



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

March 1, 2016, Regular Board Meeting

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

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

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 after a joint performance by the string students at Hogan-Spring Glen Elementary and LaVilla School of the Arts.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

[INVOCATION OR THOUGHT OF THE DAY](#)

Minutes:

The invocation was given by Rev. Bettye Pittman of St. Luke Holiness Church.

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

[ASA PHILIP RANDOLPH ACADEMIES OF TECHNOLOGY](#)

Minutes:

Robert Lewis, Principal, A. Philip Randolph Academies of Technology High School

Mr. Lewis gave background information on A. Philip Randolph Academies of Technology High School and the four areas of study they offer through a PowerPoint presentation (see attached). He reviewed the progress the student body has made in recent years and how they arrived there. The projected graduation rate for 2015-2016 is expected to reach 98%. He then discussed how they expect to reach that percentage.

After Mr. Lewis introduced the staff from the school in attendance, Vice-Chairman Wright thanked Mr. Lewis for the time and effort he took to come and showcase the school. She commented about how impressed she was to see him make a point of meeting with students to chat about where they are, where they need to go, and what they need to do to get there.

[RIBAUTL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM](#)

Minutes:

Vice-Chairman Wright congratulated the Ribault High School Girls Basketball Team for winning the State championship. She was

able to watch them play in Lakeland and was impressed with the team strategy they used to come from behind and win for the eleventh time.

Communications

[RECOGNITION - COMMUNITY PARTNER JACKSONVILLE ZOO](#)

Minutes:

We begin by recognizing a community partner who assisted the Parent Academy with its annual event in November, which is also Family Engagement Month. The generosity of the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens allowed this year's event, "Wild About Family Engagement," to be the most successful event in Parent Academy history. Over 383 parents and 688 children gained free access to Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. Families enjoyed lunch, and participated in giveaways and a Scavenger Hunt, while seeing the over 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 varieties of plants on display. For many of the adults, this was their first time visiting Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. The experience was that much more enjoyable because it was done with their family. Duval County Public Schools thanks the amazing staff at Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens for not only ensuring that this event was "WILDLY" successful, but for also giving a number of families this opportunity.

[RECOGNITION - TEAM NEON SUPERNOVA](#)

Minutes:

We now wish to honor six middle school students from three schools who reached great heights at a robotics competition. Team Neon Supernova is comprised of James Weldon Johnson's Aryaman Deshmukh, Saniya Kulkarni, and Siya Sharma; LaVilla School of the Arts' Caroline Guiler and Blake Larsen; and Fletcher Middle School's Emily Merkel.

These six students actually competed together as a robotics team in elementary school. Even after going to different middle schools, they decided to stay together as a team.

In January, Team Neon Supernova went up against 31 other elite robotics teams from the region and emerged victorious at the FIRST LEGO League Robotics Competition held at the University

of North Florida. The team earned the Champion's Trophy for Northeast Florida, a special tour of the Mayo Clinic's Robot Medical facilities, and an invitation to the LEGOLAND California Open Championship May 19-23. The team has since been fundraising to cover trip costs, and make improvements to their robot in order to represent Northeast Florida well in California. Please join us in congratulating the six members of Team Neon Supernova along with Coach Brady Merkel, Assistant Coach Kim Larsen, and mentor Mark McCombs.

[RECOGNITION - UNSUNG HERO BRIAN TATE](#)

Minutes:

Our next presentation recognizes someone who is the true definition of a hero. Brian Tate is a Communities in Schools of Jacksonville Site Coordinator at Arlington Middle School, and is deeply committed to fostering a love of reading in the students he works with. Many of his students have struggled with reading, which impacts their performance in other classes. On top of that, they're not always able to find time in between classes to check out books from the library. As a result, Mr. Tate checks out books for his students and delivers them to their classes. Last year, 99 percent of his 170 students passed their reading/language arts class and 98 percent were promoted to the next grade level.

In January, the Communities in Schools National Office recognized Tate with the Unsung Hero Award at their 2016 Town Hall Leadership Conference in Fort Worth, Texas. This award honors site coordinators, schools, and communities across the country for doing whatever it takes to help students achieve. Here to help honor Mr. Tate is Communities in Schools' Steve Gilbert, Leon Baxton, Dan Gilbert and Erin Mangan; and Arlington Middle School Principal Yolanda Sanders.

[RECOGNITION - STATE VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNER AMY MITCHELL](#)

Minutes:

Now we recognize a volunteer recently honored by the State. In February, Ms. Amy Mitchell was named the 2015-2016 Outstanding School Volunteer for the Adult Category of Region 2 by the Florida Department of Education, and Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding volunteers at the youth, adult, and senior levels, who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment

to quality education.

Earlier this school year, Ms. Mitchell was named the district's Outstanding School Volunteer for the Adult Category. She has been a volunteer at Holiday Hill Elementary School for the last four years, and has compiled over 500 volunteer hours providing support to teachers, serving as the PTA secretary, and serving as the Morning Mile Chair. As the PTA secretary, Ms. Mitchell responds to parent and staff questions, and provides regular updates about school activities. Ms. Mitchell also wrote and received grant money in order to launch the Morning Mile program at Holiday Hill. By the end of last school year, approximately 70 percent of students had participated, logging 13,500 miles. Joining her are Assistant Superintendent of Family and Community Engagement, Mr. Larry Roziers, and Holiday Hill principal Tammy Haberman. Please help us recognize Ms. Amy Mitchell, 2015-2016 Outstanding School Volunteer.

[RECOGNITION - JACKSONVILLE EQUESTRIAN CENTER ART CONTEST](#)

Minutes:

For our final presentation, a community organization is expressing its gratitude to the district for helping make its event successful. Duval County Public Schools teamed up with the Jacksonville Equestrian Center and the Northeast Florida Equestrian Society for the first ever "Take It To Jax" Agricultural Art Contest. Artwork had to be agricultural and the artist needed to think outside the box. A total of 122 outstanding entries were received from seven Westside Elementary Schools – Chaffee Trail, Chimney Lakes, Crystal Springs, Enterprise Learning Academy, Mamie Agnes Jones, Normandy Village, and Thomas Jefferson. Using equine show award titles, the Jacksonville Equestrian Center proudly presented Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Champion, and Master Artist ribbons to all who submitted an entry. The 21 Champion selections were on display at the Jacksonville City Hall Atrium from February 9-24. The artwork will now be displayed at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center until next year's winners are announced.

On behalf of Westside District Councilman Doyle Carter, City of Jacksonville Parks Manager Daryl Joseph, and the Northeast Florida Equestrian Society's Joanne Connell, Peggy Fuller and Penny Gorton, Duval County Public Schools is presented with an award for the highly successful "Take It To The Jax" Art Contest. Accepting this award this evening, are Director of Visual and Performing Arts Jeffrey Smith, and Elementary Visual Art Specialist Anthony Sznakowski.

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 1, 2016, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board Approve the March 1, 2016, Agenda as submitted on February 23, 2016, with the following changes:

1. Human Resource Services Employee Transaction - Attachment Revised - PASS
2. Public Hearing and Vote - Adoption of District-Wide Grades 6-8 English Language Arts Instructional Materials - Item Revised

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Connie Hall

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

Chairperson's Report

[CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Ashley Smith Juarez, Chairman, Duval County School Board

As usual, the Board has been very busy. Typically the Chairman's report reflects on the last month's work of the Board and gives a preview of upcoming work. However, tonight I want to give a longer-term reflection.

The recent sidebar conversation has been allowed to become the narrative of our work. I want to remind each other, DCPS staff and the public of the many collaborative projects this Board and our Superintendent have undertaken and the accomplishments of our collective work.

Vice-Chairman Paula Wright serves on the Executive Committee for the Council of Great City Schools, a National Advocacy organization that had a strong voice in the reauthorization of Title I allowing DCPS to retain millions of dollars that are directed to serve the needs of children from low-income households. We have debated and decided upon strategies to direct those funds to their best use for children with economically challenged life circumstances.

Board Members Couch and Fisher have drafted a resolution and a letter, respectively, to advocate for a fair and efficient state accountability system. The resolution drafted by Ms. Couch addressed the need for a baseline year as Florida shifted to new standards and a new assessment. The letter drafted by Mr. Fisher called for consistent assessments and the opportunity to use nationally normed tests for accountability, something that has raised much discussion during this legislative session. Both the resolution and the letter were unanimously adopted by the full Board.

Dr. Connie Hall worked with the Superintendent and the Eugene Butler community to envision a new learning environment and more specialized programming for that middle school. The dedicated magnets Young Men's Leadership Academy at Eugene Butler and the Young Women's Leadership Academy at Eugene Butler have transformed school culture and are growing into formidable programs for the students they serve. Again, this transformation earned a unanimous vote of the Board.

Most of us voted for (and I only say most because Mr. Shine was not yet here to vote) and all of us have overseen the implementation of two Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) to greatly expand broadband access and the hardware, tablets and laptops, accessible to students. Technology is part of learning and will certainly be a fixture in the 21st century workforce. I applaud the Superintendent for finding the community matching dollars necessary to leverage these bonds and for bringing the opportunity to the board.

We, together, voted to make a \$16 million dollar investment to renovate and expand Douglas Anderson. Increasing classroom capacity, providing a cafeteria where all students can be served, sit and have lunch and upgrading hands-on learning environments were all a part of that extensive project. We also expanded the arts district-wide by ensuring an art and music teacher in every elementary school and expanding arts programming at many middle schools.

We have maintained a commitment to student exposure to the global economy. We insisted on continuing to require foreign language credits of our graduates even when the State does not. We have expanded our Dual Language programs, lengthening the continuum to middle school and tonight we will vote, currently as part of the consent agenda, to add a Bilingual Certification to the diploma of students who qualify.

The Superintendent and staff have pursued grants to expand our capacity to provide mental health services and social and emotional supports. The Board has applauded and adopted these opportunities.

I could keep us here most of the night with examples of the cooperative, deliberative, sometimes contentious but always intentional work we have done at the Board table. And there is much more of it to do. Let me assure the public that this Board and our Superintendent understand that we have a huge obligation to children and to the greater community.

We do not have time nor should we spend our energy engaging in conversations that distract from these efforts. I welcome the tough conversations, as I know we all do, about student achievement, school organization, positive school culture, and community engagement. We have come a long way but we still have a long way to go. We recognize that; it is why we are here.

The work of urban school Boards is messy. This work is inherently difficult and requires debate. We are charged to innovate but not experiment; reform but not exclude; advance and remediate; expand and be efficient. We represent diverse constituencies and diverse learners. No child has time for us to wait. I am not lamenting the work. On the contrary, I am realistic about the work at hand and I know that my colleagues, our Superintendent, and I will continue rising to the challenge.

We have big challenges and even bigger goals for all children. The Board and our Superintendent share an urgency about getting to the issues.

Our relationships and trust are important to our work and we will continue working on our development as a Board/Superintendent team.

After years of work with the Board Members to my right and left and with our Superintendent, I know we are capable of rising above our disagreements and focusing on the work at hand. We have done it before and can do it again. The choice is ours.

Superintendent's Report

[SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools

Through a PowerPoint presentation (see attached), Dr. Vitti reviewed school grades and the district grade of a "B" for the first time since 2010-2011. He feels the need to brace the community for more changes in the accountability system which he thinks will artificially lower grades. He feels we need to rethink how we view success in our school system.

Department Reports

[DEPARTMENT REPORTS](#)

Minutes:

There was no department report this month.

Public Comment

[PUBLIC COMMENT](#)

Minutes:

Dominique Standifer, Teacher, Jefferson Davis Middle School

Ms. Standifer is a former student in the Duval County Public Schools with a degree in Engineering who decided to return to the school system so she could give back to the community. She is Public Education Strong.

Sheila Andrews, Advocate

Ms. Andrews reviewed what the State says school districts are to do when exercising the turnaround option. She is submitting a Public Records Request that asks what the district is doing to follow the progress of each student in the turnaround option plan.

The following people spoke in opposition of school uniforms:

Sonya Hamlin
Fiona Citrone
John Citrone
Stacey Roth
Tamela Kinsey

The following members of the public encouraged the Board to hire Lawrence Hill who is being considered for hire to the 5000 Role Models program and spoke highly of the program:

Kelvin Lane
Dr. Arthur Cox
Nancy Ricker

Stanley Scott

Mr. Scott spoke of his concern about the educational climate both throughout the district and within the classrooms. Leadership is appalling and teachers are afraid to teach for fear for their lives. Grades are not the indicators they used to be. Students can get straight A's in high school, yet fail in college. There is a moral compass that is missing as well as community engagement. He plans to return later with a proposal.

Darrell Edmunds, Teacher, Alden Road Exceptional Student Center

Mr. Edmunds explained problems that have arisen with the center school supplement that was intended to boost retention of teachers. Some teachers did not qualify for the supplement due to circumstances beyond their control. Since other schools that teach disabled students probably have the same problem, he asked the Board to review the policy that oversees center school supplements.

Eunice Barnum, Advocate

She thanked the Board for the successes the district has had. She also wants to address what has not been accomplished. After reminding the Board of the oath they took and district motto, she asked how the Board is choosing who they leave behind since they have until 2018 to have all children proficient.

Edward Exson, Activist

Mr. Exson opined that the friction among the leadership in our school district is race-based.

Bradford Hall, Activist

Mr. Hall noted for the Board the hypocrisy of one board member running for office accepting campaign donations from a known racist while demanding the resignation of a fellow board member for making disparaging remarks. He is disturbed that data from the State paints a different picture of the state of our schools than the data from our own district and hopes the two can collaborate to arrive at compatible numbers.

The following spoke in favor of renewing Seacoast Charter Academy:

Marla Stremmel, Administrator, Seacoast Charter Academy
Shannon Charles, Parent

Monique Tookes, SAC Vice-Chairman, Leadership Academies at Eugene Butler Middle School

Ms. Tookes encouraged the Superintendent and Board to consider the recommendations and timeline suggested by the Fort Caroline working group.

Ferdinand Juluke, Grandparent

Mr. Juluke commended the Board and Superintendent for allowing the Fort Caroline working group to look at what needed to be resolved and allow the group to think outside the box to make recommendations. He asked that the Board consider the group's recommendations when deciding on the changes affecting the Academies.

Doris Wilson

Ms. Wilson voiced her disgust at the behaviors of the district leadership and reminded everyone that our leaders have a right to disagree but can still work together for our students.

Sabrina Zinamon, Parent & Chairman, District Advisory Council

Ms. Zinamon encouraged the Board and Superintendent to remember the importance of working together in unity for the education of our children.

Melissa Carnard, Parent

Ms. Carnard voiced her frustrations over calls not getting returned and concerns not being resolved.

Katie Dearing, Parent

Ms. Dearing is frustrated over all the time, money and attention being directed at the struggling schools; meanwhile, the bright students at the "regular" schools are being overlooked.

John Nooney, Advocate

Mr. Nooney encouraged the Board to consider making a land donation for a kayak launch available to the public.

Jeremy Kowkabany, Student, Stanton High School

Mr. Kowkabany asked the Board to consider purchasing land adjacent to Stanton High School that could be used as a practice field for the football team.

Bettye Miller, Advocate

After listing desirable leadership skills, Ms. Miller opined that the district leadership can't continue to lead by throwing potential solutions out in hopes that something will work to improve our students' education. If a leader has the skills necessary to do accomplish a mission, a coach shouldn't need to be hired.

Comments From Parent Organizations

COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

Minutes:

Sabrina Zinamon, Chairman, District Advisory Council

The District Advisory Council meeting was held Monday, February 22, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. on the 6th floor of the school board building. We appreciate Board Chairman Smith Juarez for filling in for the Honorable Scott Shine and summarizing the breakdown for the district's school grade under each board member and for being available to answer questions and concerns.

Thank you to Superintendent Vitti for providing an update for the proposed boundary changes for Area 6 and Area 12 and for sharing your recommendation for the substitute teacher pool and answering all our questions as well as addressing our concerns.

Thank you to Dr. Dana Kriznar and Ashley Barr from the Strategic Planning Department for receiving input from the District Advisory Council in preparation for the school report card. We appreciate your effort to include us.

A special thank you to Ms. Sally Finn, Chairman of the School Health Advisory Council, for being our presenter for the meeting.

The next District Advisory Council meeting will be held Monday, March 2, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. on the 6th floor of the school board building. All areas are asked to be represented.

Ms. Karen Nuland, President, Duval County Council of PTA

February has been a busy month for us. We had 44 high school students complete the Superintendent's Leadership Academy. These students give up their Saturday mornings to attend classes on business etiquette, leadership styles, public funding of education, and meeting with decision makers. This program culminated with a trip to Tallahassee where the students spoke of their concerns regarding public education to their State representatives and Senators. The School Board recognized them at the February school board meeting with proud parents in attendance.

We have conducted an email campaign to our State legislatures regarding recess time for our students. We asked each local unit of PTA to take time out of their meetings to email at least one member of the Duval Delegation asking them to support the recess bill.

The Council of PTAs has also been visiting and assisting schools with local

unit PTAs, helping them conduct elections, advising on member goals, and helping resolve conflicts. We currently have 87 local unit PTAs in good standing and are working with quite a few others to achieve that goal. We have rechartered Gregory Drive Elementary PTA and we have met with interested parents and faculty about restarting the PTA at Matthew Gilbert Middle School. We've recognized our past presidents on our Founder's Day meeting and thanked them for all the hard work they have done on behalf of PTA and the Duval County Public Schools. We have volunteered at the Teacher Supply Depot for the Teacher Give Away Days. We have served on the committee that interviewed and helped choose the Teacher of the Year for the upcoming EDDY Awards and we have participated on the committee interviewing for principals and assistant principals.

March is shaping up to be another busy month as we assist all local unit PTAs, helping them finish the year strong, nominate new slates of officers, and prepare for Teacher Appreciation events.

Comments from District Student Government Association

[COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION](#)

Minutes:

Ester Iya, Vice-President, Jacksonville Association of Governing Students (JAGS)

We held our last meeting on Wednesday, February 10th. At this meeting we discussed a number of happenings in the community. One upcoming event is in need of student volunteers. Jamie Wells, the CDC DASH Grant Coordinator, is actively seeking student volunteers for the April 25th Youth Risk Behavior Survey release event to help with registration, act as Master of Ceremony, lead break out groups, and act as hospitality directors. Any students interested in participating in this event, please email Mrs. Wells at wellsj2@duvalschools.org.

We are also excited about building our legacy. With that said, we are excited to announce that we will be sponsoring memberships for every high school to join the Florida Association of Student Councils for the 2016-2017 school year. Duval County Public Schools has not actively participated within this organization in quite a few years and we are excited to renew our relationship with the organization as well as give future student governments in Duval County the opportunity to network with other students across the state. We will also have an opportunity this April to participate in the statewide Student Councils Conference in Fort Lauderdale to participate in leadership development, witness parliamentary procedure contests, and network with other student councils.

After the conference we are attending, the JAGS will be having one on one meetings with our advisors during Listeners with Lunch Tour in order to review our progress and plan for the next year.

We are also actively working on feedback from our #beheard campaign. At our last meeting, we discussed the upcoming proposal of mandatory uniforms for students in K-8 and also researched dress code policies in other large Florida school districts to gain a better understanding and comparison of school dress codes across the state.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 9th at 3:30 pm at the School Board Building in Room 307. As always, our meetings are open to any students who are interested in attending. If you are a student and unable to attend but still want to provide us with feedback or recommendations, you can always do so by visiting duvalschools.org/beheard.

We also invite any of the district leaders to attend if they have information they would like to share with us. We have had a great year so far and look forward to updating you on our coming progress.

Comments From Employee Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes: There were no Employee Organization reports.

Approval of Minutes

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#)

Motions:

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

- October 20, 2015 - Board Committee Meeting
- October 20, 2015 - Board Workshop
- October 22, 2015 - Board Development Meeting
- October 27, 2015 -

- Board Development Meeting
- November 2, 2015 - Board Member Meeting
- November 3, 2015 - Regular Board Meeting
- November 3, 2015 - Board Development Meeting
- November 10, 2015 - Board Workshop Meeting
- November 12, 2015 - Board Member Meeting - PASS
- November 19, 2015 - Board Member Meeting
- December 7, 2015 - Regular Board Meeting
- December 15, 2015 - Special Board Meeting
- January 11, 2016 - Regular Board Meeting
- January 13, 2016 - Special Board Meeting - Student Expulsion Hearing
- January 19, 2016 - Board Workshop and Committee Meeting
- January 19, 2016 - Audit Committee Meeting
- January 21, 2016 - Community Meeting
- February 1, 2016 - Board Member Meeting

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Rebecca Couch

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Consent Agenda

Academic Services

7. [APPROVAL OF THE SEAL OF BILITERACY FOR QUALIFYING GRADUATES](#)

8. [APPROVAL OF TITLE I SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE 1003\(a\)](#)

School Choice and Pupil Assignment

12. [APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT \(CHARTER\) – SEACOAST CHARTER ACADEMY, INC. \(SEACOAST CHARTER ACADEMY\)](#)

13. [APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT \(CHARTER\) – THE WAVERLY ACADEMY, INC. \(WAVERLY ACADEMY\)](#)

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

15. [SETTLEMENT WITH JACKSONVILLE SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION, INC.](#)

- Attachment: [JSA DCPS Ecomonic.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [DCPS counter to JAS proposal.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [JSA DCPS APPENDIX 1.pdf](#)
- Attachment: [JSA DCPS Proposal.pdf](#)

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

16. [MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS](#)

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

17. [ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS JANUARY 31, 2016](#)

- Attachment: [March 2016 master.pdf](#)

18. [2015-2016 CLASS SIZE COMPLIANCE PLAN](#)

- Attachment: [Attachment 4 Compliance Plan Duval \(16\).pdf](#)

19. [AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CATAPULT LEARNING TO PROVIDE TITLE I INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS](#)

- Attachment: [Catapult Learning LLC - Title I - First Amendment - 2016.pdf](#)

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

20. [APPROVAL OF ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF DATA](#)

- Attachment: [Annual Certification of Facilities Data-DOE Itr 1-5-16.pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

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

- Attachment: [March 1 CSC-CFI-Cont Sav on Proj.pdf](#)

23. [TPHD-99850-3107 GROUP 6-C HIGH DENSITY WIRELESS AT DOUGLAS ANDERSON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS NO. 107/DCPS PROJECT NO. CAPITAL-TPHD-99850-3107: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD](#)

- Attachment: [Capital-TPHD-99850-3107 HDW Contract for DASOTA No 107.pdf](#)

24. [TPHD-99850-3257 GROUP 6-C HIGH DENSITY WIRELESS AT ALIMACANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 257/DCPS PROJECT NO. CAPITAL-TPHD-99850-3257:](#)

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD

Attachment: [Capital-TPHD-99850-3257 HDW Contract for Alimacani ES No 257.pdf](#)

25. QZAB II GROUP 6-D HIGH DENSITY WIRELESS AT CHAFFEE TRAIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 142/DCPS PROJECT NO. QZAB15-E99960-3142: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD

Attachment: [QZAB15-E99960-3142 HDW Contract for Chaffee Trail ES No 142.pdf](#)

26. QZAB II GROUP 6-D HIGH DENSITY WIRELESS AT MANDARIN OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 258/DCPS PROJECT NO. QZAB15-E99960-3258: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD

Attachment: [QZAB15-E99960-3258 HDW Contract for Mandarin Oaks ES No 258.pdf](#)

27. NEW CAMERA INSTALLATION AT KIRBY-SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 25 AND HIGHLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 244/DCSB PROJECT NO. M-83980/OFDC-ITB-004-16

Attachment: [M-83980 Contract with Miles Elec Cont for No 25 and No 244.pdf](#)

28. CONTRACT FOR INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES SELECTION AND CONTRACT AWARD: DCSB PROJECT NO. M-83700/OFDC-RFO-001-16

Attachment: [Indus Hygiene and Environ Consulting Srvs Contract vsignature.pdf](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

29. RENEWAL - NONPROFIT SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE - FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY, RFP NO. 01/14/LM

Attachment: [SECOND RENEWAL TO AGREEMENT FOR FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION.pdf](#)

30. FLEET MAINTENANCE SERVICE

31. SCHULTZ CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP - AGREEMENT TO USE

Minutes:

Vice-Chairman Wright expressed her appreciation to the Schultz

Center for use of their facility and supports the contract the Board is entering into with the facility.

32. [CISCO WIRELESS PRODUCTS](#)

33. [SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT](#)

Attachment: [07MAR16.pdf](#)

Attachment: [06MAR16.pdf](#)

Attachment: [04MAR16.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ROSUM MAR FY16.pdf](#)

Attachment: [MARFY16 RETIREMENT.pdf](#)

Attachment: [05MAR16.pdf](#)

34. [GENERAL BANKING SERVICES](#)

Attachment: [Unlocked Extension of Agreementv2.pdf](#)

35. [ROOFING REPAIR](#)

Discussion

Board Members

1. [WAIVE POLICY 2.14, SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION, TO EXTEND THE DEADLINES TO COMPLETE THE 2014-2015 FORMAL EVALUATION](#)

Minutes:

The Board discussed the original deadline to the Superintendent's evaluation as well as the reason for extending it by three days with Spring Break falling during that time frame.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board waive Policy 2.14 Superintendent Evaluation, to provide a three day extension for the School Board's completion of the Superintendent's formal evaluation to March 31, 2016. - PASS
This waiver also extends the deadline for the Superintendent's self-appraisal

to March 17, 2016, and is effective only for the 2014-2015 formal evaluation.

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Rebecca Couch

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

Academic Services

[2. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: ADOPTION OF DISTRICT-WIDE GRADES 6-8 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS](#)

Minutes:

Public comments:

Ms. Sheila Andrews noted there have been no new materials adopted since the 2010-2011 school year. She wonders what is being used to teach the students. She is submitting a verbal public records request.

Discussion:

Dr. Vitti explained the State's cycle process as it pertains to instructional material and supplements. Board Member Couch appreciated the effort made by staff that enabled the Board Members to have access and review the materials being adopted. Vice-Chairman Wright noted that 72% of the teachers supported the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt materials and feels it is important to follow their recommendations since the Board looks to them for guidance. Board Member Fischer is looking forward to the audit committee being put together to look closer at the accuracy of the materials but will still choose not to support the recommendation.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board
approve the adoption of the
recommended District-Wide Grades 6-8 Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt Collections
(2017) Instructional Materials. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Rebecca Couch

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

[3. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: ADOPTION OF DISTRICT-WIDE GRADES 6-12 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS](#)

Minutes:

Public Hearing:

Ms. Sheila Andrews is wondering why the district is changing the materials at A. Philip Randolph. It doesn't appear to her there are problems at that school after the presentation from the school earlier in the meeting. She'd like to know how much the IT materials will cost and will they align for certification in the program.

Discussion:

Dr. Vitti clarified that the IT materials being considered would be for district-wide use. Vice-Chairman Wright clarified for the public that boundary changes establishing an IT program at Andrew Jackson have not been approved at this point.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the adoption and purchase of the recommended District-Wide Grades 6-12 Career and Technical Education Instructional Materials. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Rebecca Couch

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

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: ADOPTION OF DISTRICT-WIDE 6-12 HEALTH EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Minutes:

There were no public comments or discussion.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the adoption and purchase of the recommended grades 6-12 Health Education Instructional Materials. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Scott Shine

Connie Hall	- Aye
-------------	-------

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

5. [PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: ADOPTION OF DISTRICT-WIDE GRADES 6-12 VISUAL AND PEFORMING ARTS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS](#)

Minutes: There were no public comments or discussion.

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve the adoption and purchase of the recommended District-Wide Grades 6-12 Visual and Performing Arts Instructional Materials.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Cheryl Grymes	
Second: Scott Shine	
Jason Fischer	- Nay
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye
Rebecca Couch	- Aye

6. [PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: ADOPTION OF DISTRICT-WIDE ADVANCED PLACEMENT LITERATURE AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT LANGUAGE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS](#)

Minutes:

Public Comment:

Ms. Sheila Andrews noted that advanced instructional materials have not been purchased since 2008. Her public records request is asking how many students within the district have been enrolled in those courses. Why wasn't this material purchased earlier?

Discussion:

Dr. Vitti explained that in the three years he has been here, his first and foremost priority has been to focus on core content. The Advanced Placement tests are not the same as the FSA test which has taken priority. Also, the district budget does not allow for all those materials to be changed simultaneously.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the adoption and purchase of the recommended District-Wide Advanced Placement Literature and Advanced Placement Language Instructional Materials. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Nay

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

School Choice and Pupil Assignment

10. [APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT \(CHARTER\) - RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC. \(DUVAL CHARTER SCHOOL AT BAYMEADOWS\)](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Couch asked Dr. Vitti to give more details about a position the charter organization planned to add to their staff. Dr. Vitti said that position would oversee day-to-day-operations for all schools that fall under that charter organization as well as address any community issues that come up.

Dr. Hall inquired about the contract being written for a 15 year period. The State requires that charter schools falling in a high performing category such as this one have their contracts written for a 15 year period.

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve the Charter School's request to renew its contract with the Duval County School Board; and,

- PASS

2. That the Duval County School Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to negotiate a 15 year contract.

Vote Results

Motion: Paula Wright

Second: Cheryl Grymes

Rebecca Couch - Nay

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Nay

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

11. [APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT \(CHARTER\) – RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC. \(DUVAL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL AT BAYMEADOWS\)](#)

Minutes: There was no further discussion.

Motions:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve the Charter School's request to renew its contract with the Duval County School Board; and, - PASS
2. That the Duval County School Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to negotiate a 5 year contract.

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Cheryl Grymes

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Human Resource Services - Staffing

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

Attachment: [Agenda_03-01-16_TRANS.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Discussion included the policy of encouraging retiring instructional personnel to stay until the end of the school year, if possible.

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Cheryl Grymes

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

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

Attachment: [Prequalifications - New 3-1-2016.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Prequalifications - Renewals 3-1-16.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Couch disclosed that the agenda item could benefit her husband and abstained from the vote.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the attached lists of prequalified contractors. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Paula Wright

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

General

36. [PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 6.73, SUSPENSION AND DISMISSAL](#)

Attachment: [6.73 Suspension and Dismissal v2redline.pdf](#)

Minutes:

There were no public comments or discussion.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the revisions to Board Policy 6.73, Suspension and Dismissal. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Paula Wright

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

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

None

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Motions:

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

- June 16 , 2016, Orlando, FL - FASA Summer Conference - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Cheryl Grymes

Second: Paula Wright

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Jason Fischer - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Aye

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

For The Record

FOR THE RECORD

Minutes:

Board Member Fischer

Board Member Fischer stated he fully supports the district's motto.

Board Member Couch

Board Member Couch thanked Verizon for the grant they gave Stilwell Military Academy for their robotics program. The program bridges relationships between older elementary and middle school aged students. She commended Douglas Anderson School of the Arts for their Extravaganza program. She thanked the Duval Delegation for taking the time to meet with her and Vice-Chairman Wright to talk with them about the education bills being considered. She encouraged parents to take note on what lawmakers are doing in Tallahassee and email their representative to voice their viewpoints.

Board Member Hall

Board Member Hall commended Karen Nuland and Vicki Drake with the Duval County Council of PTA for going to Gregory Drive Elementary to help get their PTA unit established. She recognized Earl Johnson and Rutledge Pearson, both from Jacksonville, for their induction into the Jacksonville Civil Rights Hall of Fame. She is excited for the 5000 Role Model participants who will be traveling to Tallahassee to visit the Capital and Florida A & M University. She is sure Mr. Hill will be an asset to their program.

Board Member Shine

Board Member Shine appreciated everyone who spoke during the Public Comment portion of the meeting and are always welcome.

Board Member Grymes

Board Member Grymes commended Douglas Anderson School of the Arts

for the Extravaganza function they did. She thanked South Jax Rotary for the scholarship money they awarded to students through their oratory speech competition. She appreciates the training PTA offers to schools and parents and encourages parents throughout the district to get involved in their local unit.

Vice-Chairman Wright

Vice-Chairman Wright commended the 44 students that completed the Superintendent's Leadership Academy and thanked PTA for all their hard work. She mentioned how impressive the Extravaganza is each year. She thanked Ms. Knight from LaVilla School of the Arts for her work in taking students to the Campus Towers to perform and interact with the senior citizens there. She also explained that Stanton, Raines, Jackson and Ribault High Schools all have a political activist club that meets once a month with each other to discuss current political topics.

Chairman Smith Juarez

Chairman Smith Juarez agreed with the other Board Members on the impressive talent the Extravaganza at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts showcases to the community. She appreciates the partnership the library has with the school district. She commended Ms. Mitchell at Holiday Hill for all her work including the Morning Mile program. She gave some insight in a tree challenge Scenic Jacksonville will be launching with the district in the fall through Jax Digs Trees. She challenged each Board Member to find a representative at each of their schools to coordinate the effort of planting a tree on each of our school campuses.

Adjournment

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

LBL

Superintendent

Chairman