



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

October 12, 2021, Auditor Selection Committee 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 with the exception of Board Member, Dr. Kelly Coker who participated via telephone. Ms. Rita Mairs, Office of General Counsel, were not present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:54 p.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. INTERNAL BOARD AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT

Lenia Blades, Internal Board Auditor, reviewed the following:

- Internal Board Audit Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2021 (see attached).
- The Florida School Finance Officers Association, Inc. Platform (see attached).
- Summary of Significant Findings and Financial Trends Identified in District School Board Audit Reports for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020 by the State of Florida Auditor General (see attached).
- Duval County Public Schools Internal Board Audit Charter (see attached).

Ms. Blades shared information that was not a part of her report:

- The Auditor General had their Exit Conference on August 25, 2021 for the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), which is the auditing of the District's Full Time Equivalent (FTE).
 - The report has not been released yet.
 - The report was for the 2019/2020 fiscal school year.
 - Done every two years, so the next audit will be the 2021/2022 fiscal school year.
 - There was a transportation finding with all the districts. Suggested the District appeal it because the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) was late providing clarifying guidance to the districts.

- An accounting firm, CRI, which the District uses for oversight of the sales tax fund.
 - The District is piggy-backing off of Broward County School District's contract.
 - The District would like to make their own Request for Proposal (RFP).
 - One project has been completed under the piggy-back.
 - The RFP process is progressing. The RFP will be brought to the Board in February for approval.

Discussion involved:

- Board Member Warren A. Jones spoke about the millage rate.
- Board Members expressed their appreciation for receiving a copy of the Florida School Finance Council Budget Priorities & Recommendations - FY2023.
- Update provided on conversation with OIG(?)
- Possibility of having a representative from MSL CPAs & Advisors to come and explain the findings to the Board.
- Board Member Jones inquired about OPPAGA. Ms. Blades mentioned the excel spreadsheet she is using to keep track of what staff are to provide regarding the items in question.
- Board Member Lori Hershey expressed not liking the title 'Auditor Selection Committee' and about having a conversation in the future with regards to possibly changing it. Chair Elizabeth Andersen explained that statutorily, the District is required to have an Audit Selection Committee.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman