



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

May 17, 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

This meeting was called to order at 11:23 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - JUNE 7, 2022

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD REAPPORTIONMENT

- Copies of maps were requested and it was requested that they be attached to this item online.

POWERSCHOOL ONLINE ASSESSMENT AND DATA ANALYSIS SYSTEM FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent and Mr. Corey Wright, Assistant Superintendent, Accountability and Assessment joined in the discussion on the following:

- Dr. Greene stated PowerSchool will continue to be used once the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) takes over progress monitoring as it is a tool connected to teacher evaluation. Mr. Wright stated this will continue to monitor all studies, not just math and language arts.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR LINDAMOOD-BELL SEEING STARS READING INTERVENTION (K-5)

Dr. Diana Greene and Ms. Paula Renfroe, Chief Officer, Academic Services joined in the discussion on the following:

- Lindamood-Bell is highly recognized for working with students with significant reading challenges in the area of dyslexia. It is very scriptive, using encoding and decoding to work with small groups of one or very small groups of children to fill the learning gaps and address the portion of the brain that needs the information 300 times more than the typical reader.

- This current year, it was rolled out to ESE teachers and next year this will allow the district to train all teachers at the elementary level.
- Excitement and appreciation was expressed for finding products to help close the achievement gap for students with disabilities.

AGREEMENT WITH HAZEL HEALTH INC.

Dr. Diana Greene and Dr. Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent joined in the discussion on the following:

- Parents must sign up for this. Most of the mental health options occur at home. These are a supplement to what is offered currently. When the district spoke with high schoolers, they noted they were not comfortable with others seeing them access the office on campus. With Hazel Health, it allows students to access services from the privacy of their homes.
- When mental health referrals are given to students, parents have declined services due to face-to-face settings. Also, in some instances, there is a wait list at the hub and Hazel Health helps assist in getting help for the students in a more timely manner.
- Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP's) help facilitate telehealth sessions at the school. They do not initiate a mental health referral or provide mental health counseling. They are in close proximity to the student during a telehealth session to assist with contacting the proper personnel if needed.
- Parents must provide one-time approval, but are contacted prior to each service and invited to participate. Parents can come and sit in on the visit and the information is given to the parent and there is a secure network, who is able to contact the student's pediatrician if approved by the parent during the approval process.
- A request for a table to show by school how many are accessing Hazel Health for both physical and mental health was made by Vice-Chairman Dr. Coker. It was noted that not all schools were able to launch and some did not launch until spring due to not having personnel to cover. It is noted that once a school begins using it, the numbers take off.
- The average wait time for these services is less than 1 minute and over 3,384 hours of school time have been saved and the program helps promote academic excellence.

HIGH QUALITY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CATALOG

Dr. Diana Greene and Ms. Paula Renfroe joined in the discussion on the following:

- In addition to the 5 courses that the district offers for endorsements, the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department, through Dana Allen, Program Representative, Ee/Ss Low Incidence Programs is working with AFIRM (Autism Focused Intervention Resources and Modules).
- A request for the catalog link to be sent to Board members was made.
- A request for the total number of students with Autism listed as an exceptionality was made.

AGREEMENT FOR USE OF THE SCHULTZ CENTER

Dr. Diana Greene and Mr. Paul Soares, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Operations and Ms. Paula Renfroe joined in the discussion on the following:

- In regards to the future sale or disposal of location, the future of the Schultz Center was not known at that time of the listing, and therefore it was listed as optional until the decision is made to sell.
- The non-priority status of Schultz Center was explained as a period of time when the Center was not fully booked. The district now has a priority status.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH READ USA, INC.

Dr. Greene joined in the discussion on the following:

- Appreciation was expressed by Board Member Jones for this program and its ability to increase literacy rates.
- How schools were selected for the summer and the fall sessions for this program was explained.
- Data for this program will be seen at the end of the next school year.

- Funding for this program through a standalone grant from Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief fund (ESSER) was explained. These services are paid for by the district then reimbursed by FDOE.

RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR THE SEASIDE SCHOOL CONSORTIUM, INC.

RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR THE BRIDGEPREP ACADEMY, INC.

Dr. Diana Greene joined in the discussion on the following:

- Utilization rates for consolidating/dismantling schools was discussed and it was noted that there are no benchmarks for utilization for Charter Schools. Benchmarks are only for adding new schools.

SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE BASED AGREEMENT WITH IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INC., IDEA JACKSONVILLE #4

Dr. Diana Greene and Mr. Eugene Hays, Director of School Choice joined in the discussion on the following:

- The Performance Based Agreement (PBA) was explained.
- The Local Education Authority (LEA) and their responsibilities were explained. They would be taking direct responsibility for their management and reporting to the state. We have not received clarification regarding federal funding, but state funding will still go through the district.

CHARTER APPLICATION FOR GREAT HEARTS FLORIDA TO OPEN GREAT HEARTS - JACKSONVILLE

Dr. Diana Greene and Mr. Paul Soares and Mr. Eugene Hays joined in the discussion on the following:

- Public objections were discussed.
- The state did pass a state authorizer for Charter Schools. It was stated that the district would be informed and would be given a 30-day window to respond.

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH ELEVATE K-12

Ms. Vicky Schultz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources joined in the discussion on the following:

- Expansion of program.
- How the schools are chosen.
- Appreciation for data that was received.
- GAP Analysis was discussed.

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DUVAL TEACHERS UNITED (DTU) FOR ONE-TIME BONUS FOR MEMBERS OF THE TEACHER BARGAINING UNIT

Ms. Vicky Schultz joined the discussion on the following:

- Explanation of why the Paraprofessionals and United Office Professionals Duval (UOPD) are not included in this item. It was advised that they are currently receiving a supplement.

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH DR. DIANA GREENE

Ms. Vicky Schultz and Mr. Ray Poole, Office of General Counsel joined in the discussion on the following:

- Appreciation for Dr. Greene's bold leadership through difficult times over the last few years and support for the increase was expressed by Board Member Hershey.
- Time limit for Dr. Greene's contract due to DROP limitations.
- The salary comparison of the big 6 districts. It was also noted that the Superintendent's salary has been held at the current rate for the last 15 years.
- Rita Mairs, formerly of the Office of General Counsel, met with the Board prior to leaving and discussed the contract. Any items that were previously agreed upon or items that had been pulled

back would not require approval. Mr. Poole offered to meet with each member of the Board to go over any new concerns. He states he will draft a proposed agreement based on the consensus of his meeting with the board.

- It was noted that the current contract expires on 06/30/2022 and that time is of essence.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - DIRECTOR OF AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Dr. Diana Greene and Ms. Vicky Schultz joined in the discussion on the following:

- Experience requirements were discussed in an effort to expand the candidate pool.
- This position will be housed under the Chief of Schools because it is an extension of schools and the majority of these positions require a teaching certificate and will oversee instructional components.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN 2021-2022-2025/2026 (AMENDED)

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

- The transfer of funding from Chaffee Trail to Rutledge H. Pearson for the school year 2021-2022 was explained.

CASTALDI ANALYSIS FOR JEAN RIBAUT HIGH SCHOOL FOR FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dr. Diana Greene joined in the discussion on the following:

- Due diligence is requested to be given to the athletic program by Vice-Chairman Dr. Kelly Coker.
- The Castaldi report was explained

NEW RUTLEDGE H. PEARSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-5) - AMENDMENT NO. 2 - CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICES CONTRACT - RFQ NO. 25-21/TW

Dr. Diana Greene joined in the discussion on the following:

- Groundbreaking scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2022
- Important to note that with inflation and supply chain issues, prices are coming in much higher from budgets set 2-3 years ago.
- Appreciation expressed for the due diligence in moving this project forward.

Public Comment

The following commented about supporting the LGBTQ+:

- Carolyn Stone
- Judy Sheklin
- Jimmy Midyette
- Dan Merkan
- Cheryl Viltz

The following commented against LGBTQ+

- Margaret Latimer (left early - against teaching it in K-3 grades)
- Michael Latimer (left early)

The following commented about supporting the Parental Rights:

- Ed Williams
- Bennett Brown (left early)
- Patti Price (also spoke of the cost of public records request)
- Gordon Terry (left early)
- Martha Terry (left early)
- Debbie DeSipio (left early)

- William Tucker (left early)
- Lois Tague (left early)

The following commented on various topics:

- Natalie Dreyer - masks; policies & procedures; core values; academics; walkouts; discipline, LGBTQ.
- Margaret Yarbrough - bathroom safety issues, support of parents' rights, removing LGBTQ Support Guide.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman