



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

August 3, 2021, Regular Board 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. 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 6:00 p.m.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

BARTRAM SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal Kimberley Wright of Bartram Springs Elementary School

5th Grade Student Elizabeth Whitney provided the following speech:

"As we all know, last year was a hard one. All of us were forced to quarantine, kept away from family and friends. Some of us even lost loved ones to COVID-19. We were devastated, and there seemed to be no hope. But then, through lots of hard work, we developed vaccines. We lit a light to penetrate the infinite darkness. As Amanda Gorman said, "Even as

we grieved, we grew.” COVID-19 has had a negative effect on our world, but we continue to learn from it and rise above it.

When we were forced to quarantine, all students started online learning on Microsoft Teams. Many struggled with this new form of learning. Most were wiped out by the end of the day. Students had to learn how everything worked, and that took a while. But the students weren’t the only people having a hard time with it.

Teachers too, would sometimes struggle. Having to plan lessons is hard but figuring out how to get them to students online was something completely different. Everyone struggled to adapt to this new lifestyle, but we learned a lot from it too. By going through this, we learned how to receive education in a new way.

We now have virtual options that we never imagined. Students who still do not want to attend school in person, can do it online. When we are sick, we can stay connected to our teachers from the safety of our homes. When a hurricane came, we didn’t have to use a weather day. We went virtual because everyone already knew how.

Our planet has seen many struggles. If last school year taught us anything, it taught us to hope, even when it seems that the darkness will not lift. We have confidence that we can overcome any obstacle and learn something new in the process. That confidence is a light in the darkness, a light that will guide us into beautiful days and will give us hope and courage for the struggles to come."

Video presentation was shown about Bartram Springs Elementary School.

Board Member Lori Hershey made expressions of thanks about the school, Elizabeth Whitney, Principal Kimberley Wright, and the staff.

Communications

GLADYS PRIOR AWARD FOR CAREER TEACHING EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS

The following educators who inspire and excel are recipients of this year's Gladys Prior Award for Career Teaching Excellence:

- Kirk Altman - Sallye B. Mathis Elementary School
- Chris Banks - LaVilla School of the Arts
- Jennifer Prescott - Mandarin Middle School
- Sonja Sams - Andrew Robinson Elementary School

All received the Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

COMMENDATION OF HEROIC ACTS AT STILWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

The following employees are considered heroes for responding to a medical emergency and saving the life of a young lady having a heart attack outside of Stilwell Middle School:

- Duval School Police Officer Sanford 'Gene' Leigh
- Duval School Police Sergeant Malcolm Kneale
- Duval LPN Lana Austin

All received the Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

SHIRLEY JONES: RECOGNITION OF LIFE-SAVING ACTIONS

School Bus Driver Shirley Jones who works for Students Transportation of America, is to be commended for rescuing two young, unattended children she found on the street while taking care of her route. She put the children on her bus, contacted the dispatch, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office showed up and handled things from there.

Ms. Jones was not sure if she had jeopardized her job or not, but she did what she felt was the right thing to do.

She received the Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 3, 2021, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the August 3, 2021, agenda as submitted on July 27, 2021 with the following change:

- Board Members - Settlement Claim - Amy Donofrio - Item Amended and Moved to Human Resources - Compensation
- Academic Services - Public Hearing and Vote: Revisions to the 2021-2022 Code of Student Conduct - Attachments Replaced

Vote Results:

Motion: Charlotte Joyce

Second: Warren Jones

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
 Warren Jones
 Charlotte Joyce
 Elizabeth Andersen
 Darryl Willie
 Kelly Coker
 Cindy Pearson

Nay:
None

Chairperson's Report

In lieu of Chairwoman Elizabeth Andersen providing a report, she invited City Councilwoman Brenda Priestly-Jackson to speak as a guest.

Ms. Priestly-Jackson stated the following:

- Expressed greetings on behalf of the Jacksonville City Council and City Council Sam Newby.
- Share that she is the Duval County School Board Liaison, has respect and appreciates the unique role for ensuring our communities young people are afforded a high-quality public education.
- Mentioned the effects of Article 9 of the Florida Constitution on the Board and the District.
- Entrustment of education for our young people has been granted despite the face of unsurmountable grief, economic uncertainty, and resurgent of COVID-19 Delta variant.
- Expressed support as an ally and would assist in fighting anyone who tries to usurp the role of the Board.
- Choices that parents have the right to make.
- The Board should not have a fear of losing funding or threats from any other entity. That they are elected to make these decisions.
- Offered support to assist the Board with the tough decisions they need to make to ensure that our young people go back to school in a safe environment, that our teachers are protected, our staff are protected, and our community are protected with mask.

Chairwoman Andersen requested for Head of General Litigation of Office of General Council (OGC) John Phillips to explain what the Parents' Bill of Right says and does not say. Mr. Phillips also provided an explanation regarding legal realms to challenge.

Office of General Council Rita Mairs explained the process for soliciting a formal opinion.

Superintendent's Reports

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AUGUST 3, 2021

Through a PowerPoint presentation (see attached), Dr. Greene reviewed the latest COVID-19 Mitigating Measures Update and the Florida Statewide Assessment Scores.

Department Reports

There were no reports.

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

There was no report.

Public Comment

- Frank Delong expressed concern regarding the quality of service from the Payroll Department and Human Resource Services.
- Elton Brown expressed concerns against the new custodial vendor HES.
- Darlene Miller mentioned that she would email the Board Members her concerns regarding Exceptional Student Education. She spoke briefly about masks.
- Tim Miller expressed his concern regarding services and resources for students of Exceptional Student Education.

The following public comments are for a mask mandate:

- Rebecca Cardona
- Cate (Mary) Dobbins
- Alexandra Schonning (had to leave)
- Sunil Joshi
- Hailey Lafferty
- Dr. Jennifer Cowart
- Dr. Adriana Cantville
- Dr. Mohammed Reza
- Dr. Nancy Stoats
- Karen Demuth
- Dr. Peter Staats
- Pastor John Newman
- Suzanna Siebert
- Linda Deshauteurs
- Jaimie Shires
- Erin DuPristle
- Sarah Bagwell (had to leave)
- John Hatle
- Christine O'Reilly
- Michael Anderson

The following public comments were pro-mask and challenging the Executive Order:

- Clara Sowers
- Timothy Sloan
- Beth Marlowe
- Shana London
- Dr. Jill Garrett
- Agata Gardner
- Matt Hartley
- Amy Levinson
- Leslie Kaplan
- Amy Mitchell
- Thom McGuire

The following public comments were against a mask mandate:

- Ross Gerullis
- Melissa Bernhardt
- Karen Olson
- Victoria Dykes
- LeeAnn Parker
- Joanna Jinks
- Betty Bentley

Comments from Parent Organizations

Duval County Council Parent Teacher Association (DCCPTA) President Kay Hawkins provided the following report:

- Introduced as the new President for DCCPTA.
- Shared and explained DCCPTA's theme, 'We Are Better Together'.
- Explained purpose of the PTA.
- Briefly spoke about the Florida PTA Convention that the Region Representatives attended virtually.
- Shared that two local units received awards:
 - Julia Landon College Preparatory PTSA received the Florida PTA Local Unit Achievement Award.
 - Stanton College Preparatory School PTSA received the Local Program Award.
- Spoke briefly about partnering with the Parent Academy to explain ways that family members and volunteers could work along with their school's Parent Teacher Association/Parent Teacher Student Association (PTA/PTSA)
- Introduced Advocacy/Legislative Chair Melissa Daniel and explained her duties

Comments from District Student Government Association

There were no comments.

Comments from Employee Organizations

There were no comments.

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board minutes:

- May 11, 2021 - Board Workshop
- June 22, 2021 - Board Workshop
- June 22, 2021 - Committee Meeting
- July 12, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting

- July 13, 2021 - Auditor Selection Committee
- July 13, 2021 - Board Workshop
- July 20, 2021 - Special Board Meeting

Vote Results:

Motion: Kelly Coker

Second: Darryl Willie

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cindy Pearson

Nay:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Darryl Willie

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren Jones

Charlotte Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cindy Pearson

Nay:
None

Consent Agenda

Board Members

Academic Services

1. RENEWAL OF COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT
2. COLLEGE BOARD SUITE OF ASSESSMENTS (COLLEGE READINESS AND SUCCESS)
3. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH CITY YEAR
4. CONTINUATION AGREEMENT WITH UNITED WAY FOR ACHIEVERS FOR LIFE PROGRAM
5. FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE TUITION - DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES FALL 2021 AND SPRING 2022 AND DUAL ENROLLMENT TEXTBOOKS
6. EMBRY RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY - DUAL ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2021 AND SPRING 2022
7. CONTINUATION OF THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DUVAL COUNTY
8. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL CENTER ON EDUCATION AND THE ECONOMY (NCEE) TO PROVIDE MATERIALS AND SERVICES THROUGH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCHOOL LEADERS EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
9. CONTINUATION OF INTER AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH AMIKIDS JACKSONVILLE, INC.
10. CONTINUATION OF INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS
11. AGREEMENT TO USE SCHULTZ CENTER

12. HIGH QUALITY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CATALOG

13. APPROVAL OF TURNAROUND SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES ALLOCATION PLAN

14. SCHOOL HEALTH AIDES

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

15. CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT FOR JACKSONVILLE CLASSICAL ACADEMY EAST, INC.

16. CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT FOR GLOBAL OUTREACH CHARTER ACADEMY, INC., TO OPEN GLOBAL ARTS ACADEMY

17. SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE SEASIDE SCHOOL CONSORTIUM, INC. (SEASIDE COMMUNITY)

Human Resource Services - Staffing

18. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

19. RE-APPROVAL OF MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – SUPERVISOR, RELATED SERVICES, EE/SS

Human Resource Services - Compensation

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

20. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - MAY 2021

Information Technology

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

21. APPROVE GRANT OF TWO TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DUVAL COUNTY AND THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE FOR THE KING STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

22. REAL ESTATE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR DISTRICT PROPERTY NEXT TO BILTMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 78, TO PETTICOAT-SCHMITT CIVIL CONTRACTORS FOR THE 5TH STREET WEST JEA SEWER FORCE MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

23. CHANGE ORDER REPORT

24. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

25. PERIODIC REPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS AND FINAL INSPECTIONS OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER \$1,000,000.

26. ROOF REPLACEMENT AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS: ROOF REPLACEMENT AT WEST RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 12, DINSMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 45, AND STONEWALL JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 234 (HIDDEN OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 234)/DCSB PROJECT NO. M-83800/ITB-001-22/LM

Operations - Transportation

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

27. JUNE 2021 PURCHASE REPORT

28. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

Chief of Staff

29. CREATIVE AND ADVERTISING SERVICES: CONTRACT AWARD

General

Emergency Agenda Items

Discussion

Board Members

Academic Services

30. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO THE 2021-2022 CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Dr. Greene read the recommendation for the Revisions to the 2021-2022 Code of Student Conduct.

Motion: Charlotte Joyce

Second: Kelly Coker

Vice Chair Willie expressed the need for a robust conversation regarding the topic due to having a lot at stake.

Board Member Hershey requested for Dr. Greene to speak about the steps and procedures that would be put in place to ensure the safety of students. Dr. Greene mentioned about the PowerPoint presentation on the COVID-19 Mitigating Measures Update and provided an explanation according to grade bans.

Board Member Jones inquired why Duval HomeRoom could not be reestablished. Dr. Greene responded that remote learning would not be fund this upcoming school year and that is why it is not an option. Due to this reason Duval Virtual Institute Academy was opened to parents.

Board Member Jones also inquired about the financial impact if the District was to lose funding. Dr. Greened explained that it had not been clearly defined as to what the cost would be. She briefly spoke about the information that was presented on the budget at the last Special Board Meeting. She mentioned that according to the Executive Order, the funding from the State is what the Governor could withhold. Grants could be included.

Chair Andersen requested for an explanation about the Executive Order. Mr. Phillips provided an explanation to the best of his knowledge and mentioned that he expected rules from the Department of Education to come out very soon. He also mentioned that a mask mandate will probably be prohibited.

Ms. Mairs stated that based on her reading of the Executive Order, Federal Funds cannot be held.

Board Member Coker mentioned about the DOE having public input when going through a rule making process and inquired if that would be something they would do in this situation. Mr. Phillips is not aware if DOE is doing a emergency procedure of go through the regular

process.

Board Member Pearson inquired if the rule has not been established, could the District be in violation of it? Mr. Phillips responded no. He also mentioned that it does not mean that the Commissioner of Education would not try to execute the Governor's order.

Ms. Mairs mentioned that the Executive order focuses on the rule making. It implies that anything the District does would be a violation. Mr. Phillips added that it not just dealing with the Governor and rules, but with the 1st District Court of America. He provided examples of legal cases regarding mask.

Chair Andersen inquired about the authority that the Board has with regards to making decisions locally. Mr. Phillips stated if the Board made a mask mandate, they could expect lawsuits to be filed against them.

Board Member Pearson mentioned about what she read in the Parents Bill of Rights. She inquired if the Board were to do a mandatory with and opt-out, would that put the Board in spirit of the Family Bill of Rights and put them in a better position than a straight mandatory with no opt-out. Mr. Phillips stated that his response would only be speculative.

Board Member Joyce inquired if penalized due to choosing to have a mask mandate, would it jeopardize salaries. Dr. Greene responded that it eventually would. She added that the District has a strong fund balance but would not make it through the school year because other financial obligations come from the same funding.

Board Member Hershey mentioned that the opt-out is no different than the Superintendent's recommendation. She briefly spoke about what other School Districts have decided to handle the matter involving masks. She mentioned that the Superintendent's recommendation aligns with the Executive Order which she would support. She inquired if funds have ever been withheld by the State and what would be the fiscal impact to the District if funds were withheld this school year. Ms. Begley responded that funds were withheld about 30 years ago due to issues with the Food Service claims that were submitted to the State until the matter was resolved. Her response to the second question was there was an ad the Board had approved related to the tax increase. It indicated the amount of about \$647 million dollars of State funding, which now could be subject to being withheld.

Board Member Coker requested for Dr. Greene to read the revised recommendation about wearing mask. The recommendation was changed from 'optional' to 'strongly encouraged'.

Board Member Pearson stated her non-medical interpretation is that mask are the short gain and vaccinations are the long gain. She mentioned about her idea of having vaccination sites at elementary schools for parents if the District is able to work with a partner to do. She expressed about wanting parents to receive the vaccine since their children can't. Dr. Greene mentioned that for the first 30 days the number one priority will be students and employees. The District has employees who have not been vaccinated. Shed added that the District is working with DOH to ensure that every secondary school has a vaccine clinic, which details were still be worked out. Dr. Greene also mentioned about the vaccine clinic

for employees which Agape Family Health is assisting.

Vice Chair Willie mentioned that he wanted to explore the waiver for opt-out. He also mentioned about educating people.

Chair Andersen inquired about the language 'strongly encouraged', what the parameters were around working with this language. Ms. Mairs referred to Board Policy 3.40 Safe and Secure Schools, which is where most of the discussion about the Code of Conduct came from. She next referred to Board Policy 5.24 Students Rights and Responsibilities, subsection 4. Ms. Mairs mentioned about being careful about not making any substantiated changes. She suggested that the Board stick to the Board Policy if they were going to make any changes. She then referred to Board Policy 2.25 School Board Rules, subsection 1. Ms. Mairs mentioned that there is room to make changes but made due to an emergency according to School Board Policy at this juncture.

Chair Andersen inquired what Ms. Mairs meant. Ms. Mairs stated that if the Board was going to start making changes to something equivalent of a policy and if it were not going to be put through the regular rule making process, someone would need to say the word 'emergency' and the others would have to agree. She mentioned that if they didn't, they would just need to make the changes that were suggested in the original notice that were workshopped on July 20th.

Board Member Jones inquired if the Governor's Executive Order justify an emergency. Ms. Mairs responded yes based on the changes that have taken place.

Vice Chair Willie used the word 'emergency', and then mentioned about the status of the hospitals at present. He also added that the Board needed to go down the path.

Ms. Mairs explained that she does not want people to think that this is a State of Emergency.

Board Member Joyce expressed that strongly encouraged and opt-out mean the same. She then expressed her concern about the burden at the school level.

Board Member Hershey mentioned about an article on Broward County School District saying that the School District could not enforce a mask mandate and wanted to know if that was correct. Ms. Mairs responded yes, spoke about opt-out, and the statute that gives the District liability.

Chair Andersen mentioned about the discussion about 'opt-out', which was not a part of Dr. Greene's recommendation. She inquired if there was a motion to amend the language. Chair Andersen revised her question to the Board members based on a comment from Ms. Mairs. She inquired if the Board Members felt there is an emergency where a decision must be made on facial coverings in less than 28 days.

The consensus of the Board was yes to the situation being an emergency.

Due to not having 28 days, if the Board desired to move forward with amending the language, a motion would have to be made to put the amendment on the floor. Ms. Mairs provided an explanation about the current language being recommended by the Superintendent, the language the Board Members want to use, and what needs to be done.

MOTION TO AMEND

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board amend the 2021-2022 Code of Student Conduct to include the following language:

Any student not wearing a mask pursuant to this policy must, through his/her/their parent or guardian, complete the opt out procedures provided by his/her/their assigned school.

Vote Results:

Motion: Darryl Willie

Second: Warren A. Jones

The Board worked on revising the language regarding facial coverings.

The Board took a break at 9:55 p.m. and resumed at 10:06 p.m.

PASSED 5-2

Aye:

Warren A. Jones
Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cindy Pearson

Nay:

Lori Hershey
Charlotte Joyce

Board Member Hershey was still having technical difficulty and gave a voice vote of no.

AS AMENDED PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO THE 2021-2022 CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Motion:

Vote Results:

Motion: None

Second: None

PASSED 6-1

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cindy Pearson

Nay:

Charlotte Joyce

Board Member Hershey mentioned that her vote should have been no because she voted no on the amendment.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Motion:

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren Jones

Second: Kelly Coker

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte Joyce
Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cindy Pearson

Nay:

None

(SECOND) AS AMENDED PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO THE 2021-2022
CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

PASSED 5-2

Aye:

Warren A. Jones

Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cindy Pearson

Nay:
Lori Hershey
Charlotte Joyce

Due to technical difficulty, Board Member Hershey gave a voice vote of no.

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

Human Resource Services - Staffing

Human Resource Services - Compensation

31. SETTLEMENT CLAIM - AMY DONOFRIO

Dr. Greene read the recommendation for the settlement claim.

Office of General Counsel Ariel Cook provided a brief background of the case. She explained that the case was still an ongoing litigation and sensitive to Human Resource issues.

Board Member Joyce had inquired if the District had complied with policy. She stated that confirmation was provided and that she would be voting against entering into the proposed settlement agreement and seeking a definitive answer concerning the allegations in Miss Donofrio's lawsuit.

Vice Chair Willie inquired how long the case could potentially take. Mr. Mussey, hired by OGC and the School District stated that the case was set for trial, there will be trials, and it can take 3-5 years.

Vice Chair Willie inquired about the cost for the court case. Mr. Mussey mentioned an estimated cost between \$1 and \$2 million dollars beyond the trial level and beyond that, it could be \$2 to \$3 million dollars if taken all the way to the United States Supreme Court.

Board Member Jones stated that due to the length of the trial and already having the facts of the case, he could not support spending tax-payer dollars over a 3–5-year period for a case that could be settled right now. He mentioned that he supports the agreement.

Board Member Dr. Coker inquired about the kind of hours it could take the current DCPS staff to be distracted from their current responsibilities to handle this item. Mr. Mussey

responded that it would be a significant distraction for senior staff and the superintendent.

Vice Chair Willie inquired about the precedent of the case. Mr. Mussey responded that it is an unusual case because it involves conduct over a period of 3-4 years. He also mentioned that you would not be likely to see this pattern repeated. Most employee disputes are more straight forward and simple.

Motion:

The Risk Manager and District's counsel, pursuant to Policy 7.90(7)(B), have requested that a potential settlement in the matter of Donofrio v. Duval County Public Schools and Scott Schneider, Individually Case No.: 3:21-cv-00414-MMH-PDB, be brought to the Board for consideration. The potential settlement was reached in good faith by representatives of the Plaintiffs and Defendants at a mediation and was thereafter discussed at a properly noticed litigation shade meeting on July 20, 2021. The Board is being called upon to determine whether the Board Chair is authorized to execute the settlement agreement on behalf of the Board.

Vote Results:

Motion: Kelly Coker

Second: Darryl Willie

PASSED 6-1

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren Jones

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cindy Pearson

Nay:

Charlotte Joyce

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

Information Technology

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

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Operations - Transportation

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

Chief of Staff

General

Emergency Agenda Items

Board Member Travel

Superintendent's Travel

For The Record

Board Member Jones:

- Shout out to the students of Rutledge Pearson for achieving an 'A' school grade.
- Thanks to those who donated to the schools' name change. A special thanks to Shahid Khan, Mark Lamping, and the Jaguar Organization for partnering with Nike to provide uniforms to all six schools. Also, thanks to Ken Babby, Harold Crawl, and the Jumbo Shrimp Organization for providing new sports equipment at no cost to the District.

Board Member Pearson:

- Congratulations to the following:
 - Nicole Stover, who is a rising senior at Samuel Wolfson for Advanced Studies. Jr Science Project has a list of awards: Northeast Regional Science Engineering Fair - 1st place; State Science Engineering Fair - 3rd place; UF College of Agriculture and Life Sciences - Award of Merritt; International Science and Engineering Fair - 4th place; Junior Science and Engineering and Humanity Symposium - 4th place; advanced to the National Symposium; as a Genius Olympiad - Bronze Medal. Nicole will continue this project for her senior Science Fair - dissolved oxygen augmentation effects on the hydroponic cultivation of arugula. This has implementation of feeding people in areas where traditional farming is not available.
 - Congratulations to Principal Katrina Blakely and staff at Julia Landon College Preparatory and Leadership Development School for having the largest gains in 6th grade English Language Arts (ELA).
 - Congratulations to Principal Christopher Begley and staff at Samuel Wolfson High School for Advanced Studies for having the largest gains in 10th grade ELA and Geometry.

- Congratulations to Principal Jennifer Crady and staff at Southside Middle School for the largest gains in 8th grade Science and Biology.
- Thanked the following:
 - Board Members, Superintendent, staff, and volunteers for joining in on the Ignite Your Passion Seminar. Thanked students and staff at Wolfson for Advanced Studies for hosting and planning.
 - The Department of Family and Community Engagement for hosting the Teacher Pep Rally that the Jumbo Shrimp sponsored and paid for by TIAA Bank. Also thanked them for Parent Academy and the other programs they do giving a personal touch and a lot of value added to the District.

Board Member Joyce:

- Recognized three principals:
 - Principal Faith Roberts-Graham of Ruth Upson Elementary School -grade 5 ELA improved by 28 points.
 - Former Principal Dr. Denise Hall of Baldwin Middle /High School - grade 8 and grade 9 ELA.
 - Principal Shannon Rose-Hamann of Ortega Elementary School - grade 3 increased in Math by 15 points.
 - Principal Jacqueline Jones of Westview K-8 - Math increased by 49 points and Algebra increased by 140 points.

Board Member Coker:

- Thanked Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF) for partnership with school renaming effort. Helping to make sure no tax-payer dollars are used in changing school names.
- Shout out to the following and assisting and providing donations for the school renaming effort:
 - Former Board Member/Board Chair/Educational Advocate Attorney W.C. Gentry; Pajcic and Pajcic; Coker Law; Attorney John Mills; and Attorney Wayne Hogan
- Special thanks to John Morris and Pete Diamond who are bringing Youth Life back to the secondary schools in the Arlington Community.
- Thanked Terry Parker High School for inviting Dr. Coker to their opening school Kick-Off.
- Thanked Former Board Chair Betty Burney for hosting a Back-to-School Mental Health Pep Rally online and her leadership of raising mental health awareness. Thanked the students who facilitated the pep rally. They did surveys raised awareness about mental health. Dr. Greene made it known about the new mental health services that would be made available. Ms. Burney also invited 16-year Former National Football League (NFL) Brian Dawkins of Philadelphia Eagles, born in Jacksonville, FL, and a Raines High School graduate. He imparted to the students that it's okay to say, "I'm not okay, " and it's important to seek help and support. Thanked Dr. Greene for being out there and doing all she does.

Board Member Hershey:

- Mandarin Middle School will be welcome Principal Julie Humphries. Going to be a great year for them.
- Shout out to the US Women's Softball Team who won the silver medal. Softball player Michelle Moultrie graduated from Mandarin High School. She played softball for both Mandarin High and Middle Schools. Hoped that District Athletics Director Tammie Talley

- would invite Ms. Moultrie back to the District to provide inspiration to other athletes in school.
- Students are returning to Loretto and Greenland Pines Elementary Schools with state-of-the art technology, thanks to Chief of Information Jim Culbert.
- Thanked School Choice Assistant Superintendent Sharwonda Peek for Loretto Elementary School being the first elementary school to offer a Career and Technical Education Program.

Vice Chairman Willie:

- Thanked the following for assistance with the renaming fund:
 - Ellen and Jim Weiss
 - Former Itinerant Superintendent Patricia Willis
 - Thomas Caron
- Recognized the tough week that faculty and staff had due to the loss of life because of COVID-19 in the city of Jacksonville, Condolences to the families and everyone connected were expressed.
- Vice Chair Willie attended a Back-to-School Rally at Jean Ribault High School.
- Shoutout to the Class of 1985 of Jean Ribault High School who put on an amazing Back-to-School event. They supplied hundreds of backpacks to the community to get ready for the upcoming school year.

Chair Andersen:

- Thanked University of North Florida (UNF) and partners for continuing to offer the Gladys Prior Award to teachers.
- Thanked the Jacksonville Public Library for inviting the Chair to come and read with children. Chair Andersen challenged the other board members to get with their local libraries to do the same thing.
- Congratulated Jacksonville Beach Elementary School for being just one or two points away in all areas of being the number one elementary school in the state of Florida.
- Expressed thoughts and concerns to the community regarding COVID and requesting for people to wear mask and to consider getting vaccinated. She mentioned about how everyone's lives matter and that as a community to stand together to get through this. Encouraged the community to be a part of the solution to keep all safe and healthy moving forward.
- Requested of the Department of Education, the Department of Health, and the other bodies that are looking to make rules, data is needed. As parents make decisions about the healthcare of their children, that the agencies mentioned are forthcoming with information about the data related to children, so the parents can make an informed choice.
- Requested for clear guidance and parameters around quarantining procedures. Learning loss is real and need to be able to mitigate the situation where possible. Clear guidance is needed because the Board Members are not public health experts. Expressed appreciation for the local DOH for assisting with contact tracing and quarantining.
- Mentioned about making sure that funding continues to be available to the School District. This is how we serve and give access to children a safe and free public education within the state of FL. Need to be able to continue to offer that to the children in the community.
- Grateful to the Board Members for enduring tough conversations, OGC Attorney for going through everything with the Board even though she has been with the District for a few months, thanked the Superintendent for continuing to face difficult challenges, and the staff for

doing the work.

- Welcomed back teachers and students.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 p.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: Board Member Pearson

Second: Board Member Joyce

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Aye:

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Cindy Pearson

Nay:

None

GC

Superintendent

Chairman