

May 18, 2021, Policy Handbook Review Committee Meeting

Ms. Elizabeth Andersen, Chairwoman
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 except Vice Chair Darryl Willie. 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 1:38 p.m.

Board Member Lori Hershey arrived at 3:05 p.m.

Board Member Warren A. Jones departed at 3:26 p.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. BOARD POLICY 2.35, BOARD COMMITTEES

Policy and Compliance Executive Director Brian McDuffie briefly explained about changes to the policy.

Chair Elizabeth Andersen provided further explanation about the changes to the policy:

- additional committees that need to be memorialized:
 - Policy Handbook Review Committee
 - Evaluation Committee

Discussion and questions took place regarding other changes and sections of the policy.

It was decided that the Board Members would bring this policy back later to work on.

2. BOARD POLICY 8.10, SAFETY

Mr. McDuffie explained the changes being made to the policy.

Executive Director Stan Jurewicz provided further explanation regarding safety processes.

Mr. McDuffie stated that he would be moving forward with the notice and that the policy could be brought back to have School Police Chief Wayne Clark answer questions about removing the Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's Department.

3. BOARD POLICY 8.12, SCHOOL POLICE

Mr. McDuffie explained the changes being made to the policy.

Discussion and questions involved:

- Authorization to 'trespass' someone
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)
- Baker Acts

Mr. McDuffie stated that this policy would be tabled and brought back for further discussion. It would still be noticed for public hearing.

4. BOARD POLICY 8.15, INFECTION CONTROL GUIDELINE

Mr. McDuffie explained the changes being made to the policy.

Chair Andersen inquired about the authority and expertise of developing the guidelines. Mr. Jurewicz stated that different departments are involved in developing the guidelines. Chair Andersen suggested that the departments be noted in the policy instead of just saying the District.

5. BOARD POLICY 8.20, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Mr. McDuffie explained the changes being made to the policy.

Mr. Jurewicz provided further explanation regarding the changes to the policy.

6. BOARD POLICY 8.21, THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS

Mr. McDuffie explained the changes being made to the policy.

7. BOARD POLICY 8.32, BUS ROUTES

Mr. McDuffie explained the changes being made to the policy.

Mr. Soares provided the purpose for the changes to the policy.

Discussion and questions involved:

- Ramona Boulevard Elementary School
- policy that covers vans and other capacity vehicles
- cost of transporting students who live out of DCPS
- magnet routes

8. BOARD POLICY 8.36, TRANSPORTING STUDENT IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

Mr. McDuffie explained the changes being made to the policy.

Mr. Jurewicz provided further information regarding the changes to the policy.

9. BOARD POLICY 8.37, SEAT BELTS IN MOTOR VEHICLES

Mr. McDuffie explained the changes being made to the policy.

Mr. Jurewicz provided further information regarding the changes to the policy.

Chair Andersen suggested changing 'shall be' in section III to 'may be' to keep things consistent with other policies. Mr. Jurewicz agreed.

10. BOARD POLICY 8.40, BUSES OR OTHER COMMON CARRIER FOR EXTRACURRICULAR AND FIELD TRIPS

Mr. McDuffie explained the changes being made to the policy.

11. BOARD POLICY 8.42, GENERAL FOOD SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Mr. McDuffie explained the changes being made to the policy.

Mr. Soares provided further information regarding the changes to the policy.

Discussion and questions involved:

- controlling what is fed to students
- stop the selling of fundraising items during the school day

12. BOARD POLICY 8.44, MEAL PATTERNS

Mr. Soares explained the changes being made to the policy.

13. BOARD POLICY 8.71, ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Mr. McDuffie explained the changes being made to the policy.

Chief Information Officer Jim Culbert provided the purpose for the changes to the policy.

Discussion and questions involved:

- personal use - do's and don'ts
- communication done on social media

Mr. McDuffie mentioned that it would be brought back to agenda review.

Chair Andersen requested for Internal Board Auditor Lenia Blades to look over the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).

14. BOARD POLICY 8.96, CRITICAL INCIDENT PREPAREDNESS

Mr. McDuffie explained the changes being made to the policy.

Chair Andersen mentioned about addressing Board Policy 8.59 - Naming or Renaming Schools

Discussion and questions involved:

- section III Renaming an Existing School
- interpretation/definition of a community member
 - members of faculty and staff
- having written procedures
 - established and provided to the Board within an allotted amount of time
 - time limit component
 - presented at a Workshop prior to soliciting community feedback
- who should be leading the meetings
 - suggestion of 3rd party organization or trained District leaders to handle the solicitation of feedback from stakeholders
- don't call anything a vote
- possibility of electronic responses being counted
- allow stakeholders to have their say
- specifying not having more than one vote per stakeholder
- determine who qualifies as a stakeholder
- place a time period on when a school can be presented to the Board for name change if request to change has failed previously
- having a cooling off period

Chair Andersen stated that she had a list of policies to look over with Ms. Mairs. They would draft up some language and come back to the Board.

Board Member Pearson inquired if mascots and colors were covered in board policy or strictly a school issue. Chair Andersen responded that there were other things in the adjustment policy where the Board asked for some financial coverage.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman