discussed here this afternoon, but he has made alliances with the community. He has gone to the faith-based organizations; touches basis with business leaders and community advocates and he's tried to gather support for Ribault High School. Those seeds have been planted and they have not yet had an opportunity to grow. It will be in all fairness that Mr. Turner be allowed to remain at Ribault High School and continue to establish those things he has put in place to help students. This fight we're fighting - you're all leaders - and the fight that is being fought this afternoon - it deals with children. I've had four children that have gone through the Duval County school system and they are all successful. Those children were given the best of what we had, but now there has been a turnaround involving the state and mandates that must be met. Mr. Pratt-Dannals has told me on more than one occasion, "In order to get success you want from your school, you need to establish stability in the leadership." So, I'm here now to ask that Mr. Turner be given the opportunity, at least five years, to turn Ribault around. If we're not achieving those goals at that time, then he could be removed but please give him and the children at Ribault an opportunity to be successful. As we look around, we spend more money on the criminal justice system than we do on education. Our children are, indeed, our future! Thank you.

Ms. Virginia Gray spoke about Mr. Turner only being at Ribault High School for less than 3 1/2 years and he should be given the opportunity to fulfill his time there. Please give him the opportunity to do a fair job. Thank you.

Comments From Parent Organizations

COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

Minutes:

PTA Chair - Annette Worthen:

Good evening, my name is Annette Worthen; I am President of the Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs. During the months of April and May PTAs began electing their boards for the 09-10 school year. On May 4th the County Council hosted the Spring Leadership Workshop. We offered 15 classes covering all the key components needed in making their local PTA successful. The Workshops were well attended by PTA members from local units as well as the newly elected board members. The feedback from the attendees was both positive and insightful.

In mid May, it was PTA night at the Jacksonville Sun's. The ball game was well attended by volunteers and PTA members from all over Duval County. Before the game started, the Superintendent recognized the PTAs/PTSAs earning the Superintendent award. These PTAs/PTSAs increased their membership by 100 or more members since last year.

Greenland Pines Elementary
Holiday Hill Elementary
Landmark Middle
Julia Landon Middle
Mandarin Middle
Ortega Elementary
Sandalwood High

In late May DCCPTA ended the year with the annual Presidents and Principals Luncheon. Over 500 people attended the luncheon and the majority of those people also attended the vendor fair that was held right before the luncheon. I would like to thank Marjorie Nolan, Duval County Teacher of the Year for giving the invocation, and both Mr. Pratt-Dannals and Mr. Hazouri for bringing greetings. I would also like to thank both Ms. Drake and Ms. Broner for attending and supporting the PTAs at their schools. The PTAs/PTSAs of the year were announced. Pine Forest won for small elementary while Crown Point won for large elementary, the middle school winner was Mandarin Middle School and the High School winner was Stanton. We appreciate and recognize the hard work of all our PTAs/PTSAs here in Duval County not just our award winners.

Through the summer we will continue working with schools and PTA's that contact us. This will be a busy PTA summer as Florida will host the National PTA Convention down in Fort Lauderdale in June and Florida PTA will host the annual Leadership Conference in July. Duval County will be well represented at both events.

As always, PTA is grateful for the support of each of the School Board members, the Superintendent and the district staff. If there are any issues that the School Board or Superintendent would like PTA to address, please call on us. Thank you

District Advisory Council Chair - Rachel Raneri:

The District Advisory Council met on Monday, May 26th. We don't usually meet in May due to graduation schedules, but with all of the changes that may come up as a result of the state legislature's actions, we felt that it was important to continue to meet over the summer.

Jeanne Ballentine sent us some brochures about summer school. On a personal note, I would like to say that the uses of funds for these programs are commendable. I wish that these opportunities had been available when my children were still in school.

I would like to formally thank the Honorable W.C. Gentry for cutting his family trip short to join us at the DAC meeting. Mr. Gentry shared with us the "Save Duval Schools" program. The District Advisory Council is prepared to support this effort through communications with the Area SACs in this grass roots effort.

Mr. Doug Ayars gave us an update on the Academic & Community Excellence 2.0 project and the Flawless Opening Process.

Now is the time for Area SACs to look at any hazardous walking areas per Statute 1006.23. Since the transportation guidelines have changed to be in alignment with State requirements of 2 miles, now is the time for parents to look at their children's walking route. If parents are concerned, they may request an *Analysis & Criteria For Hazardous Walking Conditions* and the *Hazardous Walking Checklist* from the transportation department.

Mr. Ayars brought photos of the construction of the new AAA high school. He also explained the challenge of some of the inner city schools that have many empty seats because the neighborhood demographics have changed.

Ms. Dana Krisnar and Mr. Tony Bellamy brought us information about the changes in secondary school schedules for the 2009 - 2010 school year. Unfortunately these changes are all due to the economy.

Terry Cicero, from the Office of Community Engagement, shared some training opportunities with us. And John Daley, district business partner from Dominos Pizza, explained the "Be There" campaign.

The next meeting of the District Advisory Council will be June 22, 2009, 6:00 pm in the 6th floor conference room. We look forward to Mr. Hazouri joining us.

Comments From Employee Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

To the Chair and members of the Board, good evening. I come with no prepared text because the hour is getting late, but a couple issues:

First of all, to the new principals that are up for approval this evening, I would strongly encourage and urge for the Superintendent to actually put together a joint workshop which is specified in the Duval Teachers United Contract, coupling and partnering, with Human Resources to do the workshop for our

new incoming principals and any other existing principals to have a real workshop on the contract. I'm sure none of them had the time to sit down and read the three contracts that we have in its entirety and all of the implications. We know those areas of the contract that are most frequently violated. 90% of our grievances are done, not because out of malice or intent to want to violate the contract, it's done through naivety. I truly believe if we established early on, the collaboration, the partnership of why those contracts exist, it's not the union contract...it's the contract between all of you and us so that a school environment can be better for the students and for the employees, themselves, and I believe through those workshops, I think it would help them establish a better rapport with their faculties and staffs, so we would like to get to work collaboratively.

Secondly, I encourage each of you, as Board members, to go online...the FAME surveys are back. When we were reviewing them today, it's where faculties and staffs are given the opportunities to rank their administrators, based from everything from knowledge of contract to collaboration and openness. We did see an increase in certain areas but again, additional decreases in respect towards the employees, safe and healthy working environments, working knowledge of a contract and implementing of the contract, diversity and acceptance of different ideas. These are areas that can either (a) build positive learning communities or erode positive learning communities. So, again, if you would pull on the internet your schools and look at those FAME surveys, I think you'll see really a correlation between the type of learning environments existing throughout our county and what we need to work on through the different leadership academies.

Again, that's about all I can say because we're getting ready to enter into negotiations. We look forward to working with you as we always do and we hope we have a very prosperous summer with our new summer school and Superintendent's Academies. We think it's really going to move our students forward. Thanks very much.

The Superintendent said Deputy Superintendent Patricia Willis will contact you about a workshop this summer.

Mr. Gentry said that ever since he's been on the Board, he's listened to Mr. Scott at every Board meeting and I'd like, particularly this last one, I think was in violation of our standing rules, I'd like to have the transcript preserved and reviewed by our counsel so that we can determine whether or not it is a violation of our rules and so that we will know how to respond the next time he may want to make public comments. I think it's important for us to require speakers to comply with our rules.

Student Achievement, Reform Activities, And Reports

[1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Condolences:

I would like to extend our most sincere condolences to the parents of the Ed White students who were killed in a tragic wreck Friday. Our hearts go out to the family and friends of John Kiely, Kimber Krebbs and Dennis Stout. We will keep their classmates, Brandon Hodges, Rebecca Pillkinton of Victory Christian, Erin Hurst, Timothy Adams, Jimmy Garcia and Shannon Broome, in our prayers, as they recover from their injuries sustained in the wreck.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Chuck and Susan Carter who were also killed in a wreck on Sunday morning. Clinton C. Carter II was employed with the district for 19 years. He was first hired as a temporary employee in 1983 and worked briefly as a clerical assistant from 1986-1990. He worked as a

school messenger. Clinton was rehired in 1994 in our grounds division as a groundskeeper and was promoted to Grounds Foreman in 2004. Chuck was 42 years old, a laid back individual who loved golfing, a people person and his friends. He was attending FCCJ with the intent of getting a teaching degree. He was a family man devoted to his family. His mother, Louise Carter, retired from the payroll department. Chuck died at the scene and his wife, Susan Carter, 39 years old, was rushed to the hospital where she passed away. Susan McNeill Carter was first employed by the district in 1994 as a school clerk at DuPont Middle School. She received her bachelor's degree from UNF in 1993 and her master's from Nova Southeastern University in 1999. Susan was hired as a guidance counselor at Timucuan Elementary from 2000-2004. She had been a guidance counselor at Susie Tolbert since August, 2004 to the present. They are survived by two children

Ernst & Young Audit:

On Wednesday, May 27, 2009, the Superintendent, district staff, Board Internal Auditor and I met with representatives of our independent auditors, Ernst & Young, regarding their Financial Statement Audit of 2008-09 fiscal year which ends June 30, 2009. It was a high level meeting which included discussion of the types of reports to be issued, internal control communications, and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-1333 requirements that would be fulfilled. The discussion included business and industry risk considerations for our Audit Committee, Accounting and Auditing Developments and critical accounting policies, estimates and areas of emphasis. The Ernst & Young representatives met with district staff to discuss developments, changes in district systems and/or internal control and district accounting and auditing issues which would affect their audit plan and methodology. They met with our Board Internal Auditor, Michelle Begley, to discuss risk assessment of the district and an internal audit work plan for the upcoming year.

Rufus Payne Elementary School:

Tonight, we are highlighting Rufus Payne Elementary School which is in district 5, represented by Board Member Betty Burney. Rufus Payne Elementary, named in honor of the esteemed educator Mr. Rufus Elvin Payne, opened in 1962. In 1928, Mr. Payne was appointed as the first African-American Supervisor of Colored Schools in Duval County. He was committed to making sure all students received a quality "first class" education. It was Mr. Payne's dedication and commitment that set the tone for the great things to come from Rufus Payne Elementary School. With their rich history, Payne Elementary offers several exciting programs to more than 400 pre-K - 5th grade students through the primary years International Baccalaureate Magnet Program. Their commitment to science and technology is reflected in their two state-of-the-art computer labs, a minimum of four technology stations in each classroom and a mobile technology lab. Every child experiences inquiry based instruction, challenging assessments, high academic standards, intellectual rigor, real-world experiences and Mandarin Chinese as a second language requirement.

The commitment to academic excellence has radiated at Rufus Payne for the past two years. For two consecutive years, Payne has received the highest 4th grade FCAT writing scores in the district. In 2008, science scores increased by more than 40 points and this year, Payne had the highest math gains in the district.

The faculty and staff of Rufus Payne are not only concerned about the students while they are in elementary school. They are committed to making sure the students are planning for the future. To ensure that each student understands that college is an option. In 2007, Rufus Payne Elementary School partnered with Jean Ribault Senior High School's Early College Program. Through this partnership, 9 of the Early College students have mentored 5th grade students. The students at Payne and Ribault have built life-long bonds and lasting relationships. The partnership culminated this year with a Parent Luncheon that included the vertical articulation with students, parents, the middle school Cluster Chief and high school office staff.

The doors of Rufus Payne are always open to the community and parents. Through PTA, SAC and other community leaders, Payne has established a signature trademark for excellence. The students, faculty, staff and community live by the Rufus Payne creed of "always being respectful, responsible, peaceful and proud." Rufus Payne has always been known as the "*Best Kept Secret in Duval County.*" Well, after

tonight, the secret is out!

Ms. Grace Payne West is in the audience this evening...the only living child of Rufus E. Payne, who is a testimony to her father and also, an educator. Thank you, your husband and your daughter for all you do for those in our community. It was an honor and privilege attending the luncheon honoring Rufus E. Payne. A true life blood-line to see where and how to be successful. I commend the principal, faculty, staff to see the children all on task and that's what it takes to move our students. Thank you all for what you continue to do for all students in Duval County!

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

I'd like to begin by commending all of our teachers, principals, school support staff and district staff for the strong progress we made this year, particularly in the area of elementary and middle schools, in mathematics and science. Also, to the high schools for making some progress although it was more mixed. High schools are more challenging and even though we see progress at the elementary and middle, we continue to make sure that our elementary and middle are performing even higher, so the students by the time they get to high school, are better prepared.

We will be able to brief the Board on June 16 on two major issues: some changes in the high school accountability model, in terms of high school grades which will include graduation rates, two elements of that, participation and acceleration programs and how students do in those programs. We'll also discuss with you on June 16, some changes in terms of more support for high school turnaround schools.

I want to commend three schools for making significant progress this year: Martin Luther King and George Washington Carver had been rated as "F" last year and it appears they at least made it to a "C" and possibly a "B" in a single year. I'd like to commend Ribault Middle and Mr. Maxey had a lot to do with that but it's the entire staff, based on points it looks very positive that they may make a "B" from an "F" five years ago. This shows with excellent leadership, support from district staff, Cluster staff, we can make positive differences in some of our most challenging schools...and we're getting better at it and under the guidance of Mrs. Willis, we're confident that we're going to make even more dramatic gains in our high schools. It does appear that 5-6 of our high schools will improve by a letter grade and 1-2 may have gone backwards and that prompted some of the changes in the principalship. There were three primary reasons for the changes this year with approximately 45 out of 160 principals. The first was retirements; the second is the state requirements which are increasing dramatically. In this last legislation, the Commissioner of Education received authority for "F" schools and "intervened" schools which are in the lowest category or most intensive area to require a principal change, to approve the person coming in, the assistant principals and be a part of the process of reconstituting that school in terms of teacher and guidance staff. That is very broad authority and we have less time to show progress and gains in our lowest performing schools. This prompted a number of the changes that you have before you, tonight. The third thing was there were a number of principals who have been at their schools between 4-9 (average of 6-7 years) and stretching their skills and knowledge; vacancies where an experienced principal was needed which prompted some changes. This change at the state level is at a much higher level. The regional group that is assigned to our district is headed by Leila Mousa. Look to build long term capacity and short term wins in order to win another year to continue. We'll talk with you more on June 16 about this about recommendations for high school turnaround and reorganization in that area.

We are moving towards a two-division model with Dr. White's second retirement. All the departments will come under Doug Ayars and Mrs. Patricia Willis and I will be briefing you on this; some changes in reporting mechanisms.

In response to some of the concerns about Susie Tolbert, there were some legitimate concerns a couple

of years ago and the principal has been doing an excellent job in moving towards an equity situation. Many of the concerns expressed earlier are no longer there but we still have work to do. Mrs. Willis will be chairing a committee that will begin this summer that will include parents from both the magnet and the neighborhood as well as other representatives to come up with solutions to recommend to me by October so before going into the magnet selection process next year, the parents will know how it will be organized and what structures will be in place and holding onto as many of those magnet families, as possible while making sure we're taking care of the needs of the neighborhood students.

Finally, I'd like to thank three people: Jim Streit who has been with us for 3 years, initially hired to work in the development area and moved over to the Communications office and has done an excellent job in providing organization and direction and guidance. Unfortunately, Jim is part of the district staff reduction we had to make. It is not a reflection in terms of the quality of work and we wish him well in his future endeavors. Secondly, John Radcliffe who has been with us for a number of years. John joined us in 1994 as General Director for General Services and he's worked with purchasing, warehousing, transportation, safety, security, food service but his real expertise is in the area of insurance and benefits. He is one of the recognized experts in this field and he's filled in for the Superintendent in the Emergency Operations Center at times during hurricane watches. He's going to be moving on to another district as Assistant Superintendent for Troop County which is in LeGrange, Georgia, using many of his skills. We bid John a warm farewell and thank him for his years of service. Finally, Dr. Alvin White - he was a teacher for 14 years in Duval County Public Schools at Oakland Exceptional Student Center; A.L. Louis which is a YMCA community center now, and Eugene Butler; principal 7 years at Butler and Ribault Senior; Area Assistant Superintendent 15 years; over the Desegregation office 2 years which was the year we went to court (on the stand for over 7 hours); Human Resources 5 years and Chief Operating Officer 1 year; finally, I asked Dr. White to come back when I saw the need to boost our Community Engagement and staffing work for somewhere between 6-18 months. Even though facing illness, he's done brilliant work and I always saw Dr. White as a confidant, a mentor to me personally and I don't anticipate those things going away; I will continue to seek his guidance and trust his judgment and knowledge of this district. I can't think of anyone who has more years or has been more committed to the students of Duval County Public Schools than Dr. Alvin White and we will miss you!

Comments by Dr. Alvin White:

Before I say anything about the rebuttal of the surprise that I asked them not to do and I begged them so I know I'm a lame duck and that's OK. But let me just share with you as I listened to the comments on the personnel appointments and I listened to Ribault where my heart is, I'm compelled to make some remarks regarding that matter. I had a flashback at the time when I was recommended by the Superintendent to be the first African-American principal at Ribault. At the time, there were a lot of names out there, all good names, all good records and I was a "nobody". No one heard of Alvin White. The Superintendent stood by the recommendation but I think the problem that I had when all of the things that happened prior to the Board's voting for the Superintendent's recommendations, I was in such a hole, it really was very difficult for me to dig myself out of it and make that school the school it finally became. If you remember, the school had been closed twice because of racial riots and I was the first black principal recommended for the school. and it was about 95% African-American and at the time, the community rallied behind me and that was the important thing in my life. They rallied and I rallied with them. They didn't trust me which made my job even harder. I had to earn their trust in which I tried hard to do and within four years out of 15 high schools, Jean Ribault was ranked #5 and that was because of the community support from the parents that I had rallying behind me. So, I share that with you while I've heard names like "an awesome leader" of the principal at Ribault Middle, a "role model", a "caring person"...I don't disagree with any those things not one bit as the description you have for that principal, but at the same time, my heart goes out to the new principal who has been recommended. I feel and I'm sure he's here now, I know how he feels. If the Board votes for the recommendation, he'll have a harder role to get out of that hole because he's coming there with two strikes against him. So, I make those comments and it's very difficult and I know times have changed, we're in a new era, but the community support is needed even more than it was at that time. I wanted to share that with you and say that I know the former principal, the new principal that is being recommended and he was one of my former students at Jacksonville University, a top student in the class of about 27. All of the adjective that describe the principal at Ribault Middle also fit the principal that is being recommended tonight. No one has said anything about this man and I can feel he's pain and I wanted to share that with you for

whatever it's worth.

At the same time, let me thank you for the experience I received since returning after 8 years to the school district, would be putting it mildly. I've had the privilege in working with 5 Superintendents, watching 12 elections to the Board, and attending approximately 390 School Board meetings. Those are my statistics, however, it's really been a delight and a privilege for me to be a part of this well-documented strategic plan, especially since the plan had extensive community and stakeholder input.

The establishment of the Office of Community and Family Engagement allowed us to address Goal 5 in a strategic manner. I am very proud to to inform you that all of the goals were either met and/or exceeded. This achievement didn't take place because of Alvin White, it took place because of a dedicated and committed staff who worked tirelessly to accomplish those objectives. I would urge you to continue down the road of a path that has been successful...it's not broken...it doesn't need fixing. And then, the Office of Equity and Inclusion continues to do well with its assigned purpose. Even so, this program needs more attention from the district and school level.

Human Resources continue to serve this district in a very efficient manner. However, 11 years ago when I recommended the name change from Personnel to Human Resources, it was my intent to point this department to a broader direction to include Benefits as some aspects of Risk Management. I share that with you as I say you've got the right staff in order with Deputy Superintendent Pat Willis and the Chief Operating Officer at my right wing, here, Doug Ayars. I think the senior cabinet is going to move well with the new organization and I only thank you for the privilege of having come back, again, and get back into the swing of things. I've enjoyed working with the staff, cluster chiefs, the principals, teachers and everyone. It has been truly a privilege for me to be here. Thank you and finally I'll say to you as my grandmother said to me, "Just remember, boy, every sleepy eye ain't shut and every goodbye ain't gone." Thank you so much.

Reports

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

Minutes:

There are two items I'd like report this evening. I'd like Dr. Stahlman to address the retrofits of our schools, Information Technology effort; and secondly, from Mr. Paul Soares to address an update on the status on the Food Service program.

Dr. Terrie Stahlman:

I am pleased to announce that we are only 16 schools away from being fully retrofitted as a district. Ten years ago, we began bringing agenda items to the Board for approval for build up the infrastructure of our schools for power, data, voice, wiring and electronics and so by the end of 2011, we should be completely retrofitted for the first time.

Paul Soares:

We started summer food service today at camps and service appeared to go well and served over 250 students both breakfast and lunch. On June 10, we start at Mandarin Oaks, so overall, it's going well. The hiring fair is going well and Chartwell's has hired over 700 personnel which is nearly all that have applied. We're working the Administrative Dining Services contract which changes revenue through sales here and at the Schultz Center and other administrative locations; zero subsidy and every effort is being made to keep pricing at the current levels and we're also asking for alternative pricing which would allow

us to recover district costs in terms of utilities, maintenance, service, support contracts. Given, we coming to a rapid close with the current contractor, we're shooting for a transition on or around June 19 and if that works, we'll begin with Chartwell's on Monday, June 22. Overall, the transition is going well and Chartwell's is off to a good start. We're looking forward to a smooth summer school and a great start for the new school year.

Mr. Gentry said at the Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee meeting about a week or so ago, it came up regarding a real issue with the Team Up programs...the need to provide food for children and apparently under the previous contract, the only person who could provide food was the vendor at a charge. It was brought out that there are a number of businesses in our community who would volunteer to provide food for these children who need food and cannot afford it. Is there anything we can do about that? I just wanted to raise that and ask Mr. Soares if we could talk later. There are a number of businesses in the community who would like to contribute food to help with the after school programs for the children who need to be fed and I don't know if our present contract addresses it the way the old one did or not. It's kind of a glitch that I think we need to address.

Mr. Soares said our food service program really revolves around the free and reduced lunches so the places that we serve are for the most part, provided free and then we get reimbursed at the federal level. So there are locations where you think people have to pay. We will look at that and try to work with those businesses. We can not serve to every site because some school locations don't meet the eligibility for free and reduced meals. Places where there could be a charge, we can work with the businesses that would be outside of the food services program. I'd be happy to talk with you about this.

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

Minutes:

Ms. Willis said we don't have an official report but we do have a reminder to our parents and our students about our summer school programs. Summer school begins June 22 and runs through July 31. We want to let you know that we've had extensive communication initiatives by Ms. LeRoy's staff with the local stations 47, 12, 4. Flyers have gone home with students, schools, churches, and city recreation centers. We've met with our parent resource liaisons in our schools and they have met in the libraries and other community gatherings. Brochures have been published and they have gone home with our students, as well. Radio talk shows - Ms. LeRoy has been on the radio. Very soon, we'll have a caravan in our neighborhoods - Matthew Gilbert, R.L. Brown, and Long Branch area, Northwestern Middle, Carter G. Woodson, St. Clair Evans, Ribault High and Middle, Sallye B. Mathis. Finally, parent applications are available at the schools if you did not get those and they are available online. So, we're looking for as many students as possible to take advantage of the summer programs, not just for promotion, but the Superintendent's Academies begin June 22.

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 8, 2009, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the June 8, 2009, Agenda as submitted on June 1, 2009, with the - PASS

changes listed in the agenda 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 that the Duval County School Board approve the following minutes:

- May 4, 2009 - Special Meeting
- May 5, 2009 - Regular Meeting
- May 12, 2009 - Special - Student Expulsion Hearings
- May 12, 2009 - Special - Food Service Contract
- May 19, 2009 - Board Workshop
- May 21, 2009 - Board Workshop
- May 21, 2009 - Emergency Board Meeting

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Minutes for the Meetings listed in the Agenda Item. May 4, 2009 - Special May 5, 2009 - Regular May 12, 2009 - Special - Student Expulsion May 12, 2009 - Special - Food Service May 19, 2009 - Workshop May 21, 2009 - Workshop May 21, 2009 - Emergency - 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

Approval of Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motions:	- 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

Consent Agenda

Human Resource Services - Staffing

[3. REAPPOINTMENT OF SPECIALISTS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS](#)

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

[5. REAPPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL-BASED INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL](#)

Attachment: [reappointment.tchr2.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

[1. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS](#)

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Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

[1. SUSPENSIONS WITHOUT PAY](#)

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Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

[1. RESOLUTION TO READOPT 2008-2009 BUDGET](#)

Attachment: [READOPTRESOLUTION2009.pdf](#)

[2. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS](#)

Attachment: [General Fund Resolution June 8.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Food Service Resolution June 8.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Spec Rev Resolution June 8.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Capital Resolution June 8.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Internal Funds Resolution June 8.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Fiduciary Resolution June 8.pdf](#)

[3. INTERNAL ACCOUNTS FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDITS](#)

Attachment: [IntAudAgendafoJun2009.pdf](#)

[4. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS](#)

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

Operations - Information Technology

[1. RETROFIT FOR TECHNOLOGY AT SAN MATEO, PINE ESTATES AND ANDREW ROBINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

Attachment: [B and C June 09 Retrofit Awards.pdf](#)

Minutes: Ms. Broner said Dr. Stahlman already made comments about this and I just want to say that they 16 schools left, I think we'll be finished by the end of 2011...this really never ends because we're always having to refresh. I just want to endorse our continued movement forward.

[2. RETROFIT FOR TECHNOLOGY AT WINDY HILL ES NO. 94 AND LAKE LUCINA ES NO. 95: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD CORRECTION](#)

Attachment: [B and C Corrected May June Retrofit Awards.pdf](#)

Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment

[1. PLACEMENT: CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT FOR PATHWAYS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL - WITHDRAWN](#)

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

[1. GRANT OF EASEMENT TO JEA FOR WATER METERS AT BARTRAM SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 161, DCSB PROJECT NO. C-91130](#)

Attachment: [B-C-REV-JEA-EASEMENT AT 161.DOC.pdf](#)

[2. DEDICATION OF THE WATER AND SEWER LINES TO JEA AND ROAD PLAT DEDICATION TO CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AT WESTVIEW K-8 SCHOOL NO. 274, DCSB PROJECT NO. C-90470](#)

Attachment: [B-C JEA-Utilities-Dedication274.doc.pdf](#)

[3. EDUCATIONAL PLANT FIVE YEAR SURVEY 2009-2014- WITHDRAWN](#)

Attachment: [B-C-ED-PLANT-SURVEY.DOC.pdf](#)

[4. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR SITE EXPANSION AT JEAN RIBAUT HIGH SCHOOL NO. 96 \(WEBB\)](#)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-AERIAL-WEBB PARCEL.DOC.pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

[1. CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTINUING SERVICES: SELECTION AND CONTRACT AWARD/ OFDC RFQ-002/09 AND OFDC ITB-002/09](#)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-REV-A-C-CM-SERVICES.DOC.pdf](#)

Attachment: [B-C-A-C FOR-CM-Services.DOC.pdf](#)

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Minutes:

Mr. Gentry asked a couple of questions and one is to understand how we go about doing this. I'm looking at the item on under page 172-178 - Recommendation of Construction Management Continuing Contract, and as I understand it, it says (page 178) Re: MBE Recommendation for Construction Management Continuing Contract 7% AA, 3% HANA and 5% WBE - what does that 15% relate to? What was that intended to mean and how was that goal set?

Mr. Soares said WBE is "Women Business Enterprise; HANA has to do with Hispanic and Minority Business Enterprise participation...

Mr. Gentry said as I understand it, we've let seven contracts...what is the purpose of having so many different contractors involved?

Mr. Soares said the first consideration is the amount of work we expect to be coming. These are contracts for less than a million dollars. The contractors represent different qualification sets. Some are better at major construction and others are better are smaller renovations or electrical work, so it gives us a sweep of firms to use based on the job. We're not obligated to use them for any amount but it gives us the ability to do that...If we thought we were going to do alot with the stimulus money, it may still, depending on what happens with the Five Year Capital Plan, so in essence, it gives us the capability to ramp up if we need, across different skill sets, different types of construction renovation without obligating us to a set amount.

Mr. Gentry said in looking at the approved contractors, the value of the construction management fee bid by Allstate is \$1,250,000 and then the bid that's been accepted is one of the approved vendors by Ajax is \$1,865,000, presumably for providing the same sort of services...is that correct?

Mr. Soares said in general terms, yes, but in real terms the different firms have different levels of capabilities. Some firms have much better track record like in Ajax. They're doing some of the major projects such as the new Westview and even North Shore and delivered a high

quality product, but if we chose to go with the lower firm, then I think where we see a lower cost and sometimes capabilities, we're going to go that way because these percentages vary from 5%-10% - it's based on \$15,000,000 over three years. We're not going to pay 10% if we can only pay 5%, but we'll look at that and try to give the right job to the right firm based on their abilities. The overall project, we may pay \$1,500,000 on CM fees but the total project cost may \$15-20,000,000, so you get your money back if you choose wisely and which firm you assign to which project.

Mr. Gentry said I was wondering if there's any benefit to bundling these services among fewer bidders as opposed to having so many different people available? I guess that's the part I didn't understand. In an average year, how many different construction management contractors do we use?

Mr Soares said, again, that varies. We just came off of audit criticism where they said we can only use \$1,000,000 per contract. That's going to change effective this new year, 1 July, so in the past year, we used every single contract as we were so limited in the capacity. In the coming fiscal year, and that's how these were planned and that's how this was done, but in the coming fiscal year with the new statutory rule, we'll be able to go multiple contracts, just no single contract can be more than a \$1,000,000. So, we'll be using less in the coming year because that statutory change will take effect in the coming year.

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

Attachment: [XX-REV-SC-CFI-05-29-09.DOC.pdf](#)

Attachment: [B-C-SC-CFI-MAY09.DOC.pdf](#)

[4. FACILITIES SERVICES CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER REPORT \(MAY 2009\)](#)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-ChangeOrderRpt-May09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [B-C-CO-Report-May2009.doc.pdf](#)

[3. PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: NEW AND RENEWAL](#)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-PREQUAL-Renewal 6-2-09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [XX-ATT-PREQUAL-New 06-08-09.pdf](#)

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

[5. ANNUAL FIRE, CASUALTY, AND SANITATION INSPECTION REPORTS](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

[1. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT](#)

Attachment: [06June09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [June 09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ROJUN09.pdf](#)

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

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Attachment: [05June09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [07June09.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Gentry said I think this came up in my first Board meeting and I was thinking that there

had been some discussion about aligning these items in terms of priority. For example, this is on page 193. This is the use of surplus property and it would seem to me that the best use of it would be to use it as needed by vocational education programs, and probably the second best of it, would be to use it to trade toward credit so we don't have to spend money. Those are items "C" and "E" on the list. Why wouldn't we prioritize the utilization of the surplus property and then ask that when it is utilized, it be used at the prioritized fashion as opposed to simply as having a longer list? I raised that before in terms of prioritizing the utilization and from my perspective, the best use of surplus property would be utilizing in the vocational training program. If we need appliances or stuff for the kids to work with, we ought to use it there first. That's item "C". I'm raising the issue of whether we shouldn't prioritize, unless that creates some problem, why we wouldn't prioritize the utilization of surplus property?

Mr. Soares said they are not in a priority now, so we'll look at any given use that comes up. It's important to note that before something enters on a surplus property report, it's on our regular property accounts and it comes up available to any school for any need at no cost. So, that's through the Bulls Bay Bargain Give-A-Way. When no one wants the item, it reverts over to this list. Then we list the menu choices. We can look at our past history how they have been used. Our main goal is to get some main value out of it vice paying to get rid of it, in terms of disposal. One of the last things we do, for example, is electronics scrap. To answer your question, we'd have to go back and look at past categories and see if it is viable to choose or continue with the first use that we can get just so that we don't have to pay to get rid of it.

Speakers:

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Tommy, Board Chairman

Mr. Doug Ayars, Chief Operations Officer

[2. OCCUPATIONAL, PHYSICAL SPEECH/LANGUAGE THERAPY AND SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS](#)

Attachment: [occupational physical itb 035 09 Im.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM_01-14-08.pdf](#)

Academic Services

[2. CONTINUATION OF AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE DUVAL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT](#)

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[3. CONTINUATION OF INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND GATEWAY COMMUNITY SERVICES INC., JACKSONVILLE MARINE INSTITUTE, PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS, AND KEYSTONE DJJ LLC. D/B/A JACKSONVILLE YOUTH CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES](#)

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[4. CONTINUATION OF THE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES UNITED WAY FUNDING.pdf](#)

[5. CONTINUATION OF AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH UNITED WAY, DUVAL COUNTY HEALTH DEPT., JACKSONVILLE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION, ST. VINCENT'S HEALTH SYSTEM, FULL SERVICE SCHOOLS OF JACKSONVILLE, AND DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES UNITED WAY, HEALTH DEPT., JAX. CHILDRENS, ST. VINCENT.pdf](#)

6. TITLE I SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Title I supplemental educational services.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly Jackson wanted to share with the public that we are seeing gains and attracting a number of students with our providers through the City's Supplemental Services and we serviced over 4,627 students with 17 providers at the cost of about \$4.5 million dollars to these students with lower socio-economic or challenging , so as much ramping up as we can do and maintain the high quality of ethnic, it's definitely a positive move and a trend would be Obama administration is education friendly.

Ms. Burney said Ms. Leroy was gracious enough to provide me some information but just a few comments with regards to Supplemental Education Services. I think the Superintendent probably anticipates my questions more than anyone else because I normal ask the same questions every year with regards to this because I know the importance of what this one program can do when the district does it with fidelity and when we make sure that those providers implement it with fidelity. Now that we're having secondary Title I schools, are they going to be included in this 4,715 anticipated students?

Ms. LeRoy said not at these particular students but we'll expand our SES program and we'll expand for this year.

Ms. Burney said now that we truly have Community and Family Engagement up and running and we're comfortable in how things are established, are we going to partner with them to make sure that the word gets out because it's only as good as the number of students and parents that participate? I know we have the providers out there but we want to make sure that the students know about it and parents understand what this can do for their kids.

Ms. Leroy said actually we believe probably our best resource that we have in place that we will be expanding are our parent resource centers that we have in our schools because we'll be expanding that program, as well. So, the information will flow through those centers and we'll definitely get the word out and will work with the community partners to make sure the parents are aware.

Ms. Burney said it's also an opportunity to work with Communications so that the three-prong approach will probably net you the number of students that you're looking for. Finally, my big concern every year with regards to SES is the quality of the services that the students are receiving. I know that when SES first started, one of the big concerns was there were providers out there but only giving them a small number of hours and the students weren't really getting what they needed. I think the information you gave was regarding to the FCAT achievement levels and how they've been able to move. I know you said that the state discourages our internal evaluations of the SES providers, but I do think there's some way that we can find to get the word out to parents because we want to make sure that when the students go into the program, they're going into a program that is high quality. Thank you, Ms. LeRoy, for what you're doing.

7. ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS FOR MASTER INSERVICE PLAN FOR 2008-2009

Attachment: [PROMiSE Biology Component Revised.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES PROMiSE components 4-09 \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [PROMiSE Earth Space Science Component Revised.pdf](#)
Attachment: [PROMiSE Geometry Component Revised.pdf](#)
Attachment: [PROMiSE Sec Sci Induction Component Revised.pdf](#)
Attachment: [PROMiSE Scientific Theories Institute Component Revised.pdf](#)
Attachment: [PROMiSE Sec Math Induction Component Revised.pdf](#)
Attachment: [PROMiSE Matter Institute Component Revised.pdf](#)
Attachment: [PROMiSE Algebra Institute Component Revised.pdf](#)
Attachment: [PROMiSE Rational Numbers Institute Component Revised.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Broner said I want to ask the Superintendent to comment or have a staff member comment on the opportunities for professional development on this for the Promise Grant for math and science and congratulations on the math and science progress. I think it's important to highlight for our teachers the opportunities here.

Ms. Willis said the Promise Grant is a state grant that is for the understanding implementing of the next generation Science and Math Standards. Our district is partnering with universities to implement this. These particular proponents...there are 9 new proponents and one of those would be a two-week summer institute. Mrs. LeRoy has done extensive work around this and I'll ask her to comment on this item.

Ms. LeRoy said we've been very lucky to participate in this grant and they've developed modules at UNF that our team has actually worked on with UNF and the University of South Florida. Those modules will be offered this summer so these 9 components are a mixture of components where we took specific modules and we tweaked them to make them our own here in Duval and then some of the other modules, like the induction modules for math and science for our new teachers or teachers that are through Alternative Certification, as well as the Summer Institute which will be for two weeks developed through the Promise Grants, specifically. What is really exciting about the Summer Institutes, research shows that our teachers in mathematics and science...if we can support their content knowledge, we'll increase achievement in children. That's what these institutes are going to do. It's where a university professor has been paired with our staff to teach the institutes. There will be professors from the Colleges of Arts and Sciences that will be participating with our educational specialists and our supervisors.

[8. SUBMISSION OF GRANT FOR CARL D. PERKINS, SECONDARY CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE STUDENTS](#)

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

[9. 2009-2010 APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL GRANTS UNDER THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001 AND THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 FOR TITLE I, PARTS A AND D AND TITLE X, PART C PROGRAMS](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Title I 2009-2010 application.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Priestly said she wanted to call the public's attention to this item and particularly in part 2. Title I, Part A - new funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - says, Title I, Part A funds provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) will allow an expansion of services to include adding 31 additional Title I schools and providing intensive summer programs (Superintendent's Primary Reading Academy, Superintendent's Reading and Mathematics Academy, Superintendent's Bridge Academy and the superintendent's College Bound Academy) for Title I students. More

specifically, I want to share that the funding for this comes from what we've talked about is Stimulus dollars. You need to be real clear because often times, the paper and the places we hear, negative or derogatory statements about what's going on so this funding is the tune \$29,459,688 dollars of the American piece of pie that we're getting here in Duval County. I think it's very important to know that we're going to have a local benefit to our economy. I think the Superintendent and staff have provided some pretty innovative ways of addressing that. I think one of the most progressive things we have done in a long time is what we have going on this summer. So, again, I wanted to call the public's attention to that, hoping to have some positive headlines on how it's filtering back locally our piece of those Stimulus dollars.

11. CONTINUATION OF AN INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO HABITUAL TRUANTS

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

12. MASTER INSERVICE PLAN 2009-2014 AND ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES.docJune2009.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Bullying Prevention.doc09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ElemLiteracyOn-line.pdf](#)

Attachment: [MentalHealth&SuicidePrevention.doc09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ResponsetoInstructionIntervention.doc09.pdf](#)

13. CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH CENTER FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL REDESIGN

Attachment: [Duval County Summer Workshops Proposal .09.pdf](#)

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

14. ANNUAL OUT-OF-COUNTY FIELD TRIP REQUEST - TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY GRANT SUMMER TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND GETTYSBURG, P.A., JULY 26-31, 2009

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES TAHG Field Trip.pdf](#)

15. CONTINUATION OF IDEA, PART B PRESCHOOL; AND THE FLORIDA DIAGNOSTIC AND LEARNING RESOURCES SYSTEM (FDLRS) GRANT APPLICATIONS

Attachment: [IDEA Executive Summary 2009 2010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [IDEA Preschool Executive Summary.pdf](#)

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

Attachment: [IDEA Part B and Preschool BUDGET SUMMARIES Agenda Item \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [FDLRS ExecSummary 09-10 Duval.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FDLRS Budget Summary.pdf](#)

16. SUBMISSION OF 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER GRANT PROPOSALS

Attachment: [TEAMUP20082009AcademicPerformanceDataSelectSchoolSites.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BenefitsandChallengesForm20082009TEAMUPSubmissionofGrantApplications.pdf](#)

17. 2009-2010 APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FORMULARY GRANTS UNDER THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001 FOR TITLE II, PART A; TITLE II, PART D; TITLE III; AND TITLE IV, PART A PROGRAMS

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Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Title II, Part A.pdf](#)

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

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Title IV, Part A.pdf](#)

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

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM 06-08-09.pdf](#)

[19. PURCHASE OF RIVERDEEP LEARNING VILLAGE PORTAL UPGRADE AND DESTINATION SUCCESS STUDENT SUBSCRIPTION LICENSES](#)

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges Riverdeep-Learning Village and Destination Success Benefits and Challenges.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Riverdeep-Florida Center for Reading Research Report - Destination Reading.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Destination Success and Learning Village Statistics Chart.pdf](#)

[20. COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL TO THE DISTRICT COURSE TITLE FILE](#)

Attachment: [COURSE adoptions June 09 1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [June 2009 BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM 01-14-081.pdf](#)

Discussion

Board Members

[1. CONSIDERATION OF 6TH GRADERS IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member

Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Broner offered an amendment to ask the Superintendent to do this report not later than October 1, 2009. Mr. Gentry seconded the amendment.

Speakers:

Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman

Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member

Motions:

That the Superintendent be directed to prepare a report regarding placing 6th graders in the elementary schools where and when practical (except for dedicated middle school magnets). The report should include, but not be limited to: Transportation costs and savings Increase efficiency utilization at the elementary school Number of

students overage and/or retained at the 5th grade level FCAT test score comparison with other Districts where 6th grade is housed in the elementary school Discipline records for 5th graders as compared to 6th graders for a three-year average What latitude would be afforded the District by having smaller middle schools (to include reduced discipline and possible school utilization changes)? Other considerations as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent This report would be presented to the Board not later than September 1, 2009.

- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Stan Jordan

Second: Brenda Priestly jackson

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

Motions:

Amend recommendation to move report due date to October 1, 2009.

- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

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

Human Resource Services - Staffing

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

Attachment: [HRS Attach 06-08-09 Trans.pdf](#)

Attachment: [HRS Attach 06-08-09 PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS 2.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

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

Mr. Jordan offered a *friendly amendment*, as follows:

"That the Superintendent review and revisit the principal assignments at Raines and Ribault High Schools."

Speaker:

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

The motion dies for a lack of a second.

Speakers:

Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Patricia Willis, Deputy Superintendent

Mr. Pratt-Dannals introduced the following new principals (whether in-house or from outside of the county; not the transfers):

Michael Alexander - Palm Avenue Exceptional Student Education Center
Jennifer Copeland - Sadie Tillis Elementary
Beverly Crosby - Oceanway Elementary
Evan Daniels - Matthew Gilbert Middle
Kenya Griffin - Englewood Elementary
Jamie Johnson - Crystal Springs Elementary
Brian Lyons - Ribault Middle
Calvin Reddick - Timucuan Elementary
Wanda Reese - New Berlin Elementary
LaShawn Russ - Rufus Payne Elementary
Stephanie Shepard - Ortega Elementary
Shilene Singleton - Jefferson Davis Middle
LaShawn Streater - Seabreeze Elementary
Stephanie Stripling-Mitchell - Pine Estates Elementary
Myrtia Stroy - Brentwood Elementary
James Young - Ribault High
Jennifer Bridwell - Fort Caroline Middle

Let's applaud these new principals..

Motion to extend the Board meeting beyond 11:00 p.m.

Motion: PASS

Motion: Nancy Broner
Second: Brenda Priestly Jackson

Nancy Broner - Aye
Betty Burney - Aye
Vicki Drake - Aye
W. C. Gentry - Aye
Tommy Hazouri - Aye
Stan Jordan - Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

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

Motions:

Amend motion to add request for the Superintendent to review the Principal recommendations. -

Vote Results

Motion: Stan Jordan

Second:

[2. REAPPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS](#)

Attachment: [reappointment.dist.admn.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

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

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the reappointment of District administrators identified on the attached lists for the period of July 01,2009 through June 30, 2010. - 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

[4. REAPPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL-BASED ADMINISTRATORS](#)

Attachment: [reappointment.sch.admn.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

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

Mr. Pratt-Dannals introduced Mr. Trey Czar, the new CEO of the Jacksonville Public Education Foundation. We welcome you to Jacksonville and look forward to working with you.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the

appointment of School-Based Administrators identified on the attached lists for the period July 01, 2009 through June 30, 2010. - 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

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

[3. SUBSTITUTE TEACHING EMPLOYMENT SERVICES](#)

Attachment: [ATTACHMENT A.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES KELLY 06-08-09.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman

Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Officer, Human Resource Services

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member

Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve a source of service contract for Substitute Teaching Employment Services with Kelly Services, Inc. for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Recommend the Chairman and the Superintendent be authorized to execute the contract upon approval as to form and sufficiency by the Office of General Counsel. Recommend that authority be delegated to Superintendent or his designee to renew the contract for subsequent years provided terms and conditions are favorable to the school district and subject to availability of funds. There are four potential renewals. - 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

4. EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR SCHOOL FUND AUTHORITIES

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges.6.8.09.pdf](#)

Minutes: Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
 Mr. Paul Soares, Chief Officer, Operations Support
 Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board confirm submission of a grant proposal, Equipment Assistance Grants for School Fund Authorities, to the Florida Department of Education, in an amount not to exceed \$597,102.30.
 That the Duval County School Board upon notification of the award, approve acceptance of these grant 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 the proposal in full. - 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

Academic Services

1. SCHULTZ CENTER AGREEMENT FOR 2009-2010

- Attachment: [Schultz Final060809vBoard.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Schultz Schedule A-2 Budget June1.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [Schultz Schedule B 6 08.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [2009-2010 BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Schultz Contract.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Gentry said I worked on the template but not on the attachment and the task was to try to bring it in compliance with the new statute that was just passed and also, take into account the previous audits and to try and clean up the template that, hopefully, can use in the future without having to revisit those things and get a model that we can use. A lot of work went into it on the School Board side, Stephen Bright, and then on the Schultz side, too.

I think it's a good product but there's one scrivener's error in Section 3, the last sentence of Paragraph 1 - is a repeat. The underlined sentence says, "*In the event that the Center does so utilize the Board's technology infrastructure, the Center must comply with all Board technology standards and procedures.*" The next sentence says, "*The Center must comply with all Board technology standards and procedures.*" That last sentence should be stricken; that's a typographical error and it creates unnecessary problems if you leave it in there.

Ms. Chastain, Office of General Counsel, said it is a scrivener's error and I think there's a similar one, perhaps in Section 6, Item 4 where, again, there's a repetition, at least it shows on my version...there's no need to repeat, so we'll take it out.

Speakers:

- Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
- Ms. Patricia Willis, Deputy Superintendent
- Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Amended and Restated Operating Agreement between the Schultz Center for Teaching and Leadership, Inc., and the Duval County School Board for the 2009-10 fiscal year; approve the 2009-2010 budget between the parties; and authorize the Board Chairman and the Superintendent of Schools to affix their signatures to the agreement, subject to approval as to form. - 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

[10. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2009-2010 STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN](#)

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges Public Hearing and Vote Student Prog. Plan Modifications 6 09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [SPP RECCHANGESTOBOARD 09-10 051509.pdf](#)

Attachment: [SPP 09-10 Draft Final Copy 5-15-09.pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

Modifications to the 2009-2010 Student Progression Plan

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.

Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief Officer, Academic Services

Ms. Nan Worsowicz, Supervisor, Guidance Services

Ms. Joni Shook, Guidance Services

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing on the revisions to the Student Progression Plan, 2009-2010. That, subsequent to the public hearing, the Duval County School Board approve the Student Progression Plan, 2009-2010. - 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

[21. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISION OF BOARD POLICY 5.28, ZERO TOLERANCE FOR SCHOOL RELATED CRIMES](#)

Attachment: [5.28 Zero Tolerance revised.pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

Revision of Board Policy 5.28, Zero Tolerance for School Related Crimes

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.

Speaker:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and approve the attached revisions to Board Policy 5.28, Zero Tolerance for School Related Crimes. - 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

[22. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISION OF BOARD POLICY 5.42, DISTRICT STUDENT ATTENDANCE PROVISIONS](#)

Attachment: [5.42 District Attendance revised.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: 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

[23. PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT, 2009-2010](#)

Attachment: [ChangestoStudentcodeofConduct200910.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES Code of Conduct 09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CodeofConduct200910DRAFT.pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct, 2009-2010

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.

Mr. Gentry said he wanted to point out that the Table of Contents is out of sync with the substance of the materials and that needs to be fixed; several pages off. I feel we need to work on the language of the User Cell Phones and User Cameras. We have a provision you're not supposed to use it during the school hours and then we have an exception for on the bus concerning "safety to life issues". If we're going to have a "safety to life" issue, it ought to be an exception whether it's on the bus or not on the bus and it should be safety to life or damage to property - it doesn't make sense. That's in Section 2.26. If there's an exception when there's safety to life issue to use your phone on the bus, we certainly should have it in school, as well.

Over on 2.34 - the Use of Cameras, we have a footnote, it says, "Students that have possession of video or images of students violating the Code of Student Conduct should report these violations to their school administration"...that's a footnote. To the note, it says, "You shouldn't publish it on YouTube". For one, I do think there are some First Amendment issues with telling students they can't publish something on YouTube, but secondly, the point should be made that if they have...we've got CrimeWatch in the schools. If a student has something on video or on camera that shows a student violation, that should be in the body...not, don't tell the world about it and then in the footnote, report it to the

administration.

I feel the whole handling of the telephone and video camera needs to be revisited... 2.34 and 2.26.

Speakers:

Ms. Sonita Young, Office of Policy and Compliance
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Gloria Lockley, General Director, Alternative Ed/Behavioral Support

Mr. Gentry moved to amend 2.34 ZZZ to strike the two bullet points under Use of Cameras; leave all the other language that captures everything and approve it tonight and during the interim, let's look at it more to see if there's anything else that might need to be done. Also, to align the Table of Contents.

Ms. Broner seconded the amendment.

Speakers:

Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Patricia Willis, Deputy Superintendent

Mr. Gentry said to clean this up and bring it back to us. It is poorly written and present some additional changes to make it better.

Ms. Chastain said we may want to defer this item.

Mr. Jordan offered a Substitute motion to postpone action on this item until the next workshop.

Mr. Gentry seconded the motion.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing on the revisions to the Code of Student Conduct, 2009-2010 outlined in the attached summary. That, subsequent to the public hearing, the Duval County School Board approve the 2009-2010 Code of Student Conduct and printing costs not to exceed \$90,000.

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Nancy Broner

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

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

Motions:

Amend 2.34 ZZZ - Use of cameras - to remove the 2 bullet points.	- PASS
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Vote Results

Motion: William Gentry

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

Motions:

Motion to Defer to the next Workshop.	- PASS
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Vote Results

Motion: Stan Jordan

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

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following travel:

May 7-9, 2009 - Request from Office of General Counsel - Tallahassee, FL - Broner, Priestly Jackson

June 9-12, 2009 - FSBA Spring Conference - Tampa, FL - Burney, Gentry

June 19-21, 2009 - ISAAC Conference - Detroit, MI - Priestly Jackson

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board Members Travel: May 7-8, 2009 - Request of Office of General Counsel - Tallahassee, FL - Broner, Priestly Jackson June 9-12, 2009 - FSBA Spring Conference - Tampa, FL - Burney June 19-21, 2009 - ISAAC Conference - Detroit, Michigan - Priestly Jackson - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

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

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following travel:

June 11-12, 2009 - FSBA/FADSS Joint Meeting - Tampa, FL

(NOTE: Corrected dates - originally on 5/5/09 Agenda for 6/11/09 only)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following travel for the Superintendent: June 11-12, 2009 - FSBA/FADSS Spring Conference - Tampa, FL - PASS
(Note: corrected dates - originally on May 5, 2009, Agenda for June 11th only)

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:

Mr. Gentry said the graduation experience probably was one of the most enjoyable things I've got to do as a School Board member. It was a great experience and the highlight of three graduations that I went to really was the veteran's presentation. I really appreciate Mr. Jordan pressing that issue because it was really exciting to see these young graduates embrace these elderly gentlemen and it was clear that they admired them. It was a great moment in the room and standing ovation. It meant a tremendous amount to these gentlemen so that was a very rewarding experience.

Mr. Hazouri said "ditto" on the graduations of the several I went to and the best I've seen. They're all good and each year seems to get better and better and the academics never cease to amaze me. The order was very good this year and didn't hear about any complaints. I want to congratulate the district for improving on our FCAT scores and see some progress even though we have a long way to go.

Ms. Priestly Jackson said "ditto" the graduations as they were pretty positive. We've come a long way and it's reflective when young people who groom in leadership and they are able to articulate their vision and they were diverse. We are a global district.

Ms. Broner said I want to echo what a thrill it was to hand an 83 year old WWII veteran his diploma on the same day his granddaughter graduated - so, it was cool, and he handed his granddaughter her diploma at Fletcher. Also, at Alden Road, we graduated the largest class ever - 32 students at age 22

exiting our system and some have been under our care and services since they were three years old. It was a very moving evening.

Mr. Jordan said we started at our meeting today at 4:00 o'clock; had we been in our cars northbound, we'd be just on the outside of Nashville, Tennessee.

Ms. Burney said the most rewarding thing I think I've seen this whole year was when Mr. Lawrence Dennis gave his Dad his diploma as a veteran. It was just absolutely wonderful. Everyone has been talking about KIPP and when they see the elementary scores for the schools that they thought were going to be bad and they see how well they've done, I think it's going to really change a lot of perceptions out there. So, the elementary schools are to be commended. At Northwestern Middle School, someone that Dr. Connie Hall asked to be principal for a day came back to the school and had young men to write for a scholarship and provided a scholarship that will be held for that person until he graduates. It was really a positive thing.

Ms. Broner said I can't leave without commending the staff. It's the end of a hard year and everybody has just worked themselves to death under difficult conditions. Mr. Superintendent, you are to be commended for your staff.

The Superintendent said we do have a great staff. It's a little early but it appears, but we don't know because of the AYP impact, but it looks like it's possible that over 40 school grades will go up and potentially, only 20 would go backwards. That's not too bad of a net gain. I think it's commendable to our staff here and the hard work at the school-base level. Particularly, at the elementary and middle school level, we've made a lot of progress and, hopefully, in some high schools - we can see five of them go up a grade. That's very positive news. I'm a little hesitant until we get the actual grades, but it looks very positive.

Adjournment

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman