



Duval County Public Schools

October 6, 2009, Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Chairman
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Martha Barrett
Ms. Nancy Broner
Ms. Betty Burney
Ms. Vicki Drake
Mr. W. C. Gentry
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD with Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel, Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman, Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chair, and Board members: Ms. Martha Barrett, Ms. Nancy Broner, Ms. Betty Burney, Ms. Vicki Drake, and Mr. W. C. Gentry, present.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes:

Pastor Ted Corley
Mission First Coast Church

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Presentations

Comments From Audience

[COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Elton Brown, President of Local 2941 and represent Food Service, Custodians. The reason I'm here before you this evening is to reach out to you in hopes that you will be helpful in persuading GCA, which is the contractor for Custodial Services to see the importance and need for safety and sanitation training. As we are fast approaching the flu season and H1N1 is a major concern to public schools and training of proper sanitation is of the utmost importance. According to the Center for Disease Control, 27 states are reporting widespread influenza activity at this time and Florida is among those states. The CDC reports that almost all of the viruses identified thus far in 2009 are H1N1 influenza. AFSCME offers comprehensive training which is available at no cost. All employees will attend a full day workshop that not only provides staff members with training but equips them with necessary tools and knowledge to properly safeguard our schools and staff. The CDC recommends that schools ensure that the custodial staff and others read and understand all the instructions for a safe and appropriate use of disinfectants. The CDC urges that instructional materials and training be provided. Unfortunately, the company officials at GCA fail to see the need for this critical training and refuse to allow their employees to attend the workshop which is essential for the protection of our students. Within the contract with GCA, Article 21 regarding health, it states specifically about training of the employees. Instead, GCA has created a generic handout which is not designed to reach the culturally dynamic workforce that I represent. I have highlighted those handouts. Training is not favorable and I thank you for your support.

Mr. Howard Denson, a Humanities teacher, spoke on behalf of Arts in Continuing Education (ACE) and Stage Aurora, a theatrical company, a writing community and a big, wide world. We all know that reading, writing and arithmetic are important and the thinking, writing and performance arts - they all come together in unexpected ways

and they use the circumstances that already exist. Back in the 1800's, people from the northeast would come down to Jacksonville because this was as far as they could go in the winter and stay in our hotels made of wood and in 1901, a spark came along that cleaned out off of the buildings. Jacksonville had many distinctions back than and we were known as the film industry and winter film capital. There were approximately 30 studios in Jacksonville - MGM, a fat actor out of Georgia named Oliver Hardy before he met Stan Laurel. They started working together in 1927. Another person who came here and set up shop with Richard E. Norman. He was a native of Middleburg and he established the Norman Studios. Many companies went bankrupt as things were moving towards Hollywood. Mr. Norman made feature movies with all African American cast and they involved cowboys. When we put on a play this year about this subject, we welcome you there. Thank you very much.

Ayesha Covington spoke about her concern about the progress Ribault is making. the classrooms are cluttered and need cleaning; the students are not using the adopted material set by the district, and it's not about the parents; no one can tell us where the students are; can not recover grades nor pay for computers; students' schedules are not checked for accuracy. I am a concerned tax payer and I am concerned about the children in Duval County schools. The Turnaround schools should get the funding they deserve. We need more buses in the northwest quartile so that we can feel we're succeeding. I'll continue to educate the people who attend Raines and Ribault. You have a problem with the teachers trying to teach the children.

Ms. Sheila Andrews said I have a document called "Non Negotiables for Targeted Schools" for configuration, date, benchmark, objective, agenda, assessments, homework, lesson plan development, Florida Continuous Improvement Model Implemented and Advocate, implementation of the reading core, effective teachers teaching the weakest students...what I see at Ribault is I see first year teachers and if they're not from Florida, where did they learn the Florida Continuous Improvement Model? Where and when will the training be held for these teachers? There should be common planning occurring. The children have to wait 45 minutes at the end of every day. The state will take actions to improve teacher effectiveness to address the inequities in the distribution of highly qualified teachers between high and low poverty schools. To ensure that learning continues and minority children are not taught at higher rates than other children by inexperienced, unqualified, out-of-field teachers. This is not my law...this is the Stimulus dollars. I appreciate you, Mr. Chairman, for directing Mr. Perrone to give me the Stimulus dollars breakdown which I had asked him for continuously for four weeks prior to your directing him. However, the law also addresses transparency in the distribution of the Stimulus dollars. Any entity, education agency that receives one dime of Stimulus dollars is immediately subject to the Sunshine Law. I want to work with you to get these children what they need. They don't have district adopted materials at Ribault; they're using worksheets. Board members, please help us.

Mr. Tim Pike, representing Darnell Cookman's Sports Booster Club and other concerned parents of students at Darnell Cookman. I'm a parent of a 10th grader at Darnell Cookman and Darnell Cookman is a new high school - a school of the Medical Arts. Darnell is in its second year of existence although the school itself, has a long history in Jacksonville. In a few weeks, construction is scheduled to begin on the new high school building for the current 9th/10th grade high school students. That will make two high

schools currently under construction. The new students who will attend AAA High School will enjoy all of the aspects of a normal high school experience. One area that contributes to that high school experience is athletics. Currently, our high school has over 220 students in 9th and 10th grades. They go to school along side middle schoolers that are currently there. Most 9th and 10th graders plan to attend Darnell Cookman until they graduate and they are anxious to have a complete high school experience that includes high school athletics. I would like to ask the Board to examine both projects and determine why only one of the schools has a budgeted fund for an athletic department while the other one doesn't? Our children at Darnell Cookman deserve the same considerations as the other students attending the new school on the southside. We, parents, chose Darnell with the hopes of our children receiving a top notch education to prepare them to enter college. There is no doubt that education is the key to success, but that education enhanced by a complete high school experience which includes extracurricular activities such as athletics. Please think back to your high school days...imagine no Friday night football games, no basketball games, no extra inning baseball games, no rivalries with other schools and imagine no sports at all when you went to high school. That's where our student are now. Tonight, I request to give our children the chance to have those experiences and to create the same memories that we relish, today. Please take a look at the funding and add athletic funds to Darnell Cookman High School - School of the Medical Arts. We need your help to make our children's high school experience one that they will look back as an extra special one. Thank you.

Ms. Priestly Jackson said I am deeply concerned when there are allegations raised relative to our Intervene schools and there's not an opportunity for some district response in terms of those that are in need. I think at this crucial time, it is vital that we have accurate information disseminated. Mr. Superintendent, if someone can share a brief response to the allegations that were included by two speakers. Ordinarily, I would not feel a need to respond, but I think at this crucial juncture of what is going on and that it is also contradictory to actually a conversation I had last week in terms of what he had observed at the school and I want to share that with you. If he could just respond to the district adopting the issues raised and some others that were articulated right now, I would appreciate it.

Superintendent Pratt Dannals said I have had a chance to review the final document. I believe they had a draft document as the final document did not come out until this week. It's an extensive document and it includes both things not only Ribault, but the other schools that are in this category, have to accomplish. It includes both areas where they're doing extremely well and areas where they need to improve. In an email that was sent to Ms.. Leila Mousa who is the Regional person that is attached to our schools through Eric Smith, the Commissioner of Education, he saw significant progress and while there are areas to improve, he saw no reason why there couldn't be a dramatic gain and improvement this year...either a high "D" or "C", as far as the school grade. So, yes, we'll continue to work on those areas. We have reconstituted the school. We do meet the statutory requirement in terms of Ribault High School having at least as experienced teachers as other schools in the school district and a number of things that were outlined. Mr. Bellamy may want to respond to some of the more specific things, for instance, the computer lab, the LC lab, we discussed earlier; in the

process of doing graduation checks which they complete in September and October, anyway, so that was listed and that's a process in place and the counselors were already involved. The intent of that document is that when they come back the next time, we will have improved in those areas where they have identified, but, again, those from Ms. Mousa, she calls it the way she sees it and if it's not getting better, she's not going to say that. She sees significant improvement in many of the areas that were concerns of the past and we will continue to work on those areas that still need more work. It is an extensive and rigorous document and it is designed that way and I'll bet there isn't a district in the entire country that wouldn't have something that needed to be improved.

Mr. Tony Bellamy said I would like to address some of the issues that were presented this afternoon. You are correct...there are over-arching things that were identified at the school and that is across all of the schools and when they talk about Board configuration, that is something we are currently training our teachers with. We talk about lesson development and we are currently participating in lesson studies. So, things that they are identifying are pieces that the district is addressing as we speak. As far as the work sheets that are in the program, they are associated with the curriculum not separated from what they're thinking. Again, we have to be very careful on the communications that we put forth because it can be taken out of context. You have to be there when they're reporting out to understand what is being said. So, I will say to the Board that the comments that were made are on the report, however, you almost need a rubric to read it and to understand the comments that are made during that time. The district is currently working on all of the areas that we have addressed across all of the Turnaround schools and we want to ensure that we are up on it and from Academic Services standpoint, we have a plan in place to address all of the concerns that the state has identified.

Ms. Priestly Jackson and I appreciate that...I am probably more connected to Ribault High School and my spirit and tempo in my house and I actually had an opportunity to be at the school for another meeting. Ironically enough when Mr. Beady was leaving and he spoke to me at that time and his comments to me, not via someone else, was he saw great improvement since the last time he visited. That was encouraging to me, but was more encouraging were my conversations with several young people that talked about the climate and the change. I know firsthand they've been doing some graduation checks. I know because my son went through it. So, I have a different advantage point. I'm very concerned if there's a perception put out in the community that learning is not going on at the school....that is not what the young people are sharing. The young people and I believe, Mr. Beady, had an opportunity to talk to several of them, talked about the instruction and the learning that they felt was going on. Are we where we want to be? Probably not, but are we on our way there? We are and I think it's very important for the community to understand that the four options that are presented if we're not successful this year, and the Superintendent articulated those, (1) you close the school; (2) it becomes a charter which does not have a demonstrated track record of being successful with African American or minority children. Let me be very clear, (3) is Education Management Organization, same thing; (4) Reconstitution. We don't want to do any of those...we want our school to stay our school and for the community to have buy in and input into it. I think that the Superintendent knows, Ms. Willis knows, and you know, Mr. Bellamy, if anything is going amiss, then I will be jumping up and down and screaming and hollering, but that is not what I'm hearing and I'm very concerned. Are there things that have to be

worked on there? I definitely think so. Senator Hill and I are convening alumni from the 1970's, 1980's, 1990's and some from the 1960's to come and sign a joint letter to show our support for the school and we are there to offer our time and resources because we believe that the school is moving in the right direction. Has it faced some challenges? Yes, it has. We talk about and I want to be real clear...so Ribault goes, so Raines goes, so Jackson goes, so our district goes...those are all of our schools and I think this Board is willing to fight for the viability of all of the schools and we've seen some progress in all of the schools and I think the community working on a constructive agenda together to make certain that we address the needs of students is a positive thing. I am mindful for the young people that are in the school right now and I'm also mindful of the teachers that are there working long hours. I want them to be encouraged and I want the young people to be encouraged and believe. It's very important that we give a message that we believe in you and we believe you are going to be successful. Hold the district accountable? Yes, I don't think anybody's going to do it any more than I would or others sitting up here, but I want to be very clear that I think it's a healthy environment going right now and it's moving in the right direction and that's with the conversations with the young people and Mr. Beady. I was a little disturbed because I do think when you pull things out, then it gives a perception of an atmosphere of dysfunction. Understand, if they think it's an atmosphere of dysfunction, the state will retire the school. People need to be real clear...it's not a game.

Mr. Bellamy said I agree and would like reiterate that and the timing of the state visit at the very beginning of school, so, therefore, it really set a roadmap to guide the work from this point forward. So, understand that we have created a plan to address overarching issues that are this main theme throughout all the Turnaround schools. So, when we talk about it again, I will use Board configuration and that is something we're working on in Professional Development.

Ms. Priestly Jackson said thank you for addressing this.

Mr. Gentry said I'd just like to observe that, in the past, we've had people make comments that were gross distortions and in some cases, would be potentially injurious to the district if they were allowed to lay on the table. Our policy has always been not to respond to those. I think this is a better practice to, at least, get the record clear at the time it's relevant and I think it's a good practice to follow in the future.

Comments from Mr. Stan Jordan:

I can assure you that I'm not going to place anything on the table, Mr. Gentry. I guess you all heard there was a Senate race recently...as I saw that race shaping up and I looked at the candidates and the basis of their platform, I felt that maybe education was not getting the proper attention. As a sitting House member, as Chairman Hazouri will attest to, you can raise a lot of money. I chose not to do that because I had no intentions, whatsoever, of running for the Senate. I could have raised quite a bit of money as a sitting House member...I didn't do that. When I saw that shaping up, I felt at this point that maybe this is something that I should try to make a difference in. I realized later that a 35 day campaign with \$100,000 was not the right winning combination, but I tell you this...this was an unbelievable experience. 18 hours a day; 35 days...what started out to be a Senate race, ended up...I thought I was on the Jerry Springer Show...this thing was absolutely awful, but I appreciate the opportunity to

come before you and make some comments. There is one member on this Board that knows the pain I went through to leave this Board. I love this Board; I love this school district; and I have enjoyed every minute working with you.

There's kind of a milestone here, tonight. I am probably the senior member in the Duval County School District of all people. In fact, if you'll notice out here on the wall, the Superintendents pictures are up there. I worked for everyone one of them or with every one of them except Mr. Wise. That's the only one on that whole panorama of pictures. I started teaching over 50 years ago in Duval County. I made \$13.00 a day and finally, they thought I had the right stuff, they offered what was called then, a "Rank 4" certificate because I had not finished college and I got a whopping \$2,800 a year salary but it was one of the greatest opportunities and it changed my life.

Many of you know that I had the opportunity to be one of Uncle Sam's pilots. I had the opportunity to fly with two airlines but I thought that, maybe, I could make a difference in young peoples' lives. So, I chose that road. I had the honor, again, in this district to be the youngest school principal at the age of 30 and that was 41 years ago. I saw alot of things in this district and witnessed many milestones. I saw the Desegregation Court Order implemented while I was a principal and I had the honor of seeing the Court Order complied with and this district declared a unitary district while I was a member of this Board. In 1984, I was elected to the Duval County School Board and it was a great honor and I served every day with a great deal of appreciation for the magnitude of the job that all of you have before you. Something happened during that period and I don't think will ever be repeated in this community. During that time, I was chairman four years in a row and many of you know that we take alot of pride for being from Andrew Jackson High School. Now, while I was chairman of the School Board, never again do I think this will happen....there was a young Sheriff named Jim McMillan who was a graduate from Andrew Jackson High School and in my graduating class of 1955 and a young mayor named Tommy Hazouri, who was also from Andrew Jackson High School. I don't think you'll ever see in this community, again, having three of the top elected positions all from the same high school.

I collect Andrew Jackson High School yearbooks. I love that school. I hope the day will come and I can witness it when these flagships schools are a flagship school, again. Whether it is Andrew Jackson or Terry Parker or Ribault...whatever schools are out there and struggling, I hope that this district will rally behind this Board and Superintendent and we can, again, fly that flag and pull dignity and respect. I have written over 500 letters to Andrew Jackson graduates who have passed away. I go to the year book and copy their picture and write a letter to the family and send it to the funeral home. It makes a tremendous impression on the family. They think that Grand-daddy or Grandma have looked this way all our life and they don't know that we were once 17 years old and it's been an honor to do that.

While I was chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, I wrote over 5,000 letters to everyone in the obituaries that served in the military. Thanking the family for their loved one's sacrifice and dignity of service. The chairman of the School Board appointed me as the Military Liaison for this Board of which I am now not a member, but since then, since November, 2008, I have written on behalf of this Board, over 500 letters to veterans thanking them for the preservation of a free republic. Board Member Broner told me that during this journey, she received one in her family and they put it

in their family archives and I'm grateful for that.

It's been a great honor to serve and as I look at you, I will take these memories with me. Mr. Gentry, God bless you. I hope you will continue your pursuit of truancy and bringing the Jacksonville Journey to full fruition for the benefit of the children and this Board.

Ms. Drake, I hope you will continue to be the community ombudsman making sure that meaningful and participatory democracy takes place in this community and you are so effective with it.

Mr. Hazouri, I hope you will pursue with unbelievable energy on the JEA issue and let's get the rightful dollars back to this school system and I wish you well. I hope you never give up that pursuit.

Ms. Priestly Jackson, I've watched you and your yardstick of fairness and I hope you'll continue to put that yardstick out there when it comes to equity and fairness. I've watched you deal with some of these things such as expulsions, and to make sure that the due diligence is in place and that we are making sure we are doing the right thing for a troubled child...not a troubled child but a child with troubles.

Ms. Broner, I pass the flag of protocol to you that you will enforce Parliamentary Procedure on this Board and Robert's Rules and I have a teflon suit for you to wear because it's not easy, but you have such tremendous talent and your Boardmanship is noted, not only by this community, but around the country.

Ms. Burney, I give to you one of the greatest opportunities and challenges in this school district...I give you my 6th grade issue and I wish you never to let it out of your hands. Ms. Burney knows that when I was a young principal, I had a wonderful person on my staff and her name was Helen Seabrook. She had a young girl that would come over to our school. Helen Seabrook was the most immaculate dresser and I always remember that and the young girl who would come to school at times, was Betty Seabrook Burney and I will always be grateful for her mother.

Ms. Barrett, may the good Lord bless you and I give you my best wishes as you represent your position on this School Board.

Mr. Superintendent, I give you my greatest expectations that you will pursue this insurance opportunity that we have to cut our \$108,000,000 cost in insurance by a sizeable number so that we'll have more money to put into the classrooms. I hope you will instill with your teachers that ever present message that William Jennings Bryan said, *"You may never know to whom you're speaking when you speak to a child."* These precious little souls, they depend on us and when you look into their eyes, you can see the window of the future and it may be the next Lee Harvey Oswald or it could be the next John F. Kennedy. I think we need to make sure to let these children be all that they can be.

Well, alot of people say, 'Where are you going?' I'm a great practicer and admirer of history. I love to watch history being made and I like to refer to history and I hope this Board will be ever present and ever mindful that you will never relinquish giving up

your invocation at the beginning of this assembly. It was in July, 1781 when this great country was being founded that there was such turmoil in the Continental Congress and there was fighting and arguing...they couldn't decide whether they wanted representation in the Senate based on population or whether it should be based on certain members per state. It was an ugly situation...is my time up, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Hazouri, said, "Actually, that is your fault."

Mr. Jordan introduced my first wife....in January, Shirley and I will be married 50 years and this is my wife, Shirley Hodges Jordan.

So, now that Shirley has given me that my time is drawing nigh, in 1781, when the Continental Congress was meeting and just about quit, the senior member, and that's why I have an affinity for this member and such turmoil taking place and they were about to go home, one of the great statesmen who was 81 years old and his name was Benjamin Franklin, stood up and said in this environment, "*I have lived, sir, a long time and the longer I live the more convincing truth, I see as proof that God governs in the affairs of men or if it is true that a sparrow can not fall without his notice, is it possible that an empire can rise without his aide?*" They went home prayed and came back and put together one of the greatest documents called the Constitution of the United States in the history of mankind. I trust you will carry those kinds of convictions forthwith.

My ending comment is, "Where am I going?" One thing about me and I hope you'll notice you can turn me any way you want to and I will land on my feet. I can't explain it to you...it's when you're God's child, it's the way it happens, but I'd like to take you, again, back to that period with Benjamin Franklin and the Continental Congress, before we had electricity...at that time, there was a little old man in the community and he was called the "Lamplighter". They didn't have electricity so he would go from corner to corner and he would light the lamps. The moral of that story is that you may not know where the Lamplighter is going, but you can always tell where he's been by the lights along the way...and I hope I have lighted some lights this evening. Thank you so much.

Comments From Parent Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

District Advisory Council - Rachel Raneri:

First, I would like to welcome the Honorable Martha mbarrett back to the board. I am very glad to see you.

We had a productive meeting last week. Over 36 people were in attendance, however, we had 4 areas without representation. I would like to thank Mrs. Elaine Mann for helping to get an accurate list of Area representatives. This is very important as our Bylaws state that October is the month that we elect officers. Each Area has one vote and we need to be sure that the appropriate members are notified.

The Honorable Brenda Priestly Jackson joined us to talk about the recommendation for the Mid-Year Stakeholders' Assessment that you approved last month. She and I have been working together to come up with a template that can be used by the School Advisory Councils to conduct this assessment. The District Advisory Council members were asked to take it back to their area meetings and report input. Mrs. Priestly Jackson explained what the intent of this assessment is and why it is important. We are looking forward to the feedback.

Mrs. Debra Gianoulis Heald spoke with us about SaveDuvalSchools.org. She explained what the organization is and the exciting plans they are working on with the youth in Duval County Public Schools.

Paul Soares brought us an update on the ACE projects and told us that the Magnet ACE is still in a working mode. There was some discussion about the middle school boundary process..

DeWitt Robinson from the Office of Family and Community Engagement told us that this is Customer Service week and that Principal for a Day will be on November 5. Deadlines for applications is November 2. Applications can be found on the Family and Community Engagement page on the website under "Special Projects".

The School Liaison Officers from the Navy are working hard to make sure that the children of military families are receiving their rights and that schools are benefitting from the students' attendance.

Dr. Jeanne Ballentine explained that On Course, the electronic grading system, is now being piloted. She discussed the FAIR testing program that is replacing the Dibbles program.

Parent Link, a new communication program, drew some discussion. It is a way to send out mass telephone messages to parents. Mr. Harris from Wolfson High School said they are having success using this link. Many of the area representatives are interested in using Parent Link.

Our next DAC meeting will be October 26, 6:00 pm in room 613. We look forward to a School Board member to join us.

PTA - Annette Worthen:

Good evening I am Annette Worthen, President of the Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs.

At the end of last month's School Board meeting I had a few people ask me about our PTA meetings and voiced concern that they were only held during the daytime. In speaking to

this group I realized they did not understand the role of County Council vs. the role of our local units. I have been involved with County Council for so many years now that I forgot that there are community members who are not aware of the difference so I am going to take this opportunity to use a “teachable moment” and explain the difference.

A PTA County Council is a group of local PTAs organized under the authority of the Florida PTA. Local PTAs join the council as a unit, not as individual members, and pay dues according to council bylaws. The council president is a member of the Florida PTA Board of Directors. A County Council is the direct line of support and resource to the PTAs within its boundaries. As a line of support for the local units we provide several services such as, college scholarships, sponsor eye exams and/or eyeglasses for children whose parents are unable to provide these services, conduct Fall and Spring Leadership workshops to train local unit officers and committee chairs, participate in State Convention to develop the annual legislative platform, then present the final platform to the legislators. Follow the platform and all issues regarding the welfare of children through the legislative session in Tallahassee, we hold monthly meetings featuring programs with the latest education information, program ideas for local units, we host excellent speakers pertaining to the health, welfare, safety and education of our children, offer legislative updates, assists local units with self-studies, audits, bylaw reviews, installation of officers and any other needs that the local unit, DCPS District office staff, school administration or School Board members requests our help with.

A PTA/PTSA local unit membership is open to anyone who believes in the mission and purposes of PTA. Individual members may belong to any number of PTAs and pay dues in each. Every person who joins a local PTA automatically becomes a member of both the state and national PTAs. The local unit’s goal is to provide services to their school communities that are in line with the mission and purposes of PTA. Each school PTA/PTSA has the unique responsibility to promote the welfare of the children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship. They strive to raise the standards of home life and secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children. They work towards bringing into closer relation the home and the school, so that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth. To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts that will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education. They meet these goals by developing and providing relevant to their unique membership, programs for parents, teachers and students. Local PTAs promote existing programs of the school administration and work to coordinate the volunteer efforts of parents and community members at both school and PTA sponsored events. The PTA/PTSA membership for each school has access to resources from County Council, state and national PTA.

Duval County Council of PTA’s has been a functioning and vital part of this community since 1925. The County Council meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 9:30 AM to noon right here in the Cline Auditorium. Everyone is invited but per our bylaws, only the Local unit President and delegate of record are allowed to participate in Council business. We hold our meetings during the morning hours so that we are not conflicting with the 160 plus local PTA’s who hold their general meetings in the evening. By meeting during the day we are not intruding on nighttime school activities or valuable family time. It is the responsibility of the local PTA President and/or delegate to distribute to the members, any relevant business that was discussed or voted on at the County Council meeting.

This past month we sponsored the annual fall workshop, health and community resource fair and the pre convention platform item workshop. Thanks to the support from the school leaders, PTA leaders and our wonderful workshop Chair Samantha Lowery 145 people

representing 60 different PTAs attended. 102 of the attendees were there as 1st timers. The workshops are a valuable learning tool and educational source for PTA leaders. Over the past few years our workshops have grown in both the number of attendees and the number of classes provided.

As always the DCCPTA members continues to support our teachers by volunteering at the Teacher Supply Depot. The next opening is October 15th at 3PM. If you are a business or community member that is interested in donating to the Depot, or volunteering at the Depot, please call Chris at 381-7480.

Comments From Employee Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes: There were no comments at this meeting.

Student Achievement, Reform Activities, And Reports

~~1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - WITHDRAWN~~

[2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT](#)

Minutes: Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals gave the *State of the Schools Address* (see Attachment).

Reports

~~1. OPERATIONS REPORT - MR. DOUG AYARS - WITHDRAWN~~

~~2. ACADEMIC SERVICES REPORT - MS. PAT WILLIS - WITHDRAWN~~

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2009, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the October 6, 2009, Agenda as submitted on September 29, 2009, with the following changes as listed in the agenda item. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Nancy Broner

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Approval of Minutes

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#)

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following minutes:

July 13, 2009 - Board Retreat
August 11, 2009 - Special - Student Expulsion Hearing
August 11, 2009 - Board Workshop
August 18, 2009 - Board Audit Committee Meeting
August 18, 2009 - Board Workshop
August 27, 2009 - Board Workshop
September 1, 2009 - Regular Board Meeting
September 8, 2009 - Special Board Meeting
September 8, 2009 - Board Workshop
September 14, 2009 - Grievance Committee Meeting
September 15, 2009 - Special Board Meeting
September 15, 2009 - Board Workshop

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

[APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

Consent Agenda

Academic Services

[1. AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA SUCCESS BY DESIGN INITIATIVE - PHASE II](#)

Attachment: [FIE BEN & CHAL.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FIE Bdgt Summary 2009-2010 \(version 1\).pdf](#)

[2. PURCHASE OF GIZMO LICENSES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS CHALLENGES FORM Gizmos 10-06-09.pdf](#)

[3. EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH SPECTRUM K-12 SCHOOL SOLUTIONS](#)

Attachment: [SpectrumBenefitandChallenges.pdf](#)

[4. SCHOOL SAFETY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Item Attachment SCHOOL SAFETY AGREEMENT \(Zero Tolerance\)2.pdf](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the attached agreement between the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and the Duval County School Board, specifying guidelines for ensuring that acts that pose a serious threat to school safety are reported to a law enforcement agency.

Vote Results

Motion:

Second:

5. CONTRACT BETWEEN DCPS AND THE NATIONAL DEAF ACADEMY

Attachment: [NDA-BENEFITSandCHALLENGES.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

1. SUSPENSIONS WITHOUT PAY

Attachment: [HRS_attach_10-06-09_susp.pdf](#)

2. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHERS

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

1. APPROVE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR DISTRICT AND SCHOOL STAFF

Attachment: [Academic Service Out of State travel for July October Agenda.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Out of State travel for October Board OPS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Out of State travel Month Nov for October Board OPS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Academic Service Out of State travel for April -October Agenda.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Academic Service Out of State travel for July10 -October Agenda.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Out of State travel Month Dec for October Board OPS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Academic Service Out of State travel for October -October Agenda.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Academic Service Out of State travel for November-October Agenda.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Academic Service Out of State travel for December -October Agenda.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Academic Service Out of State travel for March-October Agenda.pdf](#)

2. APPROVE EXPENDITURES FOR MOBILE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES, STIPENDS AND OR SERVICE

Attachment: [cell phones for october board.pdf](#)

3. INTERNAL ACCOUNTS FUNDS-SCHOOL AUDITS

Attachment: [IntAudAgendaforoct2009.pdf](#)

5. ADOPTION OF CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION

Attachment: [Reimbursement Resolution 2009A \(agenda\).pdf](#)

Operations - Information Technology

1. MICROSOFT PREMIER SUPPORT RENEWAL

Attachment: [Premier Benefits and Challenges 09.pdf](#)

Operations - School Choice and Pupil Assignment

1. CHARTER APPLICATION FOR FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL FOR ACCELERATED LEARNING - DUVAL COUNTY CAMPUS, INC. CHARTER SCHOOL

Attachment: [Executive Summary 2009 for FL HS for Accelerated Learning-Duval v4.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES October 6 #1.pdf](#)

2. CHARTER APPLICATION FOR FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL FOR ACCELERATED LEARNING - JACKSONVILLE CAMPUS, INC. CHARTER SCHOOL

Attachment: [Executive Summary 2009 for FL HS for Accelerated Learning-JAX v3.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES October 6 #2.pdf](#)

3. CHARTER APPLICATION FOR RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.

Attachment: [Executive Summary for Renaissancefinalv3.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES October 6 #3.pdf](#)

4. CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR KIPP JACKSONVILLE, INC. CHARTER SCHOOL

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES October 6 #4.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Executive Summary 2009 for Kipp.pdf](#)

5. CHARTER APPLICATION FOR SOMERSET ACADEMY, INC. ELEMENTARY - EAGLE CAMPUS CHARTER SCHOOL

Attachment: [Executive Summary 2009 for Somerset Elementaryfinal.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES October 6 #5.pdf](#)

6. CHARTER APPLICATION FOR SOMERSET ACADEMY, INC. MIDDLE - EAGLE CAMPUS CHARTER SCHOOL

Attachment: [Executive Summary for Somerset Middle v3-b.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES October 6 #6.pdf](#)

7. CHARTER APPLICATION FOR 3 R'S LEARNING ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES October 6 #7.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Executive Summary 2009 for 3Rs Learning.pdf](#)

8. CHARTER APPLICATION FOR THE AUDACIOUS MINDS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Attachment: [Executive Summary 2009 for Audacious Mindsfinal\(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES October 6 #8.pdf](#)

9. CHARTER APPLICATION FOR WEST JACKSONVILLE RESTORATION CENTER, INC.

Attachment: [Executive Summary 2009 for Excellence Leadership final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES October 6 #9.pdf](#)

10. CHARTER APPLICATION FOR SHINE! EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC.

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES October 6 #10.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Executive Summary 2009 for GARY v4.pdf](#)

11. CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR I.D.E.A.L. PREPARATORY ACADEMY, INC.
CHARTER SCHOOL

Attachment: [Executive Summary for IDEAL 2009.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES October 6 #11.pdf](#)

~~12. CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR RIVER CITY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,
INC. -- WITHDRAWN~~

~~Attachment: [Executive Summary 2009 for RSCA Elem\(2\).pdf](#)~~

~~Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES October 6 #12.pdf](#)~~

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

1. LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE FOR SECURITY CAMERA
PLACEMENT ON THE ROOF OF THE SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
NO. 3001 AT 1701 PRUDENTIAL DRIVE

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

1. FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION REPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS, FINAL
INSPECTIONS AND RETURN OF CONTINGENCY SAVINGS AMOUNTS ON MAJOR
MAINTENANCE AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER \$1,000,000.

Attachment: [Oct 09 Agenda Item Subs Comp Final Comp for September
2009 9 23 09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Oct 09 B-C Subs Comp Final Comp for September 2009 8 20
09.pdf](#)

2. CHANGE ORDER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2009

Attachment: [Oct 09 Agenda Item Change Order Report for September 2009
8 20 09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Oct 09 B-C Change Order Report for September 2009 8 20
09.pdf](#)

3. MODIFICATION NO. 3 TO FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUBGRANT AGREEMENT: EMERGENCY GENERATORS FOR TWO SPECIAL NEEDS PUBLIC SHELTERS AT OCEANWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 62 AND TWIN LAKES ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 251

Attachment: [B-C Oct 09Agenda Item-State Grant Agreement-Shelter Generators Mod #3 10-6-09.pdf](#)

4. NEW MEDICAL ACADEMY AT DARNELL-COOKMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 145: AMENDMENT NO. TWO TO DESIGN POROFESIONAL - HARVARD JOLLY, INC. DCPS PROJECT NO. C-91160

Attachment: [B-C Agenda Item Amend No Two to Harvard Jolly Inc 8 31 09.pdf](#)

5. CONTRACT AWARD: SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AT VARIOUS FACILITIES: RUTH UPSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 19 AND JOHN E. FORD K-8 NO. 154: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD DCPS PROJECT NO. M-84880

Attachment: [Oct 09 PLACEMENT BC Agenda Item Security Alarm Sys at Nos 19 154 9 9 09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [M84880 Security Alarm Replacement for Agenda312.pdf](#)

6. CONTRACT AWARD: INTERCOM REPLACEMENT AT VARIOUS FACILITIES: MT. HERMAN EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT CENTER NO. 164, LONE STAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 233 AND FORT CAROLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 235: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD DCPS PROJECT NO. m-84

Attachment: [M84880 Intercom Replacement at Various Facilities321.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Oct 09 PLACEMENT BC Agenda Item Intercom Replacement at Nos 164 233 235 9 11 09.pdf](#)

7. PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: RENEWAL

Attachment: [Board Approval - Renewal 10-06-09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM 10-06-09.pdf](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

1. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

Attachment: [October 09.pdf](#)

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

Attachment: [ROOCTFY10.pdf](#)

Attachment: [07Oct09..pdf](#)

Attachment: [05Oct09..pdf](#)

Attachment: [04Oct09..pdf](#)

2. AIR CONDITIONING FILTER REPLACEMENT

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM Air Conditioning Filter Replacement Bid.pdf](#)

Attachment: [AIR CONDITIONING FILTER REPLACEMENT ITB-003-10-CP TAB SHEET.pdf](#)

3. FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDES

Attachment: [FERTILZER AND PESTICIDES ITB-047-09-CP TAB SHEET.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDES BID ITB-047-09-CP.pdf](#)

4. TRACK RESURFACING AND REPAIR

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM Track Resurfacing and Repair bid 2009.pdf](#)

Attachment: [TRACK RESURFACING AND REPAIR BID ITB-048-09-CP TAB SHEET.pdf](#)

5. EXCESS MEDICAL STOP LOSS INSURANCE: CONTRACT AWARD

Attachment: [XX-ATT-CROWNE-STOP LOSS-09-10.pdf](#)

General

1. NAMING OF HIGH SCHOOL NO. 268 - R.G. SKINNER PARKWAY

Attachment: [Public Input Card.pdf](#)

Attachment: [A Real Name for AAA.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Public Forum 1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Timeline for Stakeholders Input on Name.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Broner said I thought this was an important issue to highlight for the public the naming of our new high school....the first new high school in Duval County in 20 years. I'd like to ask Mrs. Mann to provide some information for the public.

Mrs.. Mann said she'd like to ask the principal at our newest high school, Debra Lynch, if she would come forward because she has been the one that has been carrying out this process and she can share how that was done and what the results are.

Ms. Broner said I think it's a significant moment for our philosophy and public engagement, particularly, the fact that we believe the public owns our public schools and so they participated widely and Ms. Lynch will tell us about it.

Ms. Lynch said it's been a very exciting process particularly getting the

student input, parent input, stakeholder input and we started on that in early August before school began. I began the process on August 3 by establishing a blog site and I'm trying to move with this 21st century school and I can't wait until we open up the doors. About the same time Mr. Pittman created our school website, that's how we opened communication first with the stakeholders. On August 13, we held a public forum at Twin Lakes Middle Academy for all interested parties, students, parents, and stakeholders to come and actually voice their opinion on a name, colors, mascot, etc. for the new school. Invitations were sent via email to Board members, Duval County public school personnel, city officials, the boundary committee members, principals of the possible feeder middle schools and high schools to share with their parents and SAC committees PTSA's. The forum was also announced in the Florida Times-Union and the Southside Sun, on the district calendar and on the school website. So, we think everybody was well aware of that forum.

At the forum, we created a power point and showed them some of the renderings of the new school which was very exciting to all involved. We gave them suggestions for the name and mascot. We provided comment cards and an open mike situation. I provided contact information for myself and the blog site. I put all of this together and posted on the blog site that we accepted suggestions through the end of August. I then created a survey online and that survey was open from August 31 - September 11. I put in a restrainer so you could only answer once from each computer. We received 386 responses on that survey. When the color thing came up, I met with the 8th graders at Twin Lakes and we had a lunch meeting and it was so much fun with the kids. We did it by zip codes so these students were within the boundary proposals that would be attending the school. We told them that Atlantic Coast High was the proposed name and that Stingrays was the proposed mascot. Ten of the high schools in Duval County have blue as the dominant color as well as some of the surrounding counties. The kids voted on comment cards and they voted on the unique color of burnt orange.

So, that's how the process went and I want to thank Twin Lakes' administration and the entire staff for being wonderful in providing office space for me and my two staff members, as well as setting up these meetings, etc. They have been great with assisting me with everything. I brought a jersey to show you with the colors and we're excited about getting a real name. Thank you so much.

Discussion

Academic Services

[6. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES \(SP&P\)](#)

Attachment: [SP&P-BenefitsandChallenges.pdf](#)

Attachment: [SP&P-ExecutiveSummary.pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures (SP&P)

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

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and vote on the Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures (SP&P). That the Duval County School Board authorize the Superintendent to affix his signature to the Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures (SP&P). - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly jackson - Aye

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

Attachment: [Agenda Item Attachment 5 28 Zero Tolerance Policy Revision 3.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.

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Human Resource Services - Staffing

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

Attachment: [Agenda 10-06-09 TRANS.pdf](#)

Minutes: Speakers:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman

Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Officer, Human Resource Services

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Martha Barrett - Aye

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Brenda Priestly jackson - Aye

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

[4. CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION \(COPS\) RESOLUTIONS](#)

Attachment: [Certificate Resolution 2009A \(agenda\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [Certificate Resolution 2009B \(agenda\).pdf](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve resolutions and substantially final draft documents relating to the process for issuing Certificates of Participation ("COPS") in order to finance the Lease-Purchase of certain education facilities in the district. Authorize the Chairman, the Superintendent of Schools and appropriate staff to negotiate and execute required legal documents and approve fees attendant to the issue. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Martha Barrett	- Abstain
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

[2. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: APPROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM 2009/2010 - 2014/2015](#)

Minutes:

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

Approve School District Facilities Five-Year Work Program
2009/2010 - 2014/2015

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:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve the School District Facilities Five-Year Work Program as required by Section 1013.35, Florida Statutes. The Duval County Public School District is required to take Public Comments prior to approval of this item. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Martha Barrett - Aye

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

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

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

October 1, 2009 - Florida School Boards Association Economic Commitment to Public Education Committee - Tampa, FL - Drake, Gentry

October 28-29, 2009 - Florida School Boards Association 15th Annual Committee Day - Tampa, FL - Burney, Gentry

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board Members Travel: October 1, 2009 - FSBA Economic Commitment to Public Education Committee - Tampa, FL - Drake, Gentry - PASS
 October 28-29, 2009 - FSBA 15th Annual Committee Day - Tampa, FL - Burney, Gentry

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

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

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

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

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

October 8-9, 2009 - 2009 Superintendent's Leadership Summit - New York City, New York (Expenses paid by Scholastic, Inc.)

October 29, 2009 - FADSS Communications Meeting - Gainesville, FL

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve the following travel for the Superintendent: October 8-9, 2009 - 2009 Superintendent's Leadership Summit - New York, NY - (Note: Expenses paid by Scholastic, Inc.)	- PASS
October 29, 2009 - FADSS Communications Meeting - Gainesville, FL	
Vote Results	
Motion: Nancy Broner	
Second: Victoria Drake	
Martha Barrett	- Aye
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye

Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

For The Record

[FOR THE RECORD](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Barrett said she was extremely happy to be back on the Board.

Ms. Broner welcomed Ms. Barrett and wanted to express, publicly, condolences and on behalf of the district to the family of Wimpy Sutton who was a former School Board member. His wife passed away this morning, Bobbi Sutton. Wimpy was a long time coach and teacher in our district. I just want to send our sympathies to the family.

Ms. Priestly Jackson made an announcement and said "thank you"...we're going to have the 2nd Annual Paul Roberson Scholar Summit on February 27, 2010, which is a Saturday. This time our target is 500 young people from middle and high school. We had about 300 the last time. I want to say a big "thank you" to Student Transportation of America who graciously donated \$6,000 to the summit last week. I want to thank Mr. Paul Soares who has been an angel in terms of going out and getting great support for it, but they auctioned off a jersey and gave a donation. I came thinking we'd get a check and say "thank you" because my Dad would say, "Nobody is doing anything for you..." and the auction and jersey was \$3,000 and they matched that donation. They were very familiar with Paul Roberson because they were from the New Jersey area so that was a positive thing for them to support. The last thing, they have graciously agreed to supply transportation for the event...for the young people to come out that day. I just wanted to say "thank you" for their support.

Mr. Gentry said in case you weren't tuning in, I just wanted Ms. Barrett to know that ever since she left, we've been finishing these meetings by 8:30.

Mr. Hazouri said that W.C. said, "We end up by 11:30 anyway, we might as well have someone speak." I do want thank you all for this meeting tonight and it has been special. Martha, you're here and to hear Mr. Jordan's remarks and Mr. Superintendent, I hope that's the beginning of a long journey for addressing the public and maintain that transparency that we're trying to do and, hopefully, the community will hear this as a whole, as it gets bigger and bigger because I thought your remarks were well stated and well taken.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Isd

Superintendent

Chairman