



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

March 22, 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 9:08 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - APRIL 5, 2022

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH READ USA, INC.

Superintendent, Dr. Greene and Chief Officer, Academic Services, Paula Renfro joined in the discussion on the following:

- Excitement was expressed about the notion of putting books into the hands of the students. Discussion was held regarding who would be responsible for contacting parents and providing them with training. Dr. Greene stated that the Title I schools would be handled at the school level by family engagement, and training would be provided by teachers. Non-Title I schools would be handled through school messenger and would provide information such as reading to your child and examples of questions to ask students.
- The possibility of a video training option for parents who are unable to attend the training sessions in person.
- All elementary students are included in this through Title I or Title IV funding family engagement.
- Information about parent literacy from Florida State College of Jacksonville (FSCJ) and Literacy of Florida will be made available to parents.
- Request made for a list of events to be provided to the Board.
- Costs for book agreements are \$5 from Read USA and \$5 from the District.
- Tracking of non-engaged students.
- Proceeds from the Book Fair go directly to the schools.

FDOE COURSE CODE DIRECTORY - MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE ELECTIVE COURSES:

- Board Member Andersen expressed gratitude to Standards Coach, Jill Jenkins for all the work developing the curriculum and the benefits that it will provide to Mayport Coastal Sciences and to the entire state.

APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH MASTERY PREP FOR SAT AND ACT READING CURRICULUM

Dr. Greene and Ms. Renfro joined the discussion on the following:

- Clarification on course placement in students' schedules.
- Have a plan if a student goes through the course and does not achieve consensus.
- Mastery Prep provides all components, consumable materials and boot camps, which makes it a better multi-level approach to achieving literacy.
- School-base decision once concordance has been achieved.
- If a student does not achieve scores, the system will take the latest scores and programmatically provide what the needs are.

AGREEMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Dr. Greene joined in the discussion on the following:

- Blanks in contracts were discussed and it was stated that once the item is approved, negotiations would begin if needed as this would only apply to schools who have not achieved a 'C' or better.
- Board Member Joyce requested the names of the members of the Community Assessment Teams for the 3 schools who may not achieve the C grade.
- External Operators' success rate determination and the number of multiple Operators used.
- Data used to determine the expected grade outcome.
- The addition of a bus stop for Ramona Elementary School made a huge difference in attendance.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE REVISED SCHOOLWIDE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Dr. Greene joined in the discussion on the following:

- Clarification that Duval County School Board is the Educational Service Provider for the Department of Juvenile Justice.
- Why a new schoolwide improvement plan is needed and financial impact.
- When the effectiveness of the improvement plan will be determined.

FDOE COURSE CODE DIRECTORY - SECONDARY ELEVATE COURSES

Dr. Greene and Assistant Superintendent, Accountability and Assessments, Corey Wright joined in the discussion of the following:

- Enthusiasm was expressed for the program and what it has brought to hundreds of students. The goal is to not just teach, but mentor and empower.
- It is a popular Elective course and chosen by students.
- If approved, it will eliminate barriers between teachers and evaluations.
- The approval process with FDOE was explained.
- There is no financial impact as this is just the approval process.
- Fund raisers provide funding for most of this program.
- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Resource funds (ESSER) can be used but would need commitment to fund this moving forward with expansion.
- Plans for broader scale assessment to review the impact in other schools after expansion.

PROPERTY INSURANCE

Dr. Greene and Executive Director, Risk Management and Related Services, Stanley Jurewicz joined in the discussion on the following:

- The decrease in total insured value was explained.
- Previous outcomes from 2017-2021 increased by \$600,000 due to market value.
- Mr. Jurewicz explained the layered insurance program and how it shops around for the greatest deal. He stated the District is currently in negotiations to have insurance companies compete against each other to get the lowest price.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - JANUARY 2022

Dr. Greene joined in the discussion on the following:

- A request was made by Board Member Joyce to receive a budget summary by Cabinet Members for this school year.

GAGGLE SAFETY MANAGEMENT SERVICES RENEWAL

Dr. Greene and Chief Officer, Technology Services, Jim Culbert joined in the discussion on the following;

- The increase from 2018-2019 (\$325,000) to 2022-2023 (\$517,500) was explained and is due to the addition of TEAMS functionality.
- Significant changes were made due to cyber activity.

WIDE AREA NETWORK (WAN) SERVICES

Dr. Greene joined in the discussion on the following;

- General revenue amount has remained the same since 2017, and clarification was made regarding reimbursement. Dr. Greene stated that the E-rate reimbursement has remained at 90%.
- A request was made to have a "not to exceed" amount added to the item. Mr. Culbert stated that would not be an issue as the costs are expected to go down.

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

Dr. Greene joined in the discussion on the following:

- It was stated that this is funded through general operating funds and that it is not stated in Sales Tax funds, so it is inappropriate to be funded by sales tax.
- It will ultimately be reported to the Board and the oversight committee.

RENEWAL - NONPROFIT SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE - FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY, RFP NO. 02-19/TW

Dr. Greene and Assistant Superintendent, Chief Operations, Paul Soares joined in the discussion on the following:

- It was stated that all funding is through Federal funding and that the cost increased from \$55 million to \$59 million due to increase in food costs.
- In the event of a skyrocketing contract, there is an ability to amend the contract through bilateral agreement.

Public Comment

No public comments

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

CRH

Superintendent

Chairman