



Duval County Public Schools

September 1, 2009, Regular Board Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE AT THE 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 Chairman and Board members: Ms. Nancy Broner, Ms. Betty Burney, Ms. Vicki Drake, Mr. W. C. Gentry and Mr. Stan Jordan, present.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

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

Invocation

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes: Pastor Ted Corley

Mission First Coast Church

Pledge of Allegiance

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

Presentations

[1. OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE FOR SCHOOL COUNSELING FROM THE FLORIDA SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION](#)

Minutes:

--Last fall, Joni Shook, district guidance counselor, was named the 2008-2009 Outstanding Advocate for School Counseling from the Florida School Counselor Association.

--Joni, a 29-year veteran of Duval County Public Schools, has been instrumental in bringing the American School Counselor Association model for outstanding comprehensive school counseling programs to our district that results in K-12 students having greater opportunities for academic success.

--Joni brings a wonderful enthusiasm and dedication to her work. She is a master collaborator and teacher, and a strong voice for an equity agenda for all students.

--Would Joni and her supervisor, Nan Worsowicz, please come forward to receive her certificate of recognition.

--As they are coming forward, I'd also like to recognize that Joni, along with our Deputy Superintendent Pat Willis, were finalists for this year's Eve Award in Education.

--Congratulations to both of you for representing our district at this esteemed award ceremony.

[2. 2009 FLORIDA POWER-LIBRARY SCHOOLS](#)

Minutes:

--Earlier this summer, the Florida Association of Supervisors of Media

named Chaffee Trail and Twin Lakes Academy elementary schools 2009 Florida Power-Library Schools.

-- To qualify for this honor, both schools media programs had to receive excellent scores in the following components: instruction, curriculum and assessment, resource management, program administration, the environment and advocacy.

-- The Florida Power-Library Schools award is valid for three years, and during that time, the schools will mentor other schools in their quest to develop quality library media programs.

--Would Twin Lakes Academy Elementary School principal Denise Robertson and her media specialist Patricia Dedicos; and Beverly Walker, principal of Chaffee Trail Elementary School and her media specialist Lucretia Miller, Duval County Public Schools 2008 Teacher of the Year, please come to the front to receive your certificate of recognition.

--Denise was also selected as one of only two principals state-wide to receive the 2009 Principals Advocate for Excellence in School Library Media Programs Award presented by the Florida Association for Media in Education. Next month, Denise will be recognized with a plaque and an honorarium during the 37th Annual Fame Conference in Orlando

--Congratulations to each of these schools on receiving this exemplary designation. Your hard work and dedication serves as a shining example for the schools you will mentor over the next few years.

3. CFE RECOGNITION

Minutes:

--Our final presentation for tonight recognizes one of our district's many strategic partners, Domino's Pizza. By partnering with our district, strategic partners make a real difference in the quality of education provided to our more than 123,000 students.

--This year, Domino's is helping us raise awareness and funds for public education by supporting one of our newest initiatives "Be There."

--"Be There," a media campaign designed to inspire families to be involved in their children's education, teaches parents to make every moment with a child a teachable moment. Through simple, easy connections with children, huge differences can be made.

--Domino's guiding principles of: putting people first; demanding integrity; and striving to make every customer a loyal customer; directly align with our district's philosophy of providing a quality education to all Duval

County Public Schools students.

--Joining us tonight from Domino's is Brent Montgomery. Would Brent please come forward to receive a small token of our appreciation?

--Thank you Domino's, and all of our business partners, for all that you do for our schools.

--This concludes tonight's presentation portion of the meeting.

Comments From Audience

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

Minutes:

Ms. Tracy Porter, founder of Mothers Against Brain Injury and a mother of a son who suffered a traumatic brain injury in an automobile accident due to unsafe teen driving practices. Mothers Against Brain Injury, Inc. (MABII) is in a wonderful position to reach out to tens of thousands of teens, their families and their circles of influence on the issue of Teen Unsafe Driving Practices in the Jacksonville Metropolitan area. This project is an extension of Allstate's commitment to educate teens and their parents on the issues and enhance adolescent driver training and safety.

Ms. Pam Paul thanked the Board and Superintendent for the partnership that Learning to Finish is enjoying with the district. Learning to Finish is a partnership of collaboration of over 20 organizations and lead partners include United Way, The Community Foundation, The Jacksonville Public Education Fund, The Children's Commission and the district have been coming together for the last two years to grapple with the 1/3 of kids who are not graduating from school and make them a priority. We're looking forward to rolling out our action plan where we have three areas of work: (1) Six pilot schools where we will be combining efforts with those principals and teams to look at 6th graders who exhibit the risk factors that make them most likely not to graduate from high school; integrate and leverage all of the resources that are available in those schools, including Achievers for Life, Team Up, Smaller Learning Communities, Professional Learning Communities. The Community Foundation is adding additional grant funding as an incentive and we're looking forward to getting more kids promoted on time and on track to high school for those 6th and 9th graders; (2) Multiple pathways to graduation and working with Dana Kriznar in the Alternative Education department to review the current array of drop-out prevention programs and alternative programs to make sure we have the capacity and effectiveness we need as well as additional options for kids that just aren't suitable for comprehensive schools and need alternative environments; and (3) Engage more of the

community to support the schools in all of the ways we know they need help with more mentors, tutors and more assistance at the school, themselves. We look forward to returning in about six months to tell you how we're progressing and really appreciate your support. Thank you.

Ms. Haley Lurie, student at Patterson Academy of the Arts, thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak tonight. The Patterson Academy is a school of love and acceptance and it offers a second chance and opportunities to its students. We have a great art program which is different from Douglas Anderson as we don't have auditions. Students at Patterson don't have to worry about rejections or feeling you're not good enough. Before coming to Patterson Academy, many of my peers were feeling worthless and failures and we don't feel like that at Patterson. The teachers are wonderful role models to us and inspire us to do more than just learn; they educate us. Please do not shut down our school.

Ms. Angela Lurie said I'm a very concerned mother and you just heard my daughter, Haley, speak. She has been in all advanced classes since kindergarten and she fell apart at Sandalwood High School. Patterson Academy looks at each student, individually. They teach them respect and the student body works together with no fighting. I truly believe in this school as my daughter looks forward to attending each and every morning. I don't want her to go back to a neighborhood or regular high school. Please reconsider and don't close Patterson Academy.

Ms. Jessica Thomas, a student at Patterson Academy of the Arts, said we have no dropouts and this school teaches compassion, love and friendship. Patterson has helped me so very much. We receive credits and Subway sponsors our lunches. I actually look forward to going to school and I have enthusiasm because my teachers care about me. Our school is awesome and there are many kids who need to be in this school. Please give us a chance to keep our school open. Thank you.

Ms. Elnora Atkins, Chairman of the Education Committee of the Jacksonville Branch of the NAACP. Tonight, I want to talk about commitment. Webster's Dictionary defines "commitment" as an agreement or pledge to do something in the future. As parents, we should make a commitment to our children to love them and provide for them as best we can. This means taking an active role in the education of our children. Teachers and administrators making a commitment means seeing each child as an individual with different learning styles and providing a quality education for them. As School Board members, making a commitment means staying for the long haul, not until something better comes along, especially if there was a qualified, dedicated person ready to be elected and to complete the four year term. When a Board member fails to adhere to policies or commitments, it causes parents and the community to question their commitment to our children's education. Our students deserve committed people who will fight for a quality education for all of them regardless of race, gender, religion, where they live, only one parent or a grandparent. We should all be committed and take that commitment seriously. Now, the Jacksonville Branch NAACP would like to invite you and the Jacksonville community to attend a community forum entitled "Save Our Schools" with an emphasis on Raines and Ribault, on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 6:00 pm at Greater Macedonia Baptist Church, 1880 West Edgewood Avenue where the Reverend Doctor Landon Williams is the pastor, It takes a village to raise a child is very applicable but we know that it takes a community

to work with these schools and we want to invite the community to come out and participate in this forum.. The focus is on solutions and not listing the problems that many of us already know. Please come out.

Ms. Jane Hayden, serves on the Northeast Florida Human Trafficking Task Force. Human Trafficking is not a common topic of conversation but we hope that our task force helps change that. Florida is one of the third highest destination states for women and children trafficked in the United States. Children trafficking is the recruitment for smuggling, transporting, harboring, buying or selling of a child through forced deception and this is for the purpose of pornography, exploitation, migrant work, domestic servitude, forced labor, bondage and involuntary servitude. Child trafficking is one of the fastest growing crimes in the world and UNICEF values the global market of child trafficking at over \$12 billion dollars, yearly, with over 1.2 million children victims. Men, women and children are all victims but mostly the vulnerable groups of those with limited rights or protection are the hardest hit. Human trafficking knows no boundaries, nationality, race, sex, religion, economics or age. The Jacksonville Task Force serves as a mechanism for communicating with other law enforcement agencies. We are service providers and we also coordinate community resources and bring awareness of human trafficking to the community. Our upcoming event is a "Walk for the Cause" on September 26, 2009 at the San Marco Square, 7:30 a.m. There will be a guest speaker, Dr. Laura Letter, who was formerly of the U.S. Department of State, city officials, former Jacksonville Jaguars. This is a free event and our purpose is to raise awareness of human trafficking. If you have questions or would like to become involved, please sign up for the walk - 7:30-11:30 am. Information is on the form.

Ms. Elizabeth Kerns, representing the Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville. I'm also represented of ACE (Arts for Complete Education Coalition). At the MOCA, our education programs are created to provide for the needs of our community and one of the notable programs of which I have the pleasure of being involved is our Rainbow Artist Program. This educational initiative is designed exclusively for children with autism spectrum disorders. For many of these children, art becomes an instrument of communication. Art gives these children a sense of expression and self esteem. Another program is "Our Voice of the People". The museum partnered with "F" rated schools in Duval County in an effort to develop writing and critical thinking skills through the discussion of art. The program was highly successful and incorporated innovative technology which inspired the students as they created audio guides of the work in our permanent collections. When you come to the museum, you can check out an ipod and as you tour through it, you can listen to these kids descriptively and creatively talk about the art work. One of the schools involved in the program reported that their 4th grade students had an 80% pass rate on the FCAT scores and the instructor accredited their success towards our effort. I'm here to thank the School Board and parents and all of those who continually recognize the power of art as a means for innovation and creativity and despite the difficulties we face in this past year, your unwavering support cultivates the arts in our schools within our community and on behalf of the museum and the ACE organization, I thank you.

Ms. Maggie Carolina, a concerned grandmother of 23 and a great-grandmother of 8 regarding the bus stop at Sabal Palm Elementary School being omitted. I have spoken with Transportation and people at San Jose Elementary School and explained that I

have worked with kids for over 30 years and I'm very upset that this bus stop will no longer exist. I have 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren that attend that school. They were allowed to ride the bus for the first 3 days and on the fourth day, the bus driver said they wouldn't be allowed to ride as the bus was overloaded. There are only 12 children from our bus stop. Some of these children suffer from asthma and some don't speak English. We desperately need that bus stop and please help us.

Ms. Lisa Smith spoke on behalf of the Villa Beauclerc Housing Community and the safety of our children. We are definitely unsatisfied with the new school bus stop change. It changed from across the street, a 4 lane highway on Craven and Sunbeam Road; it's bus 531 which transports to and from Crownpoint Elementary School. Yesterday morning, my husband witnessed an accident right at the bus stop. There are no warning signs, no lights and people are not aware this is a bus stop. I understand about the budget. When our son was three years old, he was run over so safety of our children is not a monetary interest. A crossing guard is needed to cross this 4 lane highway. Additionally, there are questionable people who can approach our children. We urge you to please move this bus stop.

Ms. Andrea Brown spoke about transportation. I don't have any children that go to school but I have nieces and nephews and for the last week, I have been helping my sister taking and picking up her children. It's a very, very dangerous route they have to walk; they actually have to walk in the street with child molesters living nearby. Please reconsider our plight.

Ms. Crystal Williams spoke on behalf of the Lee Meadows apartments on Sunbeam where the kids attend Crown Point Elementary School. This is our second year of them attending that school. I've been in that apartment since August, 2008 and we've had 3 buses that pick up all the children in this complex and they have an after school program every day from 3:00-6:00 pm. These kids have to walk to and from school now. It's too far and very unsafe. I'm taking 6 kids to school every day. There's no way at all they can walk that far without supervision and not having a crossing guard. There are 5 year olds walking this distance Please look into giving us a bus, again.

Ms. Katrina London said I live at Lee Meadows and have been there for nine years. My kids have attended Crown Point Elementary School all of their lives and have had 3 buses picking up children since we've been out there. These are 5 year olds thru fifth grade that are walking. If they cut through to shorten the distance, there are many homes and someone could snatch them up. We're thankful for the after-school care lady who has been picking up the kids each day since the first day of school this year. I called Transportation about this before school started and was told they could ride the bus (and I told them I lived in Lee Meadows). The kids tried to get on the bus the first day of school and they were told they could not ride the bus. At this time, I do not have a vehicle and I feel it is so unfair for these 5-7 year olds to walk that far and it's way too dangerous. It's very unsafe. I would appreciate it so very much if you could get our school buses back. Thank you.

Ms. Regina Jenkins, a grandmother speaking about transportation. I'm very upset that my grandchildren (kindergarten and 3rd grade) have no way to get to school because of the lack of buses. I'm concerned about the area of Wilson Boulevard and Fouraker, a

route from Normandy Village. These children need to be supervised and this has been a big mistake taking out these bus stops.

Mr. Tim Smith talked about transportation problems and the children walking with no adult supervision. Concerned about the safety at a bus stop which is placed at a run down mall for my middle schooler. You seem to have no regard for the safety of these children.

Ms. LaVerne Underhill, grandmother, stated my heart goes out to these kids and it's just not fair to them. I have four grandchildren that go to Crown Point Elementary School. We're trying to team up and carpool, when possible. We desperately need help. We're all concerned about the safety of these children. We are begging for you to help us.

Ms. Sheila Andrews spoke directly to the Superintendent regarding Ribault and Raines high schools who have been on a low performing list in the state of Florida since 1995. There has been money released under the American Recovery Act in 2009 - \$9,000 is what I see - \$74,727.066.80 as of today. I want from your office a copy of each grant application. Please facilitate that as soon as possible. I called both Academic Services and Title I and Ken Sutton in ESE regarding these monies. Low performing students are targeted. There are four I's in the entire state that are high schools. We have an accelerated learning center at Ribault; Compass Odyssey -no certified teacher for that lab...how long should we take this? I want the children in this community, as my two African American sons, to get a standard diploma. The ALC is up at Darnell Cookman - every course gives you an extra point on your final grade.

Ms. Eunice Barnum said I got my message from the Superintendent over the phone telling me about the school year, care about the children, etc. I heard from many of you on how you love the children; we care about them; they're important; they're why we come to work, etc., but when it comes to a dollar, you would throw them under the bus! Everybody is telling me about the Stimulus dollars, regular dollars, past dollars, but I want to say that I have four children in my home and they are not my birth children nor grandchildren. They are wards of the state but they are there because I love them. I take what I have and I share with them. I go up, above and beyond the call of duty for those children because it isn't about lip service with me; it's about heart service. You sit there in your position with your titles and degrees and sign away to put a 10 year old in harms way for a dollar? You're greedy!

Ms. Teena Jones said my daughter and I are new to Duval County as we've been here for a year. When the Magnet Mania program came out this spring, I was happy to be able to get my child into a magnet school. At that time, we were not faced with the budget cuts that we are now. We were told in the spring to fill out a form and turn it in my June 5 and you'd find out if your child had transportation. A week before school, no one had contacted me so I called the transportation office. No one there had an answer for me. It's a wonderful educational privilege for my daughter to attend Fort Caroline Middle School. If I send her to Landmark, she'll be lost in the system. She's doing very well in the baccalaureate program and it's a great opportunity for her, however, with the lack of transportation, the only opportunity I was told to keep her there was NONE. I was told to remove her and send her to Landmark. You do a wonderful job with the Magnet Mania program. When you consider cutting budget

things, cut out the Magnet Mania in the spring. Send a flier to the parents. Everyone is well informed with the magnet program you have and everyone knows when to sign up. You don't need to hold a big fair at the fairgrounds and pay all that money to sponsor that when you have taken the buses away from our children. Everyone I called at the Duval County Schools system had a prearranged speech to tell me. My daughter would have to cross a four lane highway at Monument and McCormick, walk more than 1/2 mile down to the next intersection, and then walk approximately 2 miles to Sabal Palm. We were told the transportation would be based on their home/district middle school; but that criteria was no longer there. Then we were told, it would be the nearest school to them. All of these options leave me, as a working parent, with nothing. I made enough calls that my daughter will be going to the Team Up program, but that's still 14 days away so at the current time, she must wait at the school until I get off of work. My car broke down recently and my friends scrambled to bring her home. All of us are working parents and we're faced with the same thing. We get off work at 5:00 and our children get out of school at 4:00. What about the children's safety? You want to look at some budget cuts? Look at some realistic things. Send out the fliers about the magnet program and leave the buses alone and in tact. We have numerous child molesters in our neighborhoods; go online and pull up the list of them that live right in our community.

Ms. Ayesha Covington said I am, too, concerned about our children and the fact that I called the Superintendent's office over three weeks ago and was told that we didn't have any Stimulus money. I'm very shocked that President Obama gave us over \$100 million dollars for education and we don't have buses. Well, my solution would be to let my children go to LaVilla because I live in that district, open up neighborhood schools, again, and eliminate magnet schools and we wouldn't need the buses, hubs or put our children in harms way. To my understanding, no child is supposed to be left behind, anyway, so all of those schools should have the same resources, the same caliber of teachers, and the same credentials including the IB program. Then, I think you could eliminate alot of problems with your budget. Also, I would like to see our children educated. I'm 41 years old and a student at Florida State College. My babies in my neighborhood can't fill out an application. I am appalled at the lack of concern by administrators. When you ask me for my tax increase and I came down here and told you what I thought and you failed to heed the warning, I dug into your budget. You've been getting that pay for a very long time...some of you have been on this Board for 10 years and 10 years with no change is too long. It's time for change in the Duval County School system. Your accreditation should be in jeopardy at this point. How can we have all of these "D" and "F" schools when we have a Stanton and a Paxon? Across from Paxon Advanced School you have Paxon Middle that is a "D" school. Across from LaVilla, you have my poor neighborhood and my kids go to Lee High School which is a "C". I understand the dynamics that's going on...you're taking in the funding for the poor and you're giving it to the rich. You are worse than a Robin Hood because you are robbing the needy and you are just greedy!

Ms. Alyesia Morris said about three weeks before school started, I realized there was no bus for my 5 year old child who is starting kindergarten. I'm very concerned about all of the children at Lee Meadows because there is no way that these kids can walk that distance. It's way too dangerous and too far. In a two mile radius, there are 26 registered molesters living in that area and some of the sex offenders have violent crimes. We pay our taxes and our children should not have to suffer.

Comments From Parent Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes:

PTA - Annette Worthen, President:

September 1, 2009 DCCPTA School Board report

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

This past month PTA/PTSA volunteers helped with the first Teacher Supply Depot opening of the year. This event was attended by over 800 teachers from Duval County Public Schools. The opening was quite successful as teachers reaped the benefits of receiving free materials donated by local businesses and community members. Chris kept the Depot open late to accommodate teachers from the turn around schools that were in a meeting during the scheduled opening hours. The next opening is scheduled for September 17th from 3-6 PM. Community members and businesses that are interested in donating materials please contact Chris at 381-7480.

I would like to remind everyone that there will be a Primary election on September 15th and I encourage PTA members to vote that day. Your vote is one way you can make sure your voice is being heard on the School Board, on City Council and at the State Level of government. We encourage you to take the next step and continue calling and writing your elected officials and urging them to adequately fund public education. Over the last year the Superintendent, School Board members and PTA/PTSA leaders along with several of the Academic and Community Excellence working groups worked together to ensure the budget cuts that were forced upon us by the legislators would not negatively impact the classroom. We asked, begged, and pleaded for parents of our students and community leaders to voice their concerns to the legislators about not properly funding public education. That call fell on deaf ears too many times. As a result we now have new school day schedules that are not cutting from the mandatory classes and credits needed for graduation but are cutting out the elective classes and in some cases that was/is the carrot dangling in front of some students to stay in school. We have to live with the cuts in transportation that are a direct result of the states inadequate funding. Many parents didn't respond to our call for help as we heard time and time again from legislators that parents weren't calling them about the budget cuts. Parents of our students are now living with the results of their voices not being heard at the state level. It does no good to call the DCPS building and complain, the

complaints should have been voiced a year ago to the legislators. The lesson learned is SPEAK UP NOW! Don't wait until the damage has been done and then blame DCPS. Take the lead and begin calling on your elected officials now and demanding that they adequately fund public education. You are the greatest advocate for your child and your children need you to speak up on their behalf.

The first General meeting of the DCCPTA was held on August 25th with 99 people attending, representing 63 schools. The next scheduled meeting is September 15th with Hospitality beginning at 9:30 AM and the meeting beginning at 10 AM. We are still collecting contact information on local units and encourage all Principals and Presidents to make sure we have the PTA Presidents contact information. Please go to our website www.schoolnotes.com/32207/dccpta.html, scroll to the bottom and print the form for new officer information, fill it out and drop it in the mail to us. The sooner we get that information the sooner the local PTA leaders receive their materials from County Council, State and National PTA. If a local unit or Principal needs our assistance you can contact us at the same email address again that is www.schoolnotes.com/32207/dccpta.html or call me at 349-5263.

The Fall Leadership training for PTA/PTSA leaders and members is being held on September 30th at the Schultz Center. The Health and Community Resource Fair begins at 9AM and the classes begin at 10 AM. If you need more information or want to see the schedule, please go to our website. At the Fall Leadership workshop we will be hosting the Pre Convention workshop to introduce the Platform items that will be brought to the general membership of the Florida PTA for a vote during our annual convention in November. These items will then become our platform that we bring forward to the legislators beginning this spring.

Each of you has a copy of the platform items that will be presented to the general membership. These just arrived from the Florida PTA office to me at 4:20 this afternoon. You are actually receiving them before the DCCPTA Board of Managers and local unit leaders. The copy you have is so new that it has not yet been proofed by the state PTA staff for typographical errors or grammatical errors. You are truly the first to receive them in the state. Please feel free to review them and contact us with any concerns or comments. Our Legislative Chair Ted Corley would love to have your input.

As always, we are here for you. If DCCPTA can be of assistance to you please contact us. Thank You!

DAC - Rachel Raneri, Chairman:

The District Advisory Council met last night and we had a full room with only one Area not in attendance. Because there were several open houses and new people coming on, we had a lot of new faces.

The Administration has made many changes in the last few years that include

eliminating some very expensive positions at the top levels of administration. This has made for a more stream lined executive staff and quite a monetary savings.

The Honorable Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson sent me her recommendation for Mid Year Stakeholders' Assessment Community Meeting and it was distributed to the members of the District Advisory Council. There was a lengthy discussion that followed. They were not sure whether this meeting would be to review the School Improvement Plan or to assess the leadership and management at the school.

Another concern was with the language in the recommendation that some of the stakeholders that **must** be invited would not be appropriate for all schools. For instance, elementary schools do not have booster clubs or alumni associations.

Another concern is that the principal is a voting member of the SAC and that other SAC members might not feel comfortable discussing the leadership and management with the principal present.

While everyone agreed that it is good to take a look at a school as a whole community the group felt that since the SAC must do a mid year review of the School Improvement Plan anyway, that maybe this is not the best way to do this type of an assessment. A suggestion was made that perhaps a Likkert Scale survey could be used to gather information about leadership and management needs of the school.

The District Advisory Council suggested that this item be pulled for further Board workshop, and discussion with Ms. Priestly Jackson at the next DAC meeting to clarify some of the concerns of the members, prior to the Board vote.

The Superintendent shared his perspective of the first week of school and the opening of the 2 new schools.

From the Department of Community and Family Involvement, Terri Cicero shared some of the different projects that the department is working on. The department is gearing up to receive the volumes of volunteer applications that are arriving for renewal, as well as new applications.

Terri shared with us that the "Principal for a Day Program" will be on November 5th. If any of you or a member of the public know of a community leader, CEO, small business leader, etc. who would be interested in participating, they should contact the Department of Community and Family Engagement at 390-2960.

Terri has been very hard at work doing training on "Creating Welcoming Work

Places", and the Service Excellent Projects.

Paul Soares gave us an update of the "Flawless Opening" of schools last week and also explained the re-organization of the Administration, only at the top levels of admin. On a personal note, I would like to thank Paul for making sure that there is always some one available to let us out of the building after our District Advisory meetings. A big thanks goes out to security!

The next meeting of the District Advisory Committee will be on September 28th and we look forward to the Honorable Brenda Priestly Jackson joining us.

Comments From Employee Organizations

[COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Minutes: *No comments at this meeting.*

Student Achievement, Reform Activities, And Reports

[1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT](#)

Minutes:

Tonight, we are highlighting Terry Parker High School in District 1. Terry Parker High School is under new leadership this year and is in the process of creating a "*Brave New World*" for the 2009-2010 school year. For the past two months, Principal Addison Davis, and his team have spent countless hours developing systems, restructuring the rituals and routines, and establishing a culture that demands respect, placing an emphasis on academic excellence. Externally, Mr. Davis has partnered with our maintenance and operations departments along with our custodial services provider to address structural areas of concern. In a short period of time, the entire school has been painted, installed new flooring in the hallways and classrooms, pressure-washed the institution, and purchased over 500 new desks to ensure that students have an educational environment that is warm and inviting.

The 2009-2010 school year brings a new vision and mission at Terry Parker under the leadership of Addison Davis. This year Terry Parker is committed to ensuring that all

students receive a quality education and that every student is appropriately prepared for post-secondary opportunities! The instructional staff at Terry Parker High School is excited to take on this challenge and dedicated to assist students to "Learn to Finish".

The biggest movement that Terry Parker High School will undertake will be gaining access to students and building relationships that are genuine. The objective for the 2009-2010 school year is to create a culture where students feel safe and know their teachers care about them as individuals rather than just a face. We have with us this evening the instructional staff members that have and will continue to set the example for creating success inside and outside the classroom. Let's welcome Mr. Davis and his great staff who have joined him here tonight.

Congratulations to Terry Parker High School on a great school opening and a job well done!

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:

The Superintendent said his report will take the place of the reports by Mr. Doug Ayars and Ms. Patricia Willis as we're doing a consolidated report this evening.

Congratulations to our principals and support and district staffs for a relatively smooth opening. There were many challenges this year as we had over 40 principals new to their buildings; significant changes in the transportation system; and changes in the middle and high school schedules. Both of the last two were directly driven by a significant shortfall and funding to the district; not only this year, but will, at this point, unless there is a change at the legislative level, be even worse the following two years. Congratulations, given all of those changes to our staffs.

We did open two new schools at Westview K-8 and Bartram Springs K-5.

We also had four major events where students and their parents were provided school materials and backpacks which were appreciated by our business partners, community based organizations and faith based organizations that sponsored these. One was at Gateway Shopping Center, the Landing, Metropolitan Park sponsored by First Baptist Church at Oakland and Ribault High School. Again, we appreciate all of the efforts.

I went to a meeting at Carter G. Woodson where a number of community agencies, not only for the benefit of the students, but also great information for parents, on financial resources available, how to get a home loan, health and medical screenings, a whole host of people who rally around the schools and provide the services for us to be effective. Again, a great appreciation to all of our partners who helped with those opening of school events.

As far as enrollment, we're a little under and as of today, we have 122,025 and we

anticipated 123,909 so we'll have some budget balancing at the school level. We are going to attempt as much as possible to hold harmless the most needy schools that represents about a \$3,000,000 shortfall, but again, for the most part, what we'll do is budget balancing. I've asked Ms. Reynolds to put a brief hold on hiring until we see where we are with teachers who may be surplussed as a result of this process. We're hopeful to get more students in and we have deployed our attendance staff particularly to work in our Intervene Schools and other high-needs schools to contact students by phone or in person and get them back in school somewhere.

As far as hiring new teachers, we ended up higher than we originally anticipated and we're at 479 teachers as of today.

Open Houses have already begun and will take place through September. You can go to our website: duval.schools.org to get dates/places/times and other pieces of information to support your school and getting involved in your child's education.

One of the changes we made this year was to cut almost \$5,000,000 out of our Transportation budget. One was to move from 1.5 miles to 2 miles where a student would have to walk to school instead of having access to a bus stop; this is in alignment with the state statutes and alignment with all other school districts in the state. We were the last remaining district that transported students at 1.5 miles. We have had staff respond to the concerns expressed and there's a major safety issue to look into as we redesign these routes. First thing is to contact your legislator regarding funds as soon as possible. Given the state statute, we're doing the best we can to provide a very safe and effective transportation system as possible.

I want to remind parents that the Parent Link Phone System is up and running. Parents should have received a message from me welcoming students back to school and this system is also available to principals - to put out messages to parents.

We've had our Electronic Gradebook go live this week where teachers have, electronically, their grades, attendance and their lesson plans. Our teachers have responded extremely well and the parent portal will go live at the end of the first 9 week period. We'll be doing a good deal of parent education on how to get online and direct access. This should be a great resource between teachers and parents - a direct connection by communication and not have to rely on U.S. mail or phone calls or, particularly, backpack information that may or may not arrive home via the student.

A quick update on some of the successes we had in the summer program. We had 29 schools involved with 12 elementary; 8 middle and 9 high schools. We had a 30% increase in student participation over last year. In part, we were able to fund this through federal Stimulus money. This is one area where we dramatically expanded the summer offerings for our students and have received great results. We had over 6,000 students participating. For grade 3, the FCAT Recovery - in 2008, we only had 26% students promoted who participated; this year we had 66% students promoted who participated based on this program this summer. We had students there for Reading and Math Course Recovery - 41% of the reading and 48% of the math students were promoted. Middle School, we had 661 participating and 82% received credit and finally, our cooperation with Florida State College at Jacksonville and Bethel Baptist Church, we had 90% of the students who participated in that program received credit.

This is part of the Stimulus money that worked.

Another part of the Stimulus money was we dramatically increased the number of Title I schools including high schools, that we did not have before, and increased the amount of funding per student from \$650 per student to \$1,000 per student. So, the bulk of that was sent to schools and it was spent on staff members that were critical to moving their schools forward. Additionally, there is some funding available to Mrs. Willis who is working with the Turn Around Schools and are also receiving services.

We have had some community meetings at the Intervene High Schools with very good attendance at Raines, Ribault and Jackson meetings with both parents, alumni and other community partners who are genuinely concerned with the progress at these schools as we are and have pledged their efforts to help us. There is a community meeting on Thursday, September 10 for two of the high schools.

Our Magnet Long-Range Plan committees are at work and we anticipate they will have recommendations to the Board by the end of October. For those who heard the comments earlier about the Patterson Academy of the Arts, there was a potential that the district would have to close the school on the lack of certification for the facility that was the responsibility of the school. Fortunately, they were able to clear those up late this afternoon and we are able to leave the school open and did not have to address an emergency item to close the school. Again, that is the responsibility of the school district to ensure the safety and welfare of the students and it is the responsibility of the charter school to verify to us that some basic things like a fire inspection and other elements like that are done in a timely fashion.

A very brief update on H1N1 or Swine flu...we've received many calls from parents - What's the status? How are you working with other agencies? H1N1 is called a "rapid antigen" and last year whenever there was a suspected case, it was sent off to a state lab to verify it and wait several days, and if it were a verified case, the person had to stay home a full week. In some cases, not here, they close the school. A number of things have changed since then...if it responds to the rapid antigen which can be done in a doctor's office and the assumption is it is H1N1 but it is not confirmed by the lab unless the individual is in the hospital, then they send it to the local state lab or if someone pays to have it done. Most cases won't be "confirmed". The good news is that while it is extremely contagious, so far, generally, the impact of symptoms is no worse than and in some cases, less severe, than the regular seasonal flu. The CDC has changed their guidance in terms of closing schools because of how quickly the spread but by the time the symptoms show in students, they have already spread it.

The symptoms are a fever of 100 degrees or above, body ache, fatigue, sore throat, cough and intestinal discomfort; very similar to the regular seasonal flu. If the school calls you and says your child is suspected of having it, please pick him/her up immediately; keep them home until the fever is free for 24 hours and on no medications; Prevention: hand washing with antibacterial soap; parents can send some to school along with Kleenex; and cover mouth when coughing.

We are a part of the Emergency Operations Center and continual communication with the Department of Health who has the lead in this issue. We are part of the Mass

Immunization Task Force for the seasonal vaccines - they will be free for those 18 and under and will be available in the next few weeks. They are recommending to get the seasonal vaccine first and then follow up by mid-October, the H1N1 vaccine should be available and we're waiting regarding the distribution of this one. For immunization information, call 253-1420. You can also get information from our district website: www.duvalschools.org under the "What's New" area.

We're no longer sending home a letter when there is a suspected case. If there's a large number in a classroom in a particular school, then we'll send a letter.

Reports

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

Minutes: *Included in the Superintendent's report.*

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

Minutes: *Included in the Superintendent's report.*

Approval of Agenda

[APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2009, AGENDA](#)

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the September 1, 2009, Agenda as submitted on August 25, 2009, with the changes outlined in the agenda item. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner - Aye

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

Approval of Minutes

[APPROVAL OF MINUTES](#)

Minutes:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following minutes:

- August 4, 2009, Regular Board Meeting
- August 11, 2009, Special - Student Expulsion Hearing

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Minutes for the Meetings listed in the Agenda Item. August 4, 2009 - Regular Board Meeting - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

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

Brenda Priestly jackson - Aye

Approval of Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: William Gentry

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly jackson - Aye

Consent Agenda

Academic Services

1. WILLIAM F. GOODLING EVEN START GRANT PROPOSAL

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

2. FLORIDA INCREASING REFUGEE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: YEAR FIVE PROJECT GRANT PROPOSAL

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

Attachment: [Data Update 2008-2009 - Bd Agenda Attachment Grant Year 5.pdf](#)

[4. TITLE I SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE FOR 2009-2110](#)

Attachment: [1003\(a\) Schools.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES School Improvement FY10.pdf](#)

[5. JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF NORTH FLORIDA, INC. AGREEMENT RENEWAL](#)

Attachment: [2009-10 schools.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges-Junior Achievement-Sept. 09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Budget Statement.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mrs. Burney said Junior Achievement has been a mainstay in Duval County Public Schools for a number of years and they have done outstanding work. The elementary program has 7 teams for K-5 that focus on the basic concepts of business and economics and how they are relevant to the real world. The middle school program reinforces the value of workforce, readying the skills in literacy. It also places emphasis on staying in school at a personal level and how it relates to the community, at large. The high school program is based upon workforce preparation, readiness after high school graduation. Students engage in real world activities such as job shadowing, ethics, and helping students develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that bring about productive citizens and effective workers in their community. I just wanted to thank them that in the 2008-2009 school year, they personally touched 22,964 students. To positively impact students in this manner and to provide them with the relevancy that they need that goes with those three R's - rigor, relevance, and relationships - this means a great deal. I know because of budget funding, we've had to cut their budget and they've still be able to rise to the occasion and I want to commend them for the work they do!

[6. CONTINUATION AGREEMENT WITH THE JACKSONVILLE CHILDREN'S COMMISSION FOR THE TEAM UP PROGRAM 2009-2010](#)

Attachment: [TEAMUP20072008AcademicData.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BenefitsandChallengesForm-TEAMUPAgreement20092010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [TEAMUPProgram20092010ListofSchoolSites.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Mr. Gentry said I think the Team Up programs are great programs and I support, obviously, the continuation of the funding for it. I do think, however, that we need to do more in regards to the types of metrics that we're looking at because the data we have before us compares, basically, promotion rates for Team Up students compared to their peers who are also Level 1 or some other level...and the information is nice. It shows that the Team Up kids did 1/2% better; 1 1/2% better; but it's not exactly "knock

your socks off" type stuff and I think that we need to get data and have it analyzed and maybe it's there and we just don't report it here, regarding attendance by school of Team Up kids vs. non-Team Up, discipline issues regarding Team Up vs. non-Team Up...so we can get a real handle on whether Team Up is making a difference. And, review the various sTeam Up programs and see whether some are doing better than others in terms of retention and whether or not some programs are getting better results because there are differences in who's running them. We're spending a million dollars here on Team Up. The city is spending a comparable or more money on Team Up programs. I mean, I think we all know it, intuitively these are good ideas, but just based on this data, we're not getting a lot of bang for the buck. There probably is more bang for the buck than is appearing in here, so I think we need to get better data so we can assure the community that these programs are beneficial and are working. Secondly, so that we can see where some may be doing a little better than others and implement the best programs. I think they're great programs; we know they're great programs and we know from the data that they work if they're administered properly, but I think we need to get a good handle on the data so that as we look at Team Up at the end of next year, we'll be able to assess which ones are really most effective and, hopefully, incorporate some of those aspects in those programs in all of them.

Ms. Priestly Jackson wanted to thank Dr. Larsen and his staff. I remember when we first started receiving information on Team Up programs as that was a request we had - student achievement data, and I was appreciative to watch the evolution of the data we've received, today. It's noteworthy to understand that Team Up works with some of our most challenged students in our most challenged schools and that speaks volumes. In another environment, our students would show alot lower statistics in terms of their ability to become proficient in the promotion rates were they not involved in the program. I do think it's a wonderful collaboration because it provides a service for young people to be involved in high quality, academic programs after school for working class parents whose kids may go home to television,, etc. We've come a mightily long way and I wanted to thank you and show my continued support.

Ms. Drake said I want to point out that if you look at the top, there was a big change in the funding from when this item was written until tonight. That was because we received the 21st Century Grant where the majority of this funding comes from. We're very excited about this as it's very competitive.

[7. RENEWAL AGREEMENT - MEDICAID ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM](#)

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

~~8. EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (SP&P)-
WITHDRAWN~~

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

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

~~EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH SPECTRUM K-12 SCHOOL SOLUTIONS-
WITHDRAWN~~

Attachment: [SpectrumBenefitandChallenges.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

[1. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS](#)

Attachment: [HRS_agenda_09-01-09_min_qual.pdf](#)

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

~~1. FINAL ORDER RE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD vs. THOMAS PAYNE-
WITHDRAWN~~

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

[3. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS](#)

Attachment: [09100-10 \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [RES NO 7 INTERNAL ACCOUNT 090109 Agenda.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Debt R3-June 2009 \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [10 Resolution 0809 \(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [foodservices res10.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Capital resolution June 2009-Revised.pdf](#)

[Auditor General's Report for Duval County District School Board, Florida Education Finance Program \(FEFP\) Full-Time Equivalent \(FTE\) Students and Student Transportation, for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008](#)

Operations - Information Technology

[1. CHECK POINT SECURITY SOFTWARE UPGRADE AND RENEWAL](#)

Attachment: [Check Point B and C Sept 09.pdf](#)

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

[1. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE WITH GOOSPACECAT, LLC., FOR THE LEASE AND OPTION TO PURCHASE LOLA CULVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 13](#)

Attachment: [NFEI Culver Lease-Option to Purchase Agreement-8-11-09.pdf](#)

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

[1. DISTRICTWIDE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT LANDON MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 31, OCEANWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 62, WINDY HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 94, AND SUSIE TOLBERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 128: CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD DCSB PROJECT NO. M-84470, STAGE II](#)

[3. PERIODIC REPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF FINAL INSPECTION OF VARIOUS MAJOR PROJECTS VALUED UNDER \\$1,000,000 AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS](#)

Attachment: [Sept 09 Agenda Item Subs Comp Final Comp for August 2009 7 17 09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Sept 09 B-C Subs Comp Final Comp for August 2009 7 15 09.pdf](#)

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

[1. RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE OF PRINTING CODE OF CONDUCT BOOKLETS](#)

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

Attachment: [PRINTING CODE OF CONDUCT BOOKLET ITB004 10 DB.pdf](#)

[2. HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL](#)

Attachment: [DCPS-BCBS ASA Option-2.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FEE SCHEDULE 9-10\(2\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [DCPS-BCBS ASA Option-1\(2\).pdf](#)

[3. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT](#)

Attachment: [05Sept09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ROSEPTY10.pdf](#)

Attachment: [07Sept09.pdf](#)

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

Attachment: [06Sept09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [September 09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [04Sept09.pdf](#)

[4. LEGAL LIABILITY INSURANCE \(ERRORS AND OMISSIONS\)](#)

Discussion

Board Members

[1. EMERGENCY TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Mike Perrone, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Mr. Jordan offered a *substitute motion* as follows:

"That the Duval County School Board direct the Superintendent to prepare the 2009-2010 Budget to reflect an allocation for travel limited to \$1,100,000."

Mr. Gentry seconded the substitute motion.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board direct the Superintendent to prepare the 2009-2010 Budget to reflect an emergency allocation for travel limited to \$300,000. The Superintendent shall be granted prior approval to expend the base allocation of \$300,000 as he determines on an as needed basis. -

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: William Gentry

Motions:

Substitute Motion - limit travel to \$1,100,000.00. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Stan Jordan

Second: Brenda Priestly Jackson

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

2. RESOLUTION - DR. EZEKIEL WILLIAM BRYANT

Attachment: [RESOLUTION - EZEKIEL WILLIAM BRYANT - 09-01-09.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Ms. Burney read the Resolution and stated that Dr. Bryant was her principal at Raines High School.

Speakers:

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman

Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve a Resolution honoring the career of Dr. Ezekiel William Bryant. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Betty Burney

Second: Nancy Broner

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

Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly Jackson	- Aye

3. MID-YEAR STAKEHOLDERS ASSESSMENT COMMUNITY MEETING

Minutes:

Speaker:

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman

Ms. Drake offered a *friendly* amendment, as follows:

"The identified community stakeholders to be invited must include representatives from each of the following groups (as applicable to the specific school): Each member of the School Advisory Council, PTA/PTSA, president or designee, Duval Teachers Union representative, Shared Decision Making representative, school based Booster and Alumni Organizations, Business Partners of the schools, faith based partners of the school, Non-Profit representatives that partner with the school, philanthropic donors that support the school, and the NAACP Education Committee, chair or designee."

Mr. Gentry seconded the amendment.

Speakers:

Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member
Ms. Vicki Drake, Board Member
Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board require each School Advisory Council, in cooperation with various identified community stakeholders that work with the school, to conduct an annual mid-year stakeholders' assessment community meeting and file a written report outlining the recommendations of the mid-year stakeholder

assessment community meeting. The mid-year stakeholders' assessment community meeting should be held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled monthly School Advisory Council meeting between the months of December and March each academic year and 30 days notice must be provided to the identified community stakeholders that are requested to attend. The mid-year stakeholders' assessment community meeting will receive stakeholder input on the specific school site information regarding the leadership and management characteristics that will support the academic success of the students in the school. The identified community stakeholders to be invited must include representatives from each of the following groups: each member of the School Advisory Council, PTA/PTSA president or designee, DTU representative, shared decision making representative, school based booster and alumni organizations, business partners of the school, faith based partners of the school, non profit representatives that partner with the school, philanthropic donors that support the school, and the NCAACP education committee chair or designee. The written report outlining the recommendations of the mid-year stakeholder assessment will be forwarded to the Superintendent of the School District and copies will be provided to the Duval County School Board.

- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Nancy Broner

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

Motions:

Motion to Amend: The identified community stakeholders to be invited must include representatives from each of the following groups (as applicable to the specific school): each member of the School Advisory Council, PTA/PTSA president or designee, DTU representative, shared decision making representative, school based booster and alumni organizations, business partners of the school, faith based partners of the school, non profit representatives that partner with the school, philanthropic donors that support the school, and the NCAACP education committee chair or designee. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: William Gentry

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

Academic Services

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

Attachment: [Agenda Item-SPP-Sept 09-SR Strike throughTABLE 8 \(3\).pdf](#)

Attachment: [Agenda Item-SPP 9-09 - Strike through FCAT Science Promotion Requirement.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Benefits & Challenges SPP 09 Updated.pdf](#)

Minutes:

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

Modifications to the 2009-2010 Student Progression Plan

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

Speakers:

Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman
Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief Officer, Academic Services

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Betty Burney

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

[9. ACHIEVERS FOR LIFE/LEARNING TO FINISH EXPANSION](#)

Attachment: [Benefits and Challenges Learning to Finish Sept 09.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve continuation of a collaborative agreement with United Way to provide support services for students who have been referred to Achievers for Life/Learning to Finish expansion in the amount of \$200,000. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Human Resource Services - Staffing

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

Attachment: [HRS Attach 09-01-09 TRANS rev.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member

Ms. Vicki Reynolds, Chief Officer, Human Resource Services

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Kathy LeRoy, Chief Officer, Academic Services

Ms. Brenda Priestly Jackson, Vice Chairman

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Betty Burney

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

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

Attachment: [Travel Out of State September.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Travel Out of State November.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Travel Out of State August.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Travel Out of State July.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Travel Out of State October.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Mr. Mike Perrone, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel

Mr. Gentry offered an amendment to *remove this item from the agenda and bring it back at the October 6, 2009 regular Board meeting.*

Speakers:

Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Stan Jordan, Board Member

Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman

Ms. Broner seconded the amendment.

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve out-of-state travel per the attached list pursuant to Florida Statutes. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Victoria Drake

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Motions:

Motion to Amend: Remove travel to Dallas and bring back to October Board meeting. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: William Gentry

Second: Nancy Broner

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

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

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

Minutes:

Speakers:

- Ms. Nancy Broner, Board Member
- Mr. Ed Pratt-Dannals, Superintendent of Schools
- Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member

Motions:	
That the Duval County School Board approve the attached list for mobile communication devices, stipends and/or services pursuant to state statute.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Victoria Drake	
Second: Nancy Broner	
Nancy Broner	- Aye
Betty Burney	- Aye
Victoria Drake	- Aye
William Gentry	- Aye
Thomas Hazouri	- Aye
Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

2. PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: NEW AND RENEWAL

Attachment: [Board Approval - Renewal 09-01-09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES FORM 09-01-09.pdf](#)
Attachment: [Board Approval - New 09-01-09.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Speakers:

Mr. W. C. Gentry, Board Member
Mr. Paul Soares, Chief Officer, Operations Support
Mr. Tommy Hazouri, Board Chairman
Ms. Betty Burney, Board Member

Motions:

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

Vote Results

Motion: Victoria Drake

Second: Nancy Broner

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Board Member Travel

[BOARD MEMBERS TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

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

September 10-11, 2009 - Office of General Counsel Request - Tallahassee, FL -
Priestly Jackson

October 23-27, 2009 - National Black Child Development Institute - Atlanta, GA - Burney, Priestly Jackson

October 27-November 1, 2009 - Council of Great City Schools 53rd Fall Conference - - Portland, OR - Drake

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board Members Travel: September 10-11, 2009 - Office of General Counsel Request - Tallahassee, FL - Priestly Jackson October 23-27, 2009 - National Black Child Development Institute - Atlanta, GA - Burney, Priestly Jackson October 27 - November 1, 2009 - Council of Great City Schools 53rd Fall Conference - Portland, OR - Drake - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Betty Burney

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan - Aye

Brenda Priestly Jackson - Aye

Superintendent's Travel

[SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL](#)

Minutes:

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

Superintendent:

September 3, 2009 - Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) Board of Directors Meeting - Gainesville, FL

Date Correction - September 22-24, 2009 - FADSS Fall Leadership Conference - Tampa, FL (previously approved at the July 7, 2009 Board meeting for September 23-24, 2009)

October 2, 2009 - FSBA-FADSS - Florida Educators Investment Trust Fund - Tampa, FL

(No cost to the district)

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Date Correction - September 22-24, 2009 - Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) Fall Leadership Conference - Tampa (previously approved at July 7, 2009, Board Meeting for September 23-25, 2009)
October 2, 2009 - FSBA-FADSS-Florida Educators Investment Trust Fund - Tampa, FL (Note: There is no cost to the District for this trip.) - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nancy Broner

Second: Betty Burney

Nancy Broner - Aye

Betty Burney - Aye

Victoria Drake - Aye

William Gentry - Aye

Thomas Hazouri - Aye

Stan Jordan	- Aye
Brenda Priestly jackson	- Aye

For The Record

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Minutes:

Ms. Burney said this weekend or weekend prior, I had an opportunity to walk with members of the alumni of William Raines and the principal and we knocked on doors to talk with parents. One of the things I saw during our walk was that there are a number of parents who have done what we've asked...they've been involved; they've sent their children to school expecting them to receive a high quality public education and they have felt left out and that the school system has failed their children. I'm hopeful that after this year, we'll be able to show those parents that they're sending their children to Duval County Public Schools, especially those who are in an intervene status...it will be well worth their while and will be able to make up for some of the things that they missed. To see parents crying because their kids are consistently failing after they've done everything they thought they were supposed to do, is not a good feeling. I think we're moving towards some things and I just wanted this in the record that there are parents out there cooperating after they've done what they were supposed to do.

Ms. Broner wanted to congratulate the principals and their staffs for the hard work they've put into the school opening. It's hard and there's a lot of plates spinning in the air at the same time. I drove past many schools on Sunday, the day before school started, and the parking lots were full. At first, I thought I was missing some kind of community event. So, congratulations to them and to your staff, Mr. Superintendent...I know the redesign of the whole transportation system presented huge challenges. I just wanted to thank the staff and we don't often mention HR (Human Resources), but what a time of year it is for your staff...so, great job.

I attended the Community Foundation forum, reunion and we try to meet twice a year, and it's such a supportive group to our school district and I appreciate the efforts they're making - Community Foundation, United Way and a lot of the entities in the city.

I attended the first meeting of AAA High School - community meeting to name the school. You will be relieved that I told them that the School Board does not name schools. They had a great time generating some ideas as well as their school colors and mascot. So, there was a lot of community excitement about this and the process continues. Thank you, Mr. Ayars, for organizing all of that.

Ms. Priestly Jackson said it's been busy in August. I want to thank Senator Tony Hill who sponsored a group of young men from Ribault and Raines High Schools and I also want to thank the Superintendent, Mr. Ayars and Mr. Soares for the Friday night, late

conversations for getting the buses by Tuesday. Senator Hill sponsored them to see Tony Dundee's Red Zone Live and it was at the Regency Theatre and it was a phenomenal opportunity for them. They went last Tuesday when the live feed was all around the country so we had young people in our district. I want to thank the district for getting the buses and I also want to thank First Student who, after the fact, donated the buses and that was a major contribution to our community so I want to acknowledge that.

I had an opportunity to go on August 8 to the Service Fair for the Beverly Hills Community Center that was sponsored by Ms. Eunice Barnum. We had various community groups and stakeholders there on that particular day and had a chance for all of us to share what was going on in our different arenas. It was very well attended and so positive to see a healthy, viable community.

On August 15, there was a Blodgett Home Reunion was over at Jefferson Street Park. That's my roots and my history. My mother grew in Blodgett Homes so my family comes from that part of the city and, again, well attended. We had an opportunity to promote some of our more accelerated programs which sparked a great degree of interest over there. It was wonderful to see that opportunity going on.

Then, this past Sunday, August 30, we were in church for three hours at Greater Macedonia Baptist Church AME..it was phenomenal and a wonderful opportunity. They chose to recognize African American male educators and so we had many teachers, many principals, district administrators in attendance. They, also, brought African American male leaders so you had Judge Brian Davis, Judge Henry Adams, Judge James Ruth, former Sheriff Nat Glover...it was so wonderful to see them and in addition, you had mentees from various organizations that the fraternities and sororities sponsor and other civic and social groups. It was something Senator Hill along with Greater Macedonia brought together. It was a wonderful event and a positive thing to be invigorated and feel the public.

We conducted at Ribault High School which Dr. Young conducted - Power Hour...I call it Our Power - he gives an hour of information of the school, very data driven and good information and we had a wonderful crowd there last Thursday before the football game.

Mr. Gentry said it occurs to me this may be Mr. Jordan's last Board meeting. Mr. Jordan said he wasn't sure but he didn't think so. Mr. Gentry said, "When you leave, I'll say something nice."

Mr. Hazouri said I spoke at a meeting with the new teachers last week with Ms. Reynolds. They are young and restless and ready to go. I believe, unless I've heard otherwise, other than the transportation issue which is big, that we had a pretty good flawless opening this year, Mr. Ayars, and I haven't heard anything to the contrary. It's tough every year and I want to thank the teachers who are here and the new ones, our administrators and principals and wish them much luck (and the Superintendent) for this coming school year.

Adjournment

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Minutes:

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman