



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

January 18, 2022, Agenda Committee Meeting

Mr. Darryl Willie, Chairman
Dr. Kelly Coker, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Elizabeth Andersen
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 with the exception of Board Member Dr. Kelly Coker. 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 9:04 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - FEBRUARY 1, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ADOPTION OF DISTRICT-WIDE MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Dr. Greene and Dr. Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent joined in the discussion on the following:

- Dates and sign-in sheets were requested regarding the review of this material.
- Anticipated dates of when teachers would receive the items. Dr. Greene advised it is always our practice to order early and have the material in the hands of the teachers. She can provide dates as to when the material is expected to be available and would provide it to the entire Board.
- Digital copies mirror exactly to the hard copies.

Board Member Jones arrived at 9:04 a.m.

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

SCHOOL HEALTH AIDES

Dr. Greene and Dr. Kriznar joined in the discussion on the following topics:

- Funding is provided by Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds not previously used.
- Staffing positions will not exceed 36 positions and will not be paid for a full year or include benefits. Some of these positions will be through a contract and not Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) employees.

- Positions will be solely to support students' health needs and may assist in other areas of the school such as answering the phone, etc.
- Department of Health (DOH) grant funding was reduced.
- Dr. Greene advises that these positions have expiration dates.

RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR THE SEASIDE SCHOOL CONSORTIUM, INC.

Dr. Greene, Ms. Sharwonda Peek, Assistant Superintendent, School Choice, and Mr. Paul Soares, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Operations joined the discussion on the following:

- Board Member Pearson questioned why pass through and Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) funds are listed, but doesn't list the surtax dollars for these items. Ms. Peek advised she would update and add the amount of the surtax dollars funding moving forward.
- The turnaround process for charter schools was discussed as it varies from regular schools.
- Utilization process for charter schools.
- Seaside is marketing their school as a Waldorf Certified School although it does not show any Waldorf Certified personnel. This item will be a bring back item for further discussion.
- Board Member Andersen stated there have been numerous complaints regarding governance issues at Seaside. Dr. Greene stated that proper protocol in these instances need to be reported to the District so that a proper investigation can take place.

RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.

Mr. Eugene Hays, Director, School Choice joined the discussion on the following:

- Board Member Jones questioned if the policy manual had been received from this school.
- Board Member Andersen questioned if the charter school had any innovative or specialized training being offered. Mr. Eugene Hays stated he was not aware of any at this time. He stated that all charter schools are required to have a Parent Liaison.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH TPG CULTURAL EXCHANGE, LLC.

Ms. Vicki Schultz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resource joined the discussion on the following:

- The difference between TPG staff members versus Duval County staff members was discussed. Ms. Schultz stated the starting salary for teachers is \$47,500.00 and an additional amount for benefits. The TPG staff members are not paid the benefit portion although all TPG come with experience. Dr. Greene stated the benefit amount is approximately \$15,000.00 that the District is not paying with TPG. This item will be a bring back topic.
- Chairman Willie and Ms. Schultz discussed the process of once the contract is up and what procedures would take place to keep that staff member. Ms. Schultz will check into the fees associated with it.

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHERS

- Dr. Kriznar and Board Member Joyce discussed the flag designed by Information Technology (IT) that is now in place for out-of-field teachers.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - NOVEMBER 2021

Ms. Michelle Begley, Chief Financial Officer joined the discussion on the following;

- Board Members Andersen and Jones questioned the decrease in property tax. Ms. Begley stated that the city is on a new system and she would continue to monitor this. She stated that the bulk of property tax monies are usually received at the end of January.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN 2021/2022-2025/2026 (AMENDED)

Mr. Soares joined the discussion on the following:

- Board Member Jones questioned if this was the guaranteed maximum pricing that would allow the District to move forward and start breaking ground.
- Transfer of assignment of Chaffee Trail Elementary School's funding.

PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

Mr. Soares joined the discussion on the following:

- Explanation of Bonding Levels.

Public Comment

No Public Comments were made.

Adjournment**1. ADJOURNMENT**

That the Duval County School Board adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman