



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

November 2, 2015, Board Member Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: Board Members Constance S. Hall and Paula D. Wright were present along with Darren Mason, Assistant to City Council Member Joyce Morgan and Chaquita Moore, Assistant to City Council Member Samuel Newby.

Call Meeting To Order

[CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 12:27 p.m.

Public Comment

Items To Be Discussed

[HOW THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL WORK TOGETHER](#)

Minutes:

Present:

Rhema Thompson, Reporter, Florida Times-Union
Ashley Folladori, Director of Workforce Development, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce
Ale'ta Turner, Advocacy & Communications Associate, Jacksonville Public Education Fund
Kelly Coker-Daniel, Assistant Superintendent, Accountability and Assessment

Board Member Hall asked Ms. Folladori to give an overview of the career academies and their purpose. During the summer, the Chamber arranged for 11 teachers from this area to do an internship with Mayo Clinic to explain that there is a healthcare IT industry emerging as a career opportunity for people. Those 11 teachers will now be able to explain that to our students.

The career academy with Johnson and Johnson (formerly Vistakon) enables students to get a more updated vision of manufacturing in today's world. VyStar has recently partnered with the district to open branches at our schools and award scholarship money.

As City Council Members learn more about career academies and the role they play in business and education, the more it will help them promote Jacksonville, as a city, to potential businesses considering relocation to our area. Board Members hope to some day be invited to the table with City Council Members when talking to potential businesses. They would also like to see a standard practice for incoming businesses to partner with the school district. City Council assistants suggested that the Board Members speak at Town Hall meetings to help explain various programs to the public.

Other programs were explained during the meeting such as our AA/AS degrees at the high school level as well as dual enrollment. In spite of efforts made to redevelop the Northside, there is still the obstacle of the area's crime rate working against that effort.

Board Member Wright explained that she is a product of the desegregation era. The aftermath of that is the weakening of the neighborhoods due to busing. She would like to see quality education come back into the neighborhoods. That would require good teachers and students who want to learn.

Ms. Coker-Daniel brought materials for everyone that helped explain the different career academy models in the different schools. (see attached).

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

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We Agree on this

Superintendent

Chairman