



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

May 3, 2022, Regular 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 Mr. Ray Poole, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

FORT CAROLINE MIDDLE SCHOOL OF THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Through a video, Fort Caroline Middle School was highlighted. Principal, Chelvert Wellington shared additional features of the school. He thanked various staff members and Vice-Chairman Dr. Coker for their support with regards to the groundbreaking of the theater.

Vice-Chairman, Dr. Coker thanked Principal Wellington for his leadership and expressed accolades regarding the school. She also thanked the other Board Members for their support.

TEACHER APPRECIATION MONTH

Chief Officer of Communications, Dr. Tracy Pierce, read the Teacher Appreciation Month Resolution.

Chairman Willie thanked all teachers for their hard work.

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Dr. Tracy Pierce, read the Mental Health Month Resolution.

Communications

EAST COAST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS AWARDS

Dinsmore and Thomas Jefferson Elementary Schools were recognized as 2 schools out of 26 schools in the state to receive the Exceeding Expectations Award from the East Coast Technical Assistance Center (ECTAC), which was presented by the Director, Marjorie Murray.

- ECTAC is a network of 47 Florida school districts. They are in their eighth year of presenting these awards.
- The awards are given to Title 1 schools who meet stringent criteria including being above the state median on the Florida State Assessments in English Language Arts and math proficiency, learning gains, lower quartile learning gains, and science.
- Dinsmore and Thomas Jefferson both met 100 percent of the criteria.
- Each school receives a plaque and a donation check. Also, the principal of each school receives an award.

RECOGNITION OF HEALTH RELATED STAFF

A group of professionals who have been on the front lines in battling what has been an unprecedented pandemic. These are our school nurses and health service-related staff.

- Health service administrators who have worked diligently to support medical staff across the district:
 - Elizabeth Trisotto, Director of Nursing Services
 - Jowann Wade, Supervisor of Nursing Services
 - Calandra Legare, Technical Manager of Nursing Services
 - Gerrica Thaxton, Technical Manager of Nursing Services
 - Shelby Archer, Technical Manager of Nursing Services

Some of the work that has been done includes:

- Provided over 4,500 employee COVID-19 tests throughout the district.
- Administered almost 4,000 COVID-19 vaccines.
- Distributed 48,000 Ellume Test Kits to schools for symptomatic student use
- Maintained the COVID-19 dashboard and reporting all COVID-19 cases to the Florida Department of Health.

- Implemented Hazel Health, which is an initiative to provide virtual physical and mental health services to students at no cost.

Three school nurses were recognized for their years of service with the district. Each of them has served in the district for more than 20 years:

- Kelly Dekin of Mt. Herman Exceptional Education Center has been with the district for over 26 years.
- Mary Louise Daniel of Mandarin Oaks Elementary has been with the district for over 25 years.
- And Lisa Guillianio of Alden Road has been with the district for over 20 years.

MICROSOFT SHOWCASE SCHOOL: NEPTUNE BEACH ELEMENTARY

Neptune Beach Elementary School was awarded this honor after completing a rigorous journey that began in 2020 when they first applied for this distinction. To achieve their goal, the school implemented a plan called the Education Transformation Framework. This required staff to focus on implementing technology in four key areas:

- Leadership & policy
- Teaching & learning
- Intelligent environments
- Student & school success

This involved a lot of commitment from the school, but they persevered even through personal health challenges among school leaders. Their hard work paid off, and this year, Microsoft announced they had officially selected Neptune Beach as a Showcase School! They stand as the district's first and only school to earn this recognition.

Neptune Beach Elementary is now part of an exclusive global community, recognized and celebrated for educational transformation that includes vision and innovation in teaching, learning, and preparing students for the future.

ASUG THINK TANK VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: CYNTHIA SEABURN

Cindy Seaburn, Supervisor of ERP/SAP Systems, goes above and beyond to make sure the district utilizes best practices with its internal business system, known as SAP. This is the system the district uses for all of the internal business processes including budgeting, accounting, and payroll.

Part of her success has taken place while being a volunteer with ASUG since 2012 and her supervisors say that her work with ASUG has allowed the district to better implement SAP and problem solve SAP issues. Ms. Seaburn specifically works to network with other SAP users, putting together six web calls during the year and highlighting relevant topics for K-12 organizations.

In 2014, Ms. Seaburn was invited to join the Florida chapter of ASUG as the Jacksonville Market Lead and was recently named as Volunteer of the Year for ASUG, which her colleagues say is much deserved.

NATIONAL HONOR BAND: MITCHELL SEFTON

Samuel Wolfson High School sophomore student, Mitchell Sefton:

- Musical talents have awarded him the opportunity to travel internationally.
- Wolfson's clarinet section leader auditioned and was selected for the All-District Honor Band, made up of students from Duval and Nassau counties.
- Selected for the All-State Concert Band where he was chosen from hundreds of auditions throughout the state.
- Performed a level 6 clarinet solo at the district 17 Solo and Ensemble Festival where he received a superior rating, which in turn qualified him for state.
- Nominated by his band director Cristina Ledford, Mitchell sent in an audition video for the Worldstrides Honors Performance Series, and was selected for a seat in the High School Honors Band this summer in Vienna, Austria.
- Received the Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

DCCPTA: STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY RECOGNITIONS

A special group of seniors was recognized for being selected as exceptional student leaders of the Duval County Council Parent Teacher Association (DCCPTA) Student Leadership Academy:

- The academy was developed in 2010. Students in 9th through 12th grade are nominated to the academy through each high school principal and PTSA board.
- Through the academy, students receive training to help them advocate for themselves, their education, their classmates, and their school.
- The students are also taught professional development and etiquette.
- The honorees have all shown commitment and excellence in their academic journey and represent eight schools.
- The students were directed by the following:
 - Former DCCPTA President, Felita Tutt
 - DCCPTA President, Kay Hawkins
 - DCCPTA Vice-President, Tiffanie Graham
- DCCPTA 2022 Student Leadership Academy:
 - DCCPTA Student Representative, Julius Graham III
 - Larry Clarke
 - Laura Cumper
 - Jacob Gordon
 - Kyra Jones
 - Allison Krueger
 - Grade Long
 - Keegan Maclean
 - Kylee Murphy
 - Kile Nacoste
 - Terren Peterson
 - Connor Posgay
 - Dominique Snodey

SPACE MAILBOX WINNERS: CHAFFEE TRAIL ELEMENTARY

A group of 5th grade students participated in an out-of-this world mission in February 2022:

- The students put their design and engineering skills to work to build a space mailbox for the district wide Space Mailbox competition.
- The students brought their design to life and were crowned the space mailbox winners with their astronaut-shaped mailbox.
- Director of Science for the school district, Dr. Yvonne Spinner stated: "This was a design and engineering project teaching them to use their creativity to build something under certain specifications. Here in Jacksonville, we're a part of the space coast and there are so many different organizations and careers that they might decide to enter if they only experienced space a little sooner. So, this is our opportunity to make sure they have those experiences that they might not normally have access to."
- The Space Mailbox competition was sponsored through a collaboration with MOSH, STEM2Hub, and Blue Origins/Club for the Future, an Amazon non-profit.
- The following students received the Superintendent's Coin of Excellence along with their Science Coach, Mariekuh Sistrunk:
 - Laney Blount
 - Madison Rogers
 - Olivia McLean
 - Liana Ceragioli
 - Trinity Evans

NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD WINNERS

Ten students were recognized as recipients of the gold and silver National Scholastic Art Awards. The students who received a gold medal will have their work placed on display in New York City at the national exhibitions and portfolio awards. Some may even receive cash prizes. There were no bronze medals awarded.

Gold medal winners:

- Solara Cotton
- Femi Fatoku
- Camille Faustino, who submitted two pieces and also received a silver medal
- Ethan Heath, who also received the American Visions Medal
- Jerrell Crawford

Silver Medal winners:

- Ella Disch
- Mathew Richey
- Eve Wilson
- Elias Tannous
- Alyssa Giraud

~~TEACHER APPRECIATION: SUE HIGHTOWER - WITHDRAWN~~

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH FLORIDA

- Community and business partners that support Team Duval aid in providing the best overall experience for students and staff across the district.
- Goodwill Industries of North Florida has joined the District to discuss programs and educational pathways throughout the district.
- For over 80 years, Goodwill has been removing barriers from employment through education, training and career opportunities. President and CEO, David Rey has emphasized education as a pathway to success.

Mr. Rey shared a favorite quote by Nelson Mandela: "Education is the most powerful weapon we have to change the world." He then mentioned a few of the programs available to the students and those who are supporting various programs.

BUSINESS PARTNER RECOGNITIONS: COACH

A business partner who made Teacher Appreciation Week very special.

- Tapestry, the brand that includes names in its company's portfolio such as Coach and Kate Spade, has donated approximately 1400 Coach-branded items including wallets, purses, and even some briefcases... to thank local teachers for all they do to support and educate our students every day.
- These items are being distributed to teachers throughout the district in recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Week.

Senior Director of Distribution Operations for the Jacksonville Distribution Center, Cristin Nestor, was in attendance to show support.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 3, 2022, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the May 3, 2022, agenda as submitted on April 26, 2022, with the following changes:

- **Board Members - Resolution Regarding Parental Rights in Education - Attachment Name Amended to Align with Agenda Title**
- **Academic Services - Approval of the Purchase of Supplemental Goods and Services from SAVVAS Learning Company, LLC for Successmaker Math - Attachment Added**
- **Communications - Teacher Appreciation: Sue Hightower - Item Withdrawn**

Vote Results:

Motion: Lori Hershey

Second: Elizabeth Andersen

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson

Nay:

None

Chairperson's Report

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Chairman Willie reviewed the Master Facilities Plan (see attached).

Superintendent's Reports

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Superintendent, Dr. Diana Greene, reviewed the following topics:

- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Senior Career Fair
- Kindergarten Registration
- End-of-Year Testing Reminders
- Upcoming Graduations
- Recognition of Teacher, Sue Hightower
- Arts for All Event - Cummer Museum (played a video)

Department Reports

No reports.

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

No report.

Public Comment

The following spoke in favor of the Parental Rights Bill/Resolution:

- Melissa Bernhardt (also spoke against the millage tax rate)
- Marjorie Watkins (also spoke against the millage tax rate)
- Kathleen Perera
- Carlos Perera
- Reginald Blount

- Seber Newsome III (also spoke against the millage tax rate)
- Myron Blanken
- Ann Hill
- Holli Dean
- Steve Schneider
- Gordon Terry
- Robert Lawrence
- Josh Nathanson
- Rebecca Nathanson
- Pamela Allen
- Martha Terry (Not available)
- Quisha King
- Brian Morrill
- Mary Kathleen Murray
- Katherine Nichols
- Debbie DeSipio
- Jason French
- Gerri Woodham
- Bondarenko Bogdan
- Kathleen Aguiliano (also spoke against the millage tax rate)
- Joey Marno
- Phil DeSipio (Not available)
- Sonny Bartley
- Wendell Perez
- Mara Macie (also spoke against the millage tax rate)
- Danny Grabill
- Mable Lee Quina (also spoke against the millage tax rate)
- Peyton Quina (also spoke against the millage tax rate)
- Carol Thomas
- Lois Tague
- Clayton Barnes (Not available)
- Michelle Tipton
- Lori Crunden
- Sharri Godard
- Nicole Ferreira
- Margaret Latimer (also spoke against the millage tax rate)
- Michael Latimer (Not available)
- Blake Harper
- Heather Hartwick (Not available)
- Natalie Dreyer
- Raymond Johnson II
- Wade C. Mask
- Brittany Mask
- Sharon Mask
- Aaron DiPietro
- Kiyan Michael
- Bobby Michael
- Kandace Lee Knutson (Not available)

- Kenneth Morrow Jr. (also spoke against the millage tax rate)
- James Bruner
- Angela Reichenbach (Not available)
- James Radloff
- Artem Medvedeva (Not available)
- Mazia Medvedeva (Not available)
- Maxima Calix
- Lilian Gines (Not available)
- Robert Wilson (Not available - against sex education; LGBT; CRT on speaker card.)
- Joseph Batchelor
- Lucy Frehnett (Not available - against teaching sex in school.)

The following spoke in opposition to the Parental Rights Bill/Resolution:

- Randal Lessen
- Erika d'Amore
- Peter Gibson (Not available)
- Sandra Bond
- Ale Ingram
- Blake Guthrie
- Emily Maass
- Yaroslav Brychka
- Lliana Komisarenko
- Jordon Wells
- Crystal Maass

Board Member Jones inquired of Superintendent Dr. Greene about the number of 'F' schools in Duval County based on the statement that was made. Dr. Greene stated there were zero schools.

Jamie Wells spoke about her former position working with the CDC Dash Grant/LGBTQ Program.

Mary Ann Harden (Not available - School Parental Rights on speaker card.)

Darlene Miller spoke about child safety; support and resources for autistic children.

Charles Garrison (Not available - 'Don't Say Gay' proposed Resolution.)

Recessed at 9:36 p.m.

Resumed at 9:48 p.m.

Jasmin Gomez (Not available - Read USA tutoring program on speaker card.)

Daniel Dudley (Not available - Wise counsel on speaker card.)

Merridly Lloyd (Not available - Children are precious and need Godly instruction on speaker card.)

Phyllis Kabbani (Not available - Parental Rights on speaker card.)

Speakers in favor of the Parental Rights Bill/Resolution continued:

- Adam Gordon
- Danon Winter
- Ericson Kho (Not available)
- Rosalie Kho (Not available)
- Aaron Tyler (Not available)
- Robert Thomas (Not available)
- Jan Thomas (Not available)

- Sarah Tyler (Not available)
- Susan Gillingham (Not available)
- Ryan Austin (Not available)
- Tiffany Patton (Not available)
- Early Testy
- Russ Austin (Not available)
- Debbie Austin (Not available)
- Charles Gallagher (Not available)
- Erik LeMaster (Not available)
- Pamela Henry (Not available)
- Susan Callahan (Not available)
- Nathan DiPietro
- Mandy Andrews
- Beverly Banta (Not available)
- Megan Ray (Not available)
- Bernita Nolan (Not available)
- Linda Watson (Not available)
- Bill Lewis

Speakers in opposition to the Parental Rights Bill/Resolution continued:

- Dr. Scott Sowell
- Carnell Oliver
- Dan Stewart
- Ariel Darel
- Jack Crider
- Rebekah Bell
- Queen Greene
- Dr. Lorna Bracewell
- Dr. Benjamin Allen
- Katie Wisner (also spoke about ESE services)
- Katie Hathaway
- Olivia Tavill
- Kim Gossett
- Rosalind Hoffman
- Darellee Naccarab
- Eileen Krinsky
- Dr. Daniel Velasco
- Michael Anderson

Chairman Willie inquired about any additional speakers being in the overflow room so as to get an idea on how many speakers were remaining for the evening.

MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING PAST 11:00 P.M. TO COMPLETE PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board extend the Regular Board Meeting past 11:00 p.m. to

complete Public Comment.

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Warren A. Jones

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

Nay:

None

Board Member Hershey mentioned having a discussion about the time for speakers, being that there were about 50 speakers left and the time it would take to complete the Public Comments.

Board Member Jones wanted to show respect to those who came to the meeting to speak and suggested possibly extending to midnight and having the remaining speakers come back to another meeting.

Board Member Andersen suggested hearing the remaining speakers and the Board returning at another time to handle business.

Board Member Pearson mentioned that she was willing to stay and listen to the speakers.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Coker concurred with regards to staying to listen to the remaining speakers and for the Board to return another time to handle business.

Board Member Joyce concurred with the extending of time to listen to the remaining speakers. She also explained about wanting the Board to have a conversation about the Resolution, the public being able to hear the conversation, and if the Board could not complete their business, that they would bring the Resolution back to the next Regular Board meeting.

Vice-Chair Dr. Coker expressed her concern as the Resolution was an item on the agenda.

Mr. Poole requested for clarification about Board Member Joyce wanting to pull the item from the agenda and put it on another agenda.

Other Board Members wanted to get back on track with the motion to extend the meeting to complete the public comment.

Mr. Poole summed up what the thoughts were of the Board Members.

The following spoke in favor of the Parental Rights Bill/Resolution:

- Gay Allen (Not available)
- Susan Lariviere (Not available)
- Kaitlyn Marshall (Not available)
- Wendy Price (Not available)
- Pat Villa
- Tammy Avis (Not available)
- Douglas Bailey (Not available)
- Gaberiel Quiada
- Lee Leleux
- Meryl Vogel
- Annette Guarino
- Rebecca Fussell
- Lora Alban
- Stephanie Shott
- Betty Hayes
- Jeffrey Stanley
- Dr. Carmen Martinez (Not available)
- Diane Jenkins
- Clayton Thompson
- Jennifer Losco
- Jon Chuba (Not available)
- Nick Tcherniavsky (Not available)
- Gail Tcherniavsky (Not available)
- Meredith Hollady (Not available)
- Dennis McGinley (Not available)
- Katie McNeal
- William Tucker (Not available)
- Maria Colibaseanu
- Candi Carver (Not available)
- Jessica Villmow (Not available)
- DeAnna Adamson (Not available)
- Andre Cardy (Not available)
- Kendra Villmow (Not available)
- Michelle Wise (Not available)
- Judy Beaufoeuf (Not available)
- Yuriy Bota (Not available)
- April Carney
- Nadezhda Bota (Not available)
- Maya Morozen (Not available)
- Azorova Kristling (Not available)
- Aleksei Azaron (Not available)
- Livdmila Burlak (Not available)
- Jennifer Gaskins
- Cossett O'Connor (Not available)
- Tetiana Bond (Not available)
- Luda Ponkraton (Not available)
- Inessa Vankor (Not available)

- Alena Chekhovskaya (Not available - also against CRT on speaker card.)
- Yelena Laukina (Not available)
- Ganna Donytrenko (Not available)
- Valeria Veeratemn (Not available)
- Alena Parkhats (Not available)
- Brian Kennedy (Not available)
- Rachel Murdoch
- Stephanie Taylor (Not available)
- Carlos Frias (Not available)
- Nancy Frias (Not available)
- Kim Flynn (Not available)
- Brittany Marquart (Not available)
- Olga Halamaha (Not available)
- Tammy Weinzatl (Not available)
- Alina Kovalova (Not available)
- Nadia Pearenko (Not available)
- Svetlana Morozov (Not available)
- Tyler McNulty (Not available)
- Kaylee McNulty (Not available)
- Deborah Elliott (Not available)
- Anne Schoff (Not available)
- Cosoba Darp (Not available)
- Jennifer Teknipp (Not available)
- Billie Sue Barnes (Not available)
- Mary Ann Harden (Not available)
- Joseph Steward (Not available)
- LaCiara MaAline (Not available - also had Critical Race Theory is a racist agenda on speaker card.)

The following spoke in opposition to the Parental Rights Bill/Resolution:

- Dr. Ray Malhot
- Dr. Mary Lee Cunill
- Amy Kearney
- Kendra Stoddard
- Ashton Roberts
- Cynthia Watson
- Dan Merkan
- Dr. Katie Mahon
- Sarah Daniels
- Leah Kennelly
- Stephanie Donelan
- Shannon Shanklin
- Emory Conrad
- Gabriela Ramos-King
- Emily Rokosch
- Hope McMath
- Daniel Henry
- Stephanie Szynczyk

- Chris Crooms
- Tyreese Learmond
- Michelle McGurr (Not available)
- Kerry Burke-McCloud
- Manuel Velasquez
- Skye Pennington (Not available)
- Jenny Pennington (Not available)
- Mason Boykin (Not available)
- Erin DuPristle
- Bill Hoff
- Jill Herrera (Not available)
- James Eddy (Not available)
- Kimberly Townsend
- Jennifer Jones
- Courtney Walker (Not available)
- Susan D. (Not available)
- Nina Perez
- Denise Lee
- Jake Stonecypher (Not available)
- Willa Close (Not available)
- Christian Torres (Not available)
- Dan Clapp (Not available)
- Dr. Jennifer Cowart (Not available)
- Victor Barousse (Not available)
- Alexander Romero (Not available)
- Jimmy Peluso (Not available)
- Chanley Dudley (Not available)
- Corey Brown (Not available)
- Zachery Williams (Not available)
- Laura Bennett
- Kat Harris
- Marissa Bennett
- Jackson Gilpin (Not available)
- Jessica Willson (Not available)
- Ember Eyster
- Leanne Groll (Not available)
- Joann Huot (Not available)
- Samantha Jamel (Not available)
- Lara Ragunes (Not available)
- Phillip Perry (Not available)
- Joshua Hicks (Not available)
- Wendy Collins
- Lisa Gronley (Not available)
- Hannah Wells (Not available)
- Zachary Walburg (Not available)
- Patrick Perkins (Not available)
- Kyle Stuard (Not available)
- Jimmy Midyette (Not available)

- Thomas Hill (Not available)
- Dr. Raoul Sanchez (Not available)

Blake Osner (Not available - had #22 Resolution on speaker card.)

Chris Guerrieri (Not available - Don't Say Gay Resolution on speaker card.)

Corinne Fennelly (Not available - Bill 1557 on speaker card.)

Houda Rabah (Not available - Floating holidays, Eid Celebration, and Ramadan on speaker card.)

John Turner (Not available - Mandarin High School traffic hazard on speaker card.)

Liz Figura spoke about 'Don't Say Gay'

Christine Speight (Not available - Resolution #22 on speaker card.)

Ami Flynn (Not available - Resolution on speaker card.)

Ted Macie (Not available - school issue)

The following had comments about the principal appointment for Douglas Anderson School of the Arts:

- Elnora Atkins (Not available)
- Maurice Dickerson (Not available)
- Alexia Robinson (Not available)
- Chantel H. (Not available)
- Shay-La Evans (Not available)
- Rev. Dr. Helen D. Jackson (Not available)
- Christine Pinnock (Not available)

MOTION TO CONTINUE AND COMPLETE THE BUSINESS OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board continue and complete the business of the Regular Board Meeting.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cindy Pearson

Second: Lori Hershey

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Cindy Pearson

Lori Hershey

Elizabeth Andersen

Kelly Coker

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Darryl Willie

Nay:

None

Board Member Hershey shared her thoughts about the time that the Board Members had already put in and what was left on the agenda. She expressed that things should just be wrapped up.

Board Member Jones concurred with Board Member Hershey.

Board Member Andersen inquired if there was a separate hearing for each Board policy that was on the agenda. The response was no.

Comments from Parent Organizations

No comments.

Comments from District Student Government Association

No comments.

Comments from Employee Organizations

No comments.

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board minutes:

- **March 23, 2022 - Policy Handbook Review Committee Meeting**
- **April 5, 2022 - Regular Board Meeting**
- **April 12, 2022 - Auditor Selection Committee Meeting**
- **April 12, 2022 - Board Workshop**
- **April 13, 2022 - Student Expulsion Hearing**
- **April 19, 2022 - Agenda Committee Meeting**
- **April 19, 2022 - Board Workshop**

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Kelly Coker

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Elizabeth Andersen

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce
Cindy Pearson

Nay:
None

Approval of Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:
That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote Results:
Motion: Lori Hershey
Second: Warren A. Jones

PASSED 7-0

Aye:
Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson

Nay:
None

Consent Agenda

Board Members

1. DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES FOR 2022-2023

Academic Services

2. APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLEMENTAL GOODS AND SERVICES FROM EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, INC.
3. APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLEMENTAL GOODS AND SERVICES FROM SAVVAS LEARNING COMPANY LLC FOR SUCCESSMAKER MATH

Human Resource Services - Staffing

4. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

5. AUTHORIZATION FOR EXTERNAL LEGAL SERVICES

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

6. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FEBRUARY 2022
7. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS – MARCH 2022

Information Technology

8. oXya-SAP HOSTING SOLUTION

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

9. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS
10. PERIODIC REPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS AND FINAL INSPECTIONS OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER \$1,000,000.
11. CHANGE ORDER REPORT
12. ROOF REPLACEMENT AT FRANK H. PETERSON ACADEMIES NO. 280/DCSB PROJECT NO. P-83800/ITB-018-22/LM
13. HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENTS
14. 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

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

16. CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION AUDIT SERVICES, SELECTION AND CONTRACT AWARD/RFP NO. 07-22/TW

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

Operations - Transportation

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

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

19. ROUTINE AND EMERGENCY TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL - AWARD

20. MARCH 2022 PURCHASE REPORT

21. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

Discussion

Board Members

22. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION LAW

Board Member Pearson stated that staff members had indicated twice their intentions to revise the policy and procedures that would be affected by legislation from the 2022 Legislative Session that Governor DeSantis signed into law. And, given that staff members have completed a review of the manual referred to in the Resolution. And given that staff members regularly provide the Board with updates to Board Policy, she did not feel that the Resolution was the most effective governance tool that the Board could use to ensure compliance with new legislation.

She moved that the proposed resolution be tabled in order to extend staff the professional courtesy of completing their work and report the results to the Board and the public in a workshop.

Due to the motion to table the item, there would be no discussion on the item.

Point of order:

Board Member Joyce asked the following:

- The tabling of the discussion of the resolution.
- At what point would it be brought back? Chairman Willie responded that it was indefinite.
- The procedure for bringing the resolution back. Mr. Poole stated that someone would need to move at a later meeting to bring it back up to remove it from the table, which would require a second, and a vote. He added that tabling and taking off the table is not subject to debate or discussion.

MOVE TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION LAW

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to table the Resolution in support of the Parental Rights in Education Law.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: Lori Hershey

PASSED 6-1

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

Nay:

Charlotte D. Joyce

Chief of Staff

23. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 2 BOARD POLICIES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the recommended revisions to the following policies in School Board Manual Chapter2:

Policy 2.12, Orientation Of Board Members

Policy 2.13, Responsibilities And Authority Of The Board

Policy 2.14, Superintendent Evaluation

Policy 2.15, Constituent Service

Policy 2.16, Districtwide Planning, Reporting, And Continuous Improvement

Policy 2.18, Data Dashboard

Policy 2.20, Professional Development And Standards For Certificated Personnel

Policy 2.21, Professional Development Inservice For Non-Instructional Personnel

Policy 2.22, Board Member Request For Information

Policy 2.26, Board Meeting Protocol And Format

Policy 2.32, School Advisory Council

Policy 2.34, District Student Government Association

Policy 2.35, Board Committees

Vote Results:

Motion: Kelly Coker

Second: Warren A. Jones

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

Nay:

None

24. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 8 BOARD POLICIES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the recommended revisions to the following policy in School Board Manual Chapter 8:

Policy 8.41, Use and Care of Driver Education Cars.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Lori Hershey

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

Nay:

None

Board Member Travel

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:

- **That the Duval County School Board approve all sitting members of the Board to travel to Tallahassee for Legislative purposes from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Travel is not expected to exceed \$500 per Board Member per trip.**

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Lori Hershey

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

Nay:

None

Superintendent's Travel

SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL

Motion:

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

- **May 1-2, 2022 - Orlando, FL - Florida Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (FIAAA) 2022 Awards Ceremony**
- **May 10-12, 2022 - Key West, FL - Florida Department of Education (FDOE) State Board of Education Meeting**
- **June 8-10, 2022 - Tampa, FL - Florida School Board Association (FSBA) / Florida Association District School Superintendents (FADSS) Annual Joint Summer Conference**

Vote Results:**Motion:** Kelly Coker**Second:** Elizabeth Andersen**PASSED 7-0****Aye:**

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

Nay:

None

For The Record

Board Member Jones expressed, 'Good night.'

Board Member Joyce expressed that she was taking the opportunity to share with the Board the purpose of her bringing the resolution before the Board:

- At a Board Workshop, one of the Board Members had a conversation about her displeasure with the new Parents' Rights in Education Bill.
- The Bill supports Parental Rights, and she was not sure if what the Board Member was saying really made sense with all the misinformation based on what the Bill really said.
- Mentioned about there being no discussion due to the resolution being tabled and that it was already law.
- Around the state of Florida and the nation, there is so much controversy about what's surrounding this Parents' Rights in Education Bill.
- Wanted to take a deeper dive and look and go through the law and what it says.
- There is much misinformation about the Parents' Rights in Education Bill, which is titled the 'Don't Say Gay Bill'.
- There was a lot of testimony and comments from the public expressing that there is discrimination against gay and lesbian parents. Expressions that the District is not going to support gay students, lesbian students, and transgender students.
- Thoughts that the resolution and bill are hateful and against children, that it is discriminatory, and that children are being bullied in school.
- Board Member Joyce read selected excerpts from the Bill.
- The Parents' Bill of Rights, fundamentally, is not discriminatory, does not discriminate against any students, does not say that we don't like gay or transgender students, does not allow kindergarten teachers to talk about family if they have gay or lesbian parents.

Board Member Joyce expressed that the law was created because parents have the right to the information. She also mentioned that as she dug deeper as to why the legislature brought this before the House, she wondered if one of the primary reasons was testimony by a lady named Ms. January Littlejohn. Board Member

Joyce sought out to hear Ms. Littlejohn's testimony, listened to her podcast, and reached out and had a conversation with her. Board Member Joyce briefly shared Ms. Littlejohn's story with the Board Members. She spoke about the Gender Transition Form, which is the same form that DCPS has in the LGBTQ+ Guide. Board Member Joyce felt as though it would be important for the Board to have the conversation because the community should know where the Board stands regarding this matter and that the Board is going to support and abide by the law. She wanted to bring a resolution to acknowledge what the law says, to talk about why the law was needed, the LGBTQ+ support plan, and about parents not being included in the conversation. She added that we are creating an environment that is teaching children not to trust their parents, that we know better than their parents, and that children can confide in us. She wanted to thank the Governor and the Legislator for doing this, because parents would not have ever known it was going on in the state of Florida.

Board Member Hershey shared the following:

- She served as a hall monitor for FSA testing at Mandarin Oaks Elementary School.
 - Witnessed a teachable moment when a teacher used donuts to teach math to her students.
- Attended the READ USA bookfair at Crown Point Elementary School.
- Safety improvements are taking place at both Mandarin Oaks and Crown Point Elementary Schools. Banners were displayed saying 'Your 1/2 Penny at Work' and cranes at each site.
- Congratulated the Class of 2022.
- Encouraged people to take part of the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5th.

Board Member Hershey spoke on the LGBTQ+ Guide which was established through a policy equity that came out in 2012, and has been updated through the years. She inquired of Mr. Poole on the status of the Guide regarding the revision, so as to be aligned with the new law. Mr. Poole responded that OGC has revised the Guide for alignment and has returned it to the District.

Board Member Pearson stated that she would be writing thank you notes to those whom she would have been bragging about at the meeting. She also reminded staff that a workshop needed to be scheduled in order to thoroughly review the manual.

Board Member Andersen shared the following:

- Acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Day, even though the day had passed. It was still Teacher Appreciation Week, so she thanked all the teachers for their hard work.
- Reminder about Mental Health Awareness Month and encouraged everyone to wear green on Thursday, May 5th.
- Recognized Mayport Elementary School for being announced as the Community First School of the Month for March.
- Wished students luck on testing, don't stress, enjoy the end of the school year.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Coker shared "this evening I feel compelled to address our earlier board discussion. I am not going to speculate on the intent in bringing this resolution, but I do want to commend my colleagues for, once again, handling a difficult situation with grace. This board has a rich tradition of bringing resolutions which encourage our community to respond to concerns that are not being addressed by law. For example, Board Member Warren Jones brought a resolution regarding the inhuman living conditions of our children who reside in the Eureka Gardens Apartment Complex, Board Member Lori Hershey brought a resolution that aimed at preventing sext trafficking of children in our city, and Board Member Elizabeth Andersen recently brought a resolution that addressed the need of adults to secure personal firearms in an effort to protect our children from harm. This evening we stayed consistent with the types of actions we have taken in the past around using resolutions to promote important issues for our children. By tabling the issues presented tonight to ensure that thoughtful, robust discussion can be had regarding if a resolution is even needed or if it is needed what is the language that is appropriate.

While I cannot control the actions of my colleagues, what I can promise my constituents and my fellow board members is that I will focus on the job I was elected to do. We have children who go home each day to worlds where poverty is at unacceptable levels, they lack in the basic necessities which we all take for granted, and many of these children read below grade level. That is what we should be focused on. Additionally, we have teachers and school leaders who are doing their level best each day to care for every child that walks through our doors. As a long-time educator in this school district, I will not engage in dialogue that makes their jobs any more challenging than they already are or that further drives even more individuals from a profession that matters to me."

All the Best-

Chairman Willie thanked all who came to listen and speak at the meeting and shared the following:

It is our obligation to create a conducive environment for all of our kids and our families, regardless of their structure, what they look like, or how they identify as LGBTQ. They're the families we have in our schools, and they're there interacting. I want to make sure that we know that. There was a lot said tonight and I want to make sure we are living in facts. We're not indoctrinating, we're not grooming, and the instruction in K-3 is not happening. So, I don't want us to listen to the redderick that was heard tonight and continue it on because that is not where we are. We have to live in what we believe and interact between what the actual reality is, and keeping our kids safe. And tonight, it was unfortunate to hear so much come out that is not true. And also, the fact that we have a Guide, we are going to uphold the law. The Guide is in place right now, it is going to OGC and being looked at through Legal. So, all the things that were said tonight are not pertinent. The fact that you did not see parents from Duval schools talking about the issues is because you didn't have it, we don't have those issues, and we're not seeing those issues. I want to make sure we're living, in our protocols and, as a Board, I appreciate this Board. We want to give this the due diligence that it deserves and, if that is the case, we should go through the proper protocols and have the discussion. It also puts the staff in a very precarious spot. They have already been doing their due diligence to take care of this and it basically circumvents that and it doesn't even acknowledge that. So, I want to give credit to the staff who have actually taken advantage and are already doing the things we want them to do. So, at the end of the day, these decisions are made for that reason, and I appreciate the Board for voting the way they did tonight.

He added that he would do his shout out on social media, and thank everyone for their time.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 a.m.

GC

Superintendent

Chairman