



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

February 16, 2021, Board Workshop

Ms. Elizabeth Andersen, Chairman
Mr. Darryl Willie, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Kelly Coker
Ms. Lori Hershey
Mr. Warren A. Jones
Ms. Charlotte D. Joyce
Ms. Cindy Pearson
Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:22 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. MID-YEAR ACADEMIC DATA

Corey Wright, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability & Assessment, and Paula Renfro, Chief Academic Officer, gave a PowerPoint presentation (see attached in agenda) on Mid-Year Academic Data. Following the presentation, discussion took place which included:

- Accessing the dashboards outside of the network via virtual private network (VPN)
- Progress Monitoring Assessment (PMA) 2 is generally done in a window of about 2 weeks. Some grade levels completed theirs before winter break and others after we returned from winter break
- PMA 1 and 2 had remote options so there is no way to differentiate where the test was taken
- Standardized Test for the Assessment of Reading (S.T.A.R.) is the assessment used to place students in Freckle
- Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) Growth Monitoring is the diagnostic that helps inform us of where we place individual students in math 180 and it is a piece of the instructional model that is based on quantiles. The data the Board has received is scale score information
- Color coding of PMA's
- Small group instruction and keeping teachers and students safe during the pandemic
- How calibration works and the process of adjusting questions in the PMA's based on how students

previously answered

- The District's PMAs are developed specifically for the state of Florida and for what our students are required to know of what was taught in that quarter
- iReady is national and uses their own metric for scoring
- PMA 1 is assessing what was taught in the first quarter and PMA 2 is assessing what was taught in the first and second quarter. Finally, PMA 3 will assess everything
- Superintendent received information from the Department of Education stating that they will be allowing districts to extend the testing window this year so students will, in fact, have end of the year assessments
- Dr. Greene mentioned that when Board Members are having conversations with elected state officials, areas of concern for the District include:
 - To get a school grade or even a district grade, we must assess 95% of our students (Currently, the District is hovering at around 88%)
 - Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) or end of course exams must be done in-person at a brick-and-mortar location or official assessment site, cannot be done remotely
 - Other areas of concern include math assessments. Nationally, math is down about 8 points but is probably worst in Florida at about 9 or 10 points down
 - Schools that were already small pre-pandemic, are now even smaller. Because they are so small, there are cells they cannot fulfill (cells include Proficiency, learning gains, Lowest Performing Quartile (LPQ), etc.). For many of these small schools, they do not have an LPQ and for many of those schools, that is the cell they are receiving the most points. Example would be Long Branch, they will not have an LPQ for English Language Arts (ELA) or math; therefore, their scores rely solely on proficiency and learning gains.
- Board Members expressed their gratitude for District staff putting together the dashboard and the presentation

2. THE SCHULTZ CENTER LEASE

- Chief Financial Officer Michelle Begley received finance reports from the Schultz Center for FY 2018 and 2019.
 - Types of revenue generated included:
 - \$1.5 million in 2019 - 43.8% related to program services revenue and 35.74% rental income were the two largest sources of income
 - Similar percentages reported for 2018
 - No further details or breakdowns in the finance report provided
- Dr. Greene reviewed letter (attached in agenda) to Chairman Megan Heiden of the Schultz Center. Topics discussed related to the letter include:
 - Letter proposed a renewal lease term of two years through June 30, 2023 with potential of a one-year extension only upon the expressed written agreement of both parties with proposal of additional terms included in the letter
 - Currently, the District pays up to \$160,000 annually to the Schultz Center to rent out space
 - Related to expenses, Ms. Begley informed the Board that the financial statements from 2019 show that the Schultz Center generated \$1.5 million and spent almost \$1.8 million. In 2018, \$1.4 million was generated and they spent about \$1.8 million
 - Presently, the District is paying all utilities and is proposing to continue to do so with the renewal excluding telephone and internet services if there are e-rate concerns. If there are e-rate concerns, then that portion would be carved out of the contract but if there is not, the

District will continue to pay along with other utilities.

- Board approved the letter from Dr. Greene to be sent to Chairman Heiden

3. GOVERNANCE

Board Member Joyce

- School renaming process discussion took place. Dr. Greene and Ms. Chastain answered questions from Board Members. Topics discussed included:
 - Getting a lot of questions from her community regarding the name change process but has not been able to answer them and would like to be able to
 - Dr. Greene advised that Ms. Joyce will receive the answers to her questions by the end of the day
 - Voting process
 - Supervisor of Elections is involved in the process and will be running the balloting for the District
 - Virtual option to attend community meetings is in discussion, however, these are School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings which are open to the public
 - Speaker cannot yield their public comment time to someone else (following Board Policy 2.26 as it relates to Public Comment)
 - 11:00 p.m. is the cut-off time for the community meetings
 - There will be increased security at the community meetings
 - No sales surtax dollars will be utilized for the school renaming
 - Private website set up by Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF) to collect donations
 - Other entities are interested in paying for the name changes; however, they have not come forward yet with how much they would like to contribute

Chair Andersen

- Master Board Training
 - Reached out to Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) to schedule Master Board Training.
 - Currently looking at dates in May.
- Board Member meetings
 - After discussion, Board Members would prefer for Board staff to attend Member-to-Member meetings and have minutes taken

Board Member Dr. Coker

- Leadership Jax Education Day
 - Duval County did an awesome job at Education Day for Leadership Jax
 - Thanked Dr. Greene and Chair Andersen for speaking and setting the tone for the day
 - Virtual tour given of Raines High School by Ms. Renfro knocked it out of the park
 - Student panel facilitated by Vice Chairman Willie was great and he was a rockstar at facilitating

Vice Chair Willie

- PTA Meeting
 - Virtual

- Thanked them for their support of the half-penny
- Vaccinations for teachers discussed
- Very aligned with the topics that we are currently discussing

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School move to adjourn the meeting.

Vote Results:

Motion: Charlotte Joyce

Second: Darryl Willie

PASSED – 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

KPG

Superintendent

Chairman