



Duval County Public Schools

September 15, 2016, Special Board Meeting

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

ATTENDANCE AT THIS SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present during the September 15, 2016, portion of the meeting except for Board Member Grymes. Vice-Chairman Wright participated telephonically. During the September 19, 2016, portion of the meeting, all were present except for Chairman Smith Juarez. Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Chief Officer of Legal Services, were also present during both dates.

Call Meeting to Order

[CALL MEETING TO ORDER](#)

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m.

[INVOCATION](#)

Minutes:

The Chairman called for a moment of silence.

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#)

[PUBLIC COMMENT](#)

Minutes:

None.

[BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION VIA INTERACTIVE VIDEO AND/OR TELEPHONE SYSTEMS](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the participation of Vice-Chairman Wright via Interactive Video and/or Telephone Systems. - PASS

Vote taken on 9/15/2016 portion of the meeting.

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Not Present

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Not Present

[APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2016, AGENDA](#)

Minutes:

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board approve the September 15, 2016, Agenda as submitted on September 13, 2016. - PASS

Vote taken on 9/15/2016 portion of the meeting.

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Not Present
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

[PUBLIC HEARING - 2016-2017 FINAL MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL BUDGET](#)

Attachment: [2016-17 Final Millage Rates and Final Budget.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Final Budget Narrative 2016-17 Notable Increases and Decreases 9-11-16.pdf](#)

Minutes:

Board Member Hall mentioned that Michelle Begley, Internal Board Auditor, sent an email to the Board earlier in the day alerting them that there was a shortage in the budget. Board Member Hall asked if the shortage problem had been addressed. Dr. Vitti didn't feel there was a budget shortfall. He considers shifting money around among accounts to be typical budget management practice which is what has been done in the past. Ms. Begley's concern was that Cabinet add-on funds and Maintenance salaries together showed a shortage of approximately \$28 million. Those shortages are usually resolved by the time of the final budget meeting, but that is not the case this year. She would like to know how administrators intend to make up that shortage. After much discussion, Chairman Smith Juarez recessed the meeting until Monday, September 19, 2016 to give administration time to earmark funds for the shortage.

The meeting was recessed at 6:36 p.m.

The meeting was later reconvened on September 19, 2016 at 5:03 p.m.

Dr. Vitti explained that there are two areas in the budget that could temporarily be used if, at any time, there were not funds available to move over into salaries. One area would be money in reserve which is

currently at 5%. If that were needed, the amount would never be drawn down below 3%. It would be a temporary use and funds would later be replaced. The other funding source would be \$10 million that was set aside for teacher pay increases over a 3-year period. Many teachers are now drawing their third year of a pay increase but the \$10 million has not been needed. Dr. Vitti expects the add-on list to be "cleaned" and funds in place for the rest of the year by the end of October.

Motions:

Vote 1 - Vote on Required Local Effort
(Including the prior period funding
adjustment) Millage Levy of 4.5540
Mills for the Operating Fund. - PASS

*Vote taken on 9/15/2016 portion of
the meeting.*

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch - Aye

Cheryl Grymes - Not Present

Connie Hall - Aye

Ashley Juarez - Aye

Scott Shine - Aye

Paula Wright - Aye

Motions:

Vote 2 - Vote on Basic Discretionary
Millage Levy of 0.7480 Mills for the
Operating Fund. - PASS

*Vote taken on 9/15/2016 portion of
the meeting.*

Vote Results

Motion: Rebecca Couch

Second: Connie Hall

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Not Present
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Motions:

Vote 3 - Vote on Local Capital Improvement Millage Levy of 1.5000 Mills for the Capital Projects Fund. - PASS

Vote taken on 9/15/2016 portion of the meeting.

Vote Results

Motion: Connie Hall

Second: Scott Shine

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Not Present
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Aye
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Motions:

That the Duval County School Board move to defer to a time certain of Monday, September 19, 2016. - PASS

Vote taken on 9/15/2016 portion of the meeting.

Vote Results

Motion: Paula Wright

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Not Present
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Nay
Scott Shine	- Nay
Paula Wright	- Aye

Motions:

Vote 4 - Vote on 2016-2017 Final Budget

- PASS

Vote taken on 9/19/2016 portion of the meeting.

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Shine

Second: Rebecca Couch

Rebecca Couch	- Aye
Cheryl Grymes	- Aye
Connie Hall	- Aye
Ashley Juarez	- Not Present
Scott Shine	- Aye
Paula Wright	- Aye

Adjournment

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman