



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

November 17, 2021, Special Board 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. 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.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2021, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the November 17, 2021, agenda as submitted on November 12, 2021.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Lori Hershey

PASSED 6-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte Joyce
Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker
Cindy Pearson

Nay:
None

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Topics to be Discussed

1. BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board confirm the travel listed is for official Board business and that it complies with the rules of the State Board of Education:

- November 30, 2021-December 3, 2021 - Tampa, FL - FSBA 76th Annual Joint Conference - Hershey

There was no public comment.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren Jones

Second: Kelly Coker

Board Member Hershey addressed the Board explaining she tries to steer away from Special Board Meetings and she realizes that this travel is the cause of this meeting but her reasoning for requesting approval is she originally intended to drive down and drive back the same day however with the vote for the Board of Directors being in consideration for withdrawal from the National School Board Association the meeting may last a little longer than normal so she will only be there for part of the conference and will have to return for a commitment on Thursday.

PASSED 6-0

Aye:

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

Nay:
None

SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Superintendent travel:

- December 1-2, 2021 - Tampa Bay, FL - FSBA/FADSS 76th Annual Joint Winter Conference

Vote Results:

Motion: Charlotte Joyce

Second: Warren A. Jones

PASSED 6-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte Joyce

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cindy Pearson

Nay:

None

3. PARTIAL WAIVER OF BOARD POLICY 3.27, EMERGENCIES

Motion:

That the School Board waive the portion of School Board Policy 3.27 Section I, that would result in the expiration of the current facial covering requirement for students unless continued in effect by action of the School Board.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Kelly Coker

Board Member Hershey questioned what exactly is being waived? Do parents have the right to opt out their student or is this the mask mandate?

Board Member Andersen arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Dr. Greene explained when the mandatory mask mandate was suspended, the policy was invoked by the Superintendent to allow her to make a decision as to what is being done until the next board meeting which is December 7, 2021. This allowed parents the opportunity to opt their students out.

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

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

Nay:
None

Chairman Willie requested to hear from Office of General Counsel concerning pending litigation to advise the Board how it should move forward.

Ms. Mairs shared information on pending cases and suggested a shade meeting at 5:00 p.m. on December 7, 2021 to discuss further.

Chairman Willie advised that Board Member schedules will be checked for availability to discuss.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman