



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

June 22, 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 9:03 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - JULY 12, 2021

Board Member Jones arrived at 9:06 a.m.

INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Internal Board Auditor Lenia Blades joined the discussion on this item.

- The amendment is related to the actual working conditions. Ms. Blades is tasked with monitoring the contract and ensuring that the actual conditions are occurring.
- There will not be any penalties for amending the contract.

UNITED WAY FULL-SERVICE SCHOOLS AGREEMENT 2021-22

Executive Director of Discipline and Student Support Jackie Simmons joined the discussion on this item.

- Board Member Hershey commented that needed resources are not being placed in suburb areas. Sandalwood High School is the largest high school in the District and is being used as a hub for Atlantic Coast High and Mandarin High which also have a large population together. That is a lot of students to have one person or a team of people or to serve as a hub to cover that kind of population.
- Board Members requested that the attachment be updated to reflect the Board Member's district that the hub covers.

- Board Member Coker requested if the Board could receive interim data for the progress of this item.
- There are 8 sites which govern full-service schools. Additionally, there is full-service plus and full-service expansion. All of which allows the District to provide mental health services to all students in Duval County.

AGREEMENT WITH AMIKIDS DUVAL - SCHOOL BASED PROGRAM

Mr. Simmons joined the discussion on this item.

- AMIkids is an all-male program and targets students who are having disciplinary, academic, and attendance issues and concerns.
- Spike in referral data, primarily in class 1 and class 2 offenses, is not unusual when first starting the program.
- AMIkids is a separate program from Bridge to Success. AMI will only be housed at Bridge to Success but there will be separate staff and as much as possible, the students will not interact with each other.
- The program on Beach Blvd. falls under the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) continuum and is a different program from AMIkids. Under the DJJ program, students are assigned, and court ordered by a judge while the students of AMI are identified by school personnel. AMI is primary prevention because the District does not want students to be referred to alternative schools.
- To be referred, typically school leadership works in conjunction with AMI staff on identifying students who meet certain criteria. AMI staff will then interview the parent and have conversations with the parent for engagement. Finally, the referral comes to the Discipline and Student Support office for clearance and then the student is enrolled.
- Program is open to students throughout the District.
- Transportation is not provided.
- Board Member Coker requested the number of students who are involved in the PACE program and what the dollar cost is to compare equity parallel with female students.
- This is an annual agreement and will come back every year.
- Vice Chair Willie requested information on the success rates of the program and where the students are now.

PARTNERSHIP TO CONTINUE BRIDGE TO SUCCESS WRAP AROUND SERVICE FOR OVER-AGE STUDENTS - COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS

Mr. Simmons joined the discussion on this item.

- The amount in the financial impact went up due to adding a position, Enrichment Coordinator, and increase the case management personnel prices in each one the schools to mirror the case management personnel prices contracted through student enrichment program in another contract.

EDGENUITY AND FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL (FLVS) 2021-2022

Board Member Joyce requested that the name of the fund be listed on the financial impact instead of the fund number.

RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH LUTHERAN SERVICES FLORIDA, INC.

Director of Early Childhood Sonya McSwain joined the discussion on this item.

- Lutheran Services has contracted with the District to provide educational services for 420 students this upcoming year.
- Teachers and paraprofessionals are District employees. The District is responsible for hiring and

training staff. Lutheran Services pays for training.

- Students are recruited by Lutheran Services, so they complete screenings and then they turn it over to the District to give student numbers.
- The students do not have to go through the VPK lottery.
- The District does some of the marketing, but Lutheran Services is the primary agency to advertise.
- There are usually no vacancies.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH MCGRAW HILL SCHOOL EDUCATION

- The financial impact is for professional development.
- The Academic Reading Department will schedule the 113 days of professional development.

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: 2020-2023 EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION (ESE) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (SP&P) DOCUMENT

Executive Director of Exceptional Students Services Gail Roberts joined the discussion on this item.

- 3 changes that occurred through the 2020-21 school year:
 1. Added policy for restraint and seclusion.
 2. Additional assurances that the state is requiring for alternate assessments.
 3. District is required to submit procedures on how to serve students with disabilities in the case of a declared state of emergency

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLEMENTAL WRITING RESOURCE FOR GRADES 6-12 FROM TURNITIN LLC.

- This program will be used for secondary only.
- This software is used to check for plagiarism. It is a tool to ensure we teach students the seriousness of plagiarism and the correct ways to cite resources.
- Turnitin does keep track of student's submissions under their student account. However, it does not follow them to college because each institution has their own purchased software.
- It is a very easy program because it does all the work for you so any training needed would be directed more towards the student, not the teacher.

AGREEMENT WITH HAZEL HEALTH INC.

- Regarding the price, looking at a 5-year projection, the cost is estimated to go down from \$10/student to \$3/student.
- Hazel Health does not interact with United Way. This is strictly DCPS and will be in addition to the agreement with United Way.
- Transportation is not an issue because it is at the school.
- Parental consent for students to participate in this service occurs at the beginning of the school year.
- This service will be available in all schools.
- Whether or not a student and their family have medical insurance, the District will guarantee the services.
 - If families have medical insurance, they will most likely provide that at the beginning of the school year when completing consent paperwork.
- For mental health services, once a parent gives consent the first time, the student is good to continue services without parent notification or consent needed each visit.
- This service does not reduce prescription costs. There is only access to certain prescriptions that are readily available in school.

- Board Member Joyce requested a list of the prescriptions that are readily available for students in school.

APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH CAISSA PUBLIC STRATEGY, LLC FOR RECRUITMENT; RETAINMENT, AND CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING SUPPORT

- Office of School Choice will be managing the work that Caissa does.
- Board Member Hershey expressed that she is happy this is finally coming to the District and noted that it is important to be diligent in the schools' facilities and maintenance aspect. It is a large contributor to retention and recruitment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - DIRECTOR, SCHOOL-BASED EQUITY

- The person who fills this position will be the first contact to intervene should equity training or related be needed in a school versus having UNF or another outside source come in.
- If the Board would like to see any of the training material being provided, administration will be happy to provide.
- The point of view of the trainer will be aligned with the equity policies set forth by the District. The goals are to ensure that the District's equity policies are being followed and implemented in schools and that equity is beyond race and includes disability, gender, and more.
- Having this position created is giving the District a proactive approach versus a reactive approach.

APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH ELEMENTS DEVELOPMENT OF JACKSONVILLE, LLC TO PROVIDE FOR COVERAGE OF ADDITIONAL MONITORING WELLS AT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING NO. 3001

Assistant Superintendent of Operations Paul Soares joined the discussion on this item.

- District has not been notified of any adverse readings to date but will go back and check.
- If contamination were found, the burden would typically go back to the original polluter.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLEMENTAL GOODS AND SERVICES FROM EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, INC.

- Professional development for this program at the elementary and middle school level occurs in the classroom. It is demonstrated with the students and then the trainers meet with the teachers after students have left for the day.
- This is paid through federal dollars, first through Title I funding and it has now shifted to State Requirement for Educational Facilities (SREF) funds. If SREF was no longer available, it would go back to Title I.

INSTRUCTURE, INC. (CANVAS)

This is the second year of Canvas so training has already occurred, but new personnel will receive training.

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 8 BOARD POLICIES

Policy 8.59 is not included in this agenda item but will be discussed during governance at the Board Workshop following this meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman