



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

October 26, 2021, Special Board 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. Ariel Cook, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

APPOVAL OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2021, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the October 26, 2021, agenda as submitted on October 22, 2021, with the following changes.

- Motion to rescind the Board's approval of the October 19, 2021, recommended revisions to Policy 5.64 - Item Added

Vote Results:

Motion: Darryl Willie

Second: Kelly Coker

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren Jones
Charlotte Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cindy Pearson

Nay:
None

Public Comment

Melissa Bernhardt shared concerns about the different versions of Policy 5.64. She offered suggestions to the Board Members about things that should be added to the policy. She spoke on Policy 5.64 III-C- Confidentiality and Non-Discrimination section and feels the Board is breaking the law and in violation of the oath taken.

Dr. Carmen Martinez is against the mask mandate and ask that the mandate be removed as she feels it is illegal and unconstitutional. She is against medical tyranny.

Sarah Tyler is against mask mandate and thinks the parents should make medical choices for their children and shared information from Dr. Robert Malone, American Virologist concerning (ADE) Antibody-dependent Enhancement.

Ed Williams shared concerns about communicable disease prevention and how parents and taxpayers are disregarded. He wonders if anyone is asking how the students feel about the mask.

Rebecca Nathanson-shared insight on an email sent by Moms for Liberty and recommended policy consideration for 5.65.Ms. Nathanson asked a series of questions.

- Will the data points referenced in Policy 5.64 B-I under Administrative procedures be subject to Board approval?
- Will they be available for the public to comment on?
- Will the assigned advisory team operate in the Sunshine Laws?
- Will the advisory team issue a report to be reviewed by the Board?
- What will be the role of PTA and advisory Team?
- How and will the PTA and advisory team provide input from local members?
- Will the policy or supporting procedures impose a vaccination mandate? Could that impose the same thing on parents, guardians, and volunteers?
- How does the Board account for the right afforded to parents and guardians under the Parents Bill of Rights and supporting regulation?

Natalie Dreyer shared insight on medical clinics and is concerned about the rights of parents being denied due to the mask mandate. She also shared concerns about topics she feels is inappropriate that students have access.

Topics to be Discussed

1. MOTION TO RESCIND THE BOARD'S APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2021, RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO POLICY 5.64

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board rescind the motion adopted at the October 19, 2021, Special Board Meeting to approve the recommended revisions to Policy 5.64.

Vote Results:

Motion: Board Member Jones

Second: Board Member Willie

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 5.64, STUDENTS WITH HIV, AIDS, OR OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Public Comments

Cindy Youngs shared appreciation of the Board and all the work being done. She has one concern and ask for clarification on section B II -Enforcement of Safety Protocols for Controlling the Spread of Communicable Diseases paragraph 2.

Rebecca Nathanson shares concerns about Policy 5.64 section A with the definition of epidemic as to who defines it and at what level is it defined and restates the questions asked in previous public comments. In addition to the questions and statements already posed to the Board she included the following:

- Could there be a situation where one school is under an epidemic, but another is not?
- Ms. Nathanson suggested the Board Members should nominate one member to the advisory team and let the Superintendent do the rest.
- Shared concerns about the PTA and how they would receive input. She also asked that a stakeholder from the ESE community be included.
- She shared appreciation for the survey Dr. Greene sent out seeking parental input concerning COVID-19 and wonders will this be done concerning the policy protocols.

- She also shared concerns for section B-II concerning paragraph 3 and suggest this be moved.
- Natalie Dreyer shared concerns about the DASH as she feels some topics are not appropriate.

Chair Andersen asked for motion to place item on the floor for discussion with Board Members.

Motion: Board Member Coker

2nd: Board Member Willie

Discussion:

Board Member Joyce shared appreciation for the attendance of the parents in the meeting and she believes the questions the parents presented should be answered so she requested the Board to postpone the vote or at least answer the questions presented. A very lengthy discussion among Board Members, Dr. Greene, and Ms. Trissoto, Director of Nursing followed to include questions submitted by the parents being answered by Dr. Greene. Dr. Greene shared the 2 policies that the student code of conduct currently addresses such as Policy 1.06 and 2.01. Board Members also discussed the involvement of advisory teams, PTA as well as the involvement of medical professionals in the discussion of Policy 5.64. Office of General Counsel was included in the discussion to give clarity on how the Parents' Bill of Rights relates to the writing of Policy 5.64 specifically concerning the American with Disabilities Act. Ms. Trissoto explained who decides an epidemic or pandemic. She explained the definition of an epidemic or pandemic is defined by the (CDC) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The levels are determined per the Florida Department of Health. An outbreak of a communicable disease is defined when 3 or more cases break out in a school, but the cases must have common ground. An epidemic is defined by the regional level per the information received by the local county health department, it is moved to the state, then the information is transmitted to the CDC. A pandemic is determined when there is transmission of that communicable disease in various countries and that information is monitored closely by the CDC.

Further conversation took place about the possibility of other things in Policy 5.64 that were a concern. This sparked continual conversation in which concerns were shared about advisory teams and the appointment of those that would represent the Board Members, concerns of the team operating per the Sunshine Laws, alternatives for these teams in the event an emergency meeting is needed to ensure that the process is not slowed down when dealing with a communicable disease. The Board Members were reminded in this discussion to remember the real function of the Board and that they have the option to select or create an advisory team at any time.

Vote Results: 5-2

PASSED

Aye:

Kelly Coker

Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie
Cindy Pearson
Warren A. Jones

Nay:

Lori Hershey
Charlotte Joyce

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to the adjourn the meeting.

Vote Results:

Motion: Kelly Coker

Second: Warren A. Jones

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

MA

Superintendent

Chairman