May 18, 2021, Committee Meeting

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. Rita Mairs, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:23 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - JUNE 1, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING RELOCATION CONSULTANT
Dr. Greene presented this agenda item to the Board as it was added after the draft was printed and read her recommendation. This is the contract that Assistant Superintendent of Operations Paul Soares spoke to the Board about when we received the approved resolution initiated by Board Member Hershey.

DAY CARE SERVICES
Tanya Watts of Student Services joined the discussion on this item. Topics discussed included:

- This is a service the District offers to teen parents.
- This contract is to provide ancillary services to pregnant and parenting students who remain at their assigned neighborhood school. The District does offer a childcare center which is located on the campus of A. Phillip Randolph, but this contract is for community centers to support these students. These services are available to all students.
- Last year, approximately 80 students across the District were served. This year enrollment is lower. But in years past, it has been several hundred students using the services.
- The financial impact is left blank until the District can get a better count of the projected number of students who will utilize these services. The District does receive Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) dollars for the children, so the District is only covering what FTE does not.
- If we put "up to" with a dollar amount and have a much larger enrollment, we will have to bring this item back. We expect to have that information published by the June 1st Board meeting.

- Board Member Joyce requested the number of students and amount spent in the last 5 years for historical background

FRECKLE MATH, FRECKLE ELA, STAR MATH, AND STAR READING FROM RENAISSANCE LEARNING GRADES 3--5

- In the beginning of the pandemic, the pilot was in a select group of schools but this year it is in all elementary schools.
- This is more than just curriculum. This is a supplement and will require the District to continue looking at our standards as not all standards are created equal.
- This price is including a new grade level, third grade, so now it is grades 3-5 versus grades 4-5. The cost should not continue to go up but there is a possibility dependent on what the company decides and, enrollment of students.
- The pilot was only using the curriculum and took place last year from March until the end of the school year for grades 4-5. The District should have more information on the results at the end of this school year which added grade 3 and took place at all elementary schools.
- The money is coming from the Chief Academic Officer's budget

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH LEARNING A--Z GRADES -K--5

Chief Academic Officer Paula Renfro joined the discussion on this item.

- This item is not replacing anything. Learning A-Z would increase quality books and literature for students. This is a layered resource that teachers can assign to students. Not looking at providing this resource for grades K-2 because we currently have textbook adoption, and it has a very robust virtual and physical library of titles.
- The District will be transitioning to B.E.S.T. (Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking) standards and to the new curriculum so the need for this resource will not be as great which is why we are using CARES funding for this item.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLEMENTAL WRITING MATERIALS FOR GRADE 3 FROM WRITINGCITY

- The funding source for this is the Chief Academic Officer's budget
- The schools must write a plan for expending their Title I funds. Executive Director of Federal Programs Dr. Niki Micheau works with all Title I funded schools and trains them on how that plan must be written and how their expenditures are evaluated.
- Under federal guidelines, the schools have the autonomy to make their decisions of the plan and we, as a District, have the autonomy to guide them.

APPROVAL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Ms. Renfro joined the discussion on this item.

- The District sees us moving towards a hybrid model and not entirely online because there is some professional development that needs to be face-to-face.
- The way that we deliver Canvas, the District really outgrew Blackboard. Canvas is a lot easier to navigate and has a lot more options available for users.
- Training is offered repeatedly throughout the year.
- The District used to provide catalogues but have migrated to Microsoft Sway.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AGAPE FOR THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL AT EDWARD H.

WHITE

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Dana Kriznar joined the discussion on this item.

- This agreement is a 5-year contract and is eligible for 5 1-year renewals after the initial term is completed.
- Board Member Joyce thanked Dr. Kriznar for the invitation to tour Ed White High School with City Councilman Matt Carlucci.

APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - PROJECT MANAGER

- This item is not for a position; it is a contract with the company. The $150,000 is being paid to ensure that this company has a strategic focus only on DCPS schools and are at our exclusive disposal for tasks like training and coaching our teachers.
- Board Member Charlotte requested the number of one-on-ones that this company performed and what that looked like.

CHARTER RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., DOING BUSINESS AS DUVAL CHARTER AT BAYMEADOWS HIGH SCHOOL

- This is identified as a high performing charter school so they can request a longer term which is why their renewal is a 15-year contract.

CHARTER CONTRACT FOR RIVER CITY EDUCATION ORGANIZATION, INC., TO OPEN SAN JOSE CYBER ACADEMY

Director of School Choice Eugene Hays joined the discussion on this item.

- This does somewhat change how Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) works because virtual students are paid based on course completion, not directly on FTE. The boundary for this school is the whole state of Florida so they do not have to pull just from Duval County.
- Virtual charter schools are not included in the eligibility criteria for sales surtax dollars.
- The District does have some flexibility to put additional terms into these contracts. There is a standard contract form but if there are specific things in the statute that we would like to point out and want to remind the person we are contracting with, that is a good opportunity to do that. As far as who is going to do recouping of the funds if a charter school closes, the District or the Department of the Education, it depends on whether the sales surtax funds given to the charter school have been used or if they are sitting there unencumbered. If unencumbered, it is up to the Department of Education to recoup those funds. If they have already been used, Ms. Mairs is researching that further.
- All the items must be met prior to the District moving forward with the contract.

SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE KIPP JACKSONVILLE, INC., CHARTER CONTRACT

Mr. Hays joined the discussion on this item.

- This is a request from the school to consolidate the 2 existing contracts that are there. In that request, the school is looking to expand to multiple campuses, as well. This would accomplish consolidating the 2 existing contracts and the amendment would allow for the expansion. There is currently a KIPP K-8 and there was a 9-12 approved previously by the Board last May. The second amendment would make the second campus a K-12 at the McDuff location. With this amendment process, there will be a total of 2 KIPP campuses.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE KIPP JACKSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CHARTER CONTRACT
Mr. Hays joined the discussion on this item.

- The school already had a K-4 application, then a 5-8 application, and a K-8 application before the 9-12 application. In the contract for 9-12, the state has given schools the flexibility to request additional grade bands as part of the new model contract if they meet the requirements of providing the District information as to how they will be able to educate those students in the additional grade bands.
- Without the exact numbers, Mr. Hays is hesitant to give an answer as to how many students but does know that the new capacities will be slightly higher.
- From a historical perspective, there are a lot of similarities with the "flipping" of addresses of Seaside. Mr. Hays confirmed that there are some similarities.

Board Member Jones arrived at 11:36 a.m.

- Based on guidance from 2011, it would not end favorably for us as a District if we were not to support the amendment. Ms. Mairs will need to revisit that due to the lack of current guidance available.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC PLANNING
Chief of Staff Sonita Young joined the discussion on this item.

- The position of director is being created and the supervisor position has not been eliminated. However, in the organizational chart for the upcoming school year, only the director position will be filled. By preserving the supervisor position, it allows the District to utilize that position in the future if it is determined to be needed. If the position is not filled within a 12-month period, that position would have to come back to the Board to receive permission to add.

EDUCATIONAL PLANT FIVE YEAR SURVEY 2021-2026
Assistant Superintendent of Operations Paul Soares joined the discussion on this item.

- This document is part of the process the State uses to confirm that they have an accurate inventory of our schools. It is due every five years and was due last July but due to COVID, the deadline was extended. It does not impact the master facilities plan.

APRIL 2021 PURCHASE REPORT
Mr. Soares joined the discussion on this item.

- Operations will put together a food service funded improvement program and once it's available, they will provide a copy to the Board.

SCHOOL RENAMING - ROBERT E. LEE HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL RENAMING - ANDREW JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL RENAMING -JEAN RIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL RENAMING -JEAN RIBAULT MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL RENAMING -J.E.B. STUART MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL RENAMING -JEFFERSON DAVIS MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL RENAMING -KIRBY--SMITH MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL RENAMING -STONEWALL JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL RENAMING -JOSEPH FINEGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Board Members discussed all the school renaming agenda items at one time.

Board Member Joyce inquired why the school renaming agenda items were in that order and stated she would prefer for Lee High School not to go first. Dr. Greene explained that the order was from high schools to middle schools and lastly, elementary and that the order can be however the Board prefers because it is not related to the community meetings that occurred. After discussion, the decision was made to re-organize the renaming items starting with the 6 confederate schools and organizing by elementary to middle to high school, followed by the other 3 schools organized by middle then high school.

Dr. Greene went through the timeline as to when her recommendations will be released. On May 19th, the Canvassing Board will meet to calculate the votes. Dr. Greene's recommendations will be released by May 25th to meet the deadline of finalizing the agenda for the Board Meeting. It will be up to the Board if they would like to have a Board Workshop to discuss the recommendations. The Board currently already has a workshop scheduled for May 25th and can add the Superintendent's recommendations as a topic. Board Members discussed whether the renaming conversation should occur at the workshop and then on the night of the Board meeting or if all conversations should take place solely on the night of the Board meeting. Board Members Joyce, Hershey, Pearson, and Coker agreed that all conversations should take place on the night of the Board meeting, whereas Vice Chair Willie and Board Member Jones were in favor of a Workshop, in addition to, the regular Board meeting.

The decision was made to have all conversations on the night of the Board meeting. Dr. Greene will meet with each Board Member individually before the Board meeting to discuss her recommendations. Chair Andersen will have a statement prepared for the media and the community and for the Board Members to share, if they wish, in the interim of Dr. Greene's recommendations being released to the public and the night of the Board meeting.

Public Comment

There were 3 people for public comment; however, they were no longer in attendance of the meeting for the public comment portion. Their cards indicated they wanted to speak on the school name changes.

- Walker Blanton
- Pat Geer
- Martha (No last name)

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

KPG

Superintendent

Chairman