



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

September 28, 2021, Board Workshop

Ms. Elizabeth Andersen, Chair
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 for Board Members Lori Hershey, Charlotte Joyce, and Vice Chairman 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 2:58 p.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Board Member Pearson, Florida School Boards Association (FSBSA) Legislative Liaison, worked with Ms. Kimberly Miller, Director of Governmental Relations to explain the FSBA 2022 Proposed Legislative Platform.

Items Discussed:

- Mental health issues that negatively impact student achievement.
- Florida's accountability system driven by student performance.
- State financial support by the legislature for our school district.
- Highly skilled diverse workforce that ensures Florida has a diverse economic future.
- Grow -your-Own Teacher program to attract and attain high qualified staff to support student success.

Further conversation took place regarding the following:

- Federal Platform
 - Permanent funding lunch for all students.
 - Access to technology and cyber security.
 - Expanding funding for early childhood education.

- Possible Platform Items
 - Reviewed 5 other school districts to get ideas that would best fit Duval County Public Schools.
 - The Board Members were encouraged to review the other documents possibly suggest other topics of discussion.
 - Board Member Pearson mentioned that the Florida's accountability system did not need to be discussed.
 - The Board Members shared which items they were interested in pursuing.
 - Chair Andersen advised that all items chosen should be specific and ranked in order according to necessity.
 - Ms. Miller noted that normally 4 items are chosen.
 - Ms. Pearson stated the issues to pursue are:
 - Accountability related to Florida's Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.).
 - Funding related to Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Fund Relief (ESSER).
 - Funding related to workforce.
 - The Technology & Services Industry Association (TSIA).
 - Attracting and funding related to retaining high-quality staff.
 - The Board Members discussed a tentative date of October 19, 2021, to discuss the draft of items that will be presented.
 - Ms. Miller agreed to gather information to assist with the presentation.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Motion: Cindy Pearson

Second: Kelly Coker

Passed: 3-0

Aye:

Warren Jones

Cindy Pearson

Kelly Coker

Nay:

None

MA

Superintendent

Chairman