



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

April 19, 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. 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 9:11 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - MAY 3, 2022

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES FOR 2022-2023

Discussion was held on the following topics:

- A request was made to have the National School Board Association (NSBA) removed from list as this will not be renewed, and replaced with the Consortium of State School Boards Associations (COSSBA). Board Member Pearson contacted Florida School Board Association (FSBA) to inquire about fees for becoming a member a COSSBA and advised that there would be no charge as FSBA is a founding member.
- Board Member Hershey stated there are plans for the COSSBA to be formally organized and for a Fall Conference.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLEMENTAL GOODS AND SERVICE FROM EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, INC.

Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent joined the discussion on the following:

- Board Member Joyce requested information on any data to support Acaletics. Dr. Greene advised that 2018-2019 was the pilot year for Acaletics, but in the year 2019-2020 there was an increase from 8-29% improvement in Math grades with this program. The Acaletics program is constantly bringing information back to reinforce learning and shows great progress in Title I schools. Dr. Greene explained what occurs in the classroom and why this program is showing positive results.

Professional Development is done in the classroom with students and videos are available for teachers to watch on every lesson and assist with planning.

- The financial impact of the program was discussed.
- Excitement was shared over the full year data to be reviewed.
- Appreciation for Dr. Greene's email over the weekend regarding the Governor's announcement, and questioned whether that changed any item(s) on this agenda. Dr. Greene stated that it does not change items 2 or 3 on this agenda. Impacts our core and will adjust once that is discussed and feedback is given from Florida Department of Education (FDOE). Publisher has stated they will be making changes.
- Discussion was held regarding the Science portion of this program and that it is only for 5th grade.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLEMENTAL GOODS AND SERVICE FROM SAVVAS LEARNING COMPANY LLC FOR SUCCESSMAKER MATH

Dr. Diana Greene, Paula Renfro, Chief Officer, Academic Services, and Victoria Schultz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Savvas was on the Governor's list that was pulled for 6th & 8th grades only and they advised us they will be resubmitting. One edition from Savvas was approved, one was not. Successmaker provides flexibility to cater to each school's needs, by providing teacher-led, small group, and individual pathways.
- Professional Development with our teachers and the Elevate teachers.
- Elevate teachers and schools have worked together to map out the standards to ensure they are on pace and feels this is a better solution than having a rotation of substitutes.
- Teacher as a safeguard, as the software will advise if there is an issue of just clicking answers. The teacher is able to gauge where a student is performing.
- Struggles with math in middle schools were there prior to the pandemic. Our responsibility as a district is to make sure we are getting the best product in front of the students, but nothing replaces a highly certified educator in front of the students.
- Once the Board approves, they will move forward with the use and training of this product.

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXTERNAL LEGAL SERVICES

Dr. Diana Greene, Ray Poole, Office of General Counsel, and Michelle Begley, Chief Financial Officer joined in the following discussions:

- The cap amount and any charges exceeding that amount. It was noted that there was not a previous cap, and no length of service dates are seen in the contract.
- A request was made to change the wording to specifically say that the amount above \$360,000 should be brought back before the Board for approval.
- Historic information to include success rate and amount of payouts. Dr. Greene advised this information is listed in the quarterly reports of amounts being paid and information regarding those.
- Possibility of seeking other firms, and issues in the interim with ongoing Worker's Comp matters as Counsel would need to be in place to handle these.
- Engaged the firm in 2012 to support the Worker's Comp program.
- Mr. Poole will confirm if the City uses the same two firms.
- Appreciation was expressed to the Office of General Counsel.
- A request was made to walk the Board through the process in writing for a better understanding.

OXYA-SAP HOSTING SOLUTION

Dr. Diana Greene and Jim Culbert, Chief Officer, Technology Services joined in the discussion:

- Mr. Culbert advised oXya-SAP is the Host for SAP. It is housed in New Jersey and California. We pay them to physically host outside of Florida due to hurricanes, etc. and we have been with them

for 7 years.

PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

Dr. Diana Greene, Mr. Paul Soares, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Operations, and Terrence Wright, Director of Purchasing, joined in the discussion:

- Mr. Soares stated the Office of Economic Opportunities (OEO) is inviting small businesses to workshops and other events to increase the number of OEO prequalified contractors.
- Mr. Wright stated they are holding workshops for OEO Construction Contractors.
- Chairman Willie stated that the Board needed to make sure we were doing all we could to help in this area.

ROOF REPLACEMENT AT FRANK H. PETERSON ACADEMIES NO. 280/DCSB PROJECT NO. P-83800/ITB-018-22/LM

Dr. Diana Greene, and Mr. Paul Soares joined in the discussion:

- Mr. Soares stated that this project is not a half-penny project, it is funded by Millage. It was budgeted through the Master Facilities Funding.

HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

Dr. Diana Green, and Mr. Paul Soares joined in the discussion:

- The financial impact of this item was discussed as well as the challenges of filling positions due to salary issues. It was stated this was an issue prior to the pandemic as we cannot match the \$70,000-\$80,000 salaries being offered for licensed HVAC..
- Professional development of current employees to keep them on track with new, more complex systems.
- Response times for outages and issues will be better with this contract.
- Request that the wording in the contract be changed to include all that is included in this price, such as parts, etc.
- Investing in positions/people to try to retain current employees.
- This is a continuation of the contract with the addition of more schools, which will give a greater response time.

NEW K-5 PROTOTYPE AT SOUTHSIDE ESTATES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - AWARD OF DESIGN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT - PROJECT RFQ NO. 06-22/TW PROJECT NO. P-91660

NEW K-5 PROTOTYPE AT HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - AWARD OF DESIGN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT - PROJECT RFQ NO. 06-22/TW - PROJECT NO. P-91670

Dr. Diana Greene joined in the discussion:

- The number of Prototypes that would be considered with the desire to build modern, attractive and timeless buildings. This would also have to take into consideration if building an entire new facility or re-building around an existing buildings(s). Presentation is forthcoming in Board Workshop presentation.

CASTALDI ANALYSIS FOR SOUTHSIDE ESTATES AND HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

- Hold discussions until after the Board Workshop presentation. No item adjustments were confirmed by Dr. Diana Greene.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES GSA'S 1, 12, 3, 4, AND 5 - CONTRACT AMENDMENTS

Dr. Diana Greene and Mr. Paul Soares joined in the discussion:

- Adding the opportunity of vans to support smaller groups of students verses using a big bus for

small numbers. This will help reduce the time students are on buses.

- Van drivers do not require a Commercial Drivers' License, which is a barrier to obtaining drivers.
- The vans will be used for ESE, disabled and rural students.
- Vans could be mini-vans and 9 passenger vans.
- Appearance of vans.
- Appreciation expressed for working this out for students and families.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Adjournment**1. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman