

February 8, 2022, Board Workshop

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 Mr. Ray Poole, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. ATHLETIC FACILITIES AND FIELDS

Tammie Talley, Director of Athletics, shared a PowerPoint Presentation (see attached) with the Board Members. Questions or comments from the Board Members included the following:

- The district cost savings from the use of an artificial turf field
- The longevity of turf fields is 8-15 years
- The 10 year maintenance agreement costs for turf fields and what it covers
- Maintenance schedule for the fields
- Maintenance of Riverside High's football field
- The life schedule of the scoreboards
- Elementary schools have joint use with the City of Jacksonville for baseball and softball fields
- Identified schools that have softball fields
- Concession proceeds assist with field maintenance, uniforms, etc.
- Discussion about pools and maintenance
- Constituent complaints about pools should be directed to the City of Jacksonville
- The City of Jacksonville repairs and maintains the pools
- Completing surveys on other counties and comparing them to Duval County Public Schools
- The type of maintenance that is completed on softball fields

- Contact person for safety issues on the field
- Management of gym floors and the maintenance budget
- Maintenance budget for the entire district
- Recognition and appreciation for Ms. Talley and all of her hard work
- Exploration of naming rights to assist with the cost of scoreboards
- The decreased scoreboard funding

2. DISTRICT ARTS PROGRAMS

Laurie Hoppock, Director of the Arts, shared a PowerPoint Presentation (see attached) with the Board Members. Questions or comments from the Board Members included the following:

- Board Members thanked Ms. Hoppock for the presentation
- Clarity on art display dates
- Inviting legislature to the library to see the displayed art
- Teacher shortages and identifying how many students return to teach
- Challenges of Middle School Band programs
- Access to materials and equipment issues
- Retaining Middle School Band Directors
- Replacing all sound boards and the need for 5G sound boards
- Ways to reduce class size and what role class size plays
- Other opportunities for student engagement in Arts programs
- The existence of the District Arts Advisory Committee
- Fine Arts are important to the District and to the students
- Funding Challenges
- Ways to translate the work of an advisory committee into action
- Ensuring resources are placed where they need to
- Total Arts annual budget and what it looks like moving forward
- Fine Arts Expenditures
- Deferred maintenance
- Policy 2.36 and the Board requirement of an Arts Advisory Committee
- District review of Arts labeled schools and equity access to them
- The Magnet Office tries to ensure the magnet portion is operable from the school choice aspect
- All students having the opportunity for art exposure
- Art education options for each school
- Partnerships that can be created to assist with funding

The meeting recessed at 11:21 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 11:36 a.m.

3. SOFT SKILL CREDENTIALS

Corey Wright, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Assessment, shared a PowerPoint Presentation (see attached) with the Board Members. Questions or comments from the Board Members included the following:

- Alignment of local and state needs
- Right match for Duval creation
- Appreciation for the program
- Strategic plan for students that really need to be motivated with soft skills
- Implementation of Inspire with Elementary Schools

- Things available to students on a day to day basis vs. things worked for or motivated to
- Students are a product of their environment and the need for every student to be taught soft skills
- Meaningful learning
- Ensuring students are not profiled and recognizing that all students, even high performing students, need to be taught soft skills
- Many students are employed without soft skills
- The demonstration of problem solving and impulse control among students
- Benchmark measurements
- Task initiation
- Soft Skills identified by Duval County Public Schools

4. GOVERNANCE

Board Members discussed the following items:

- Involvement/Interest in Board Policy Chapter 2 discussions
- The need for updates on Board Policy Chapter 2
- Information discussed in Board Member to Member meetings has been shared with Brian McDuffie, Executive Director of Policy and Compliance.
- The board review of any changes that requires a vote.
- Need for Spanish and Burmese translators
- Update on window tinting for student safety
- Resolving unfinished business as it relates to the DCPS Foundation and the will of the Board.
- JPEF currently acts as the District foundation and is recognized at the state level.
- What other districts are doing.
- Feedback on what JPEF did in previous years.
- Collaboration improvement of current JPEF Board with School Board Members.
- Benefits of the Board having a separate 501(c)(3)
- Timeline for the Audit Advisory Committee
- Ensuring the protocols and staffing of the Audit Advisory Committee is set up correctly
- Microsoft Agreement with the District
- City of Jacksonville Redistricting Community Meeting Reminders
- Appreciation shown to Ms. Young for assistance with the Redistricting Community Meetings

Lenia Blades, Executive Director, Internal Board Auditor, shared information regarding outstanding business discussions that included the following:

- Internal Board Auditor Evaluation Dates
- External Auditor Presentation
- Timeline and input for establishment of the Audit Advisory Committee
- Expected level of support for the new Audit Advisory Committee

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Cindy Pearson

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Elizabeth Andersen

Cindy Pearson

Charlotte D. Joyce

Warren A. Jones

Lori Hershey

Kelly Coker

Darryl Willie

Nay:

None

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Superintendent

Chairman