



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

July 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 except Vice-Chairman, Dr. Kelly Coker 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 9:07 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - AUGUST 2, 2022

Board Member Elizabeth Andersen arrived at 9:11 a.m.

SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR FSBA ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (FORMERLY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE)

- Currently, Board Member Cindy Pearson serves as Representative and Board Member Charlotte Joyce is serving as Alternate. Board Member Joyce stated that she wishes to rotate off this committee. Board Member Pearson wishes to continue in the roll as she felt that she was learning in the first year and now has a better understanding and ideas that she wishes to bring to this organization. Dr. Kelly Coker had previously stated that she would accept the Alternate roll.

SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR FLORIDA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION (FSBA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Discussion was held regarding the role and responsibilities of this position and how often the meetings occur. Board Member Cindy Pearson will be the representative.

HEALTH EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS REVIEW

Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent, and Heather Albritton, Director of Health & Physical Education joined in the discussion on the following:

- Dr. Greene advised how community members can review or request the materials.
- Clarification and discussion was held as to why this information is taught. Dr. Greene advised that it is required by Florida State Statute 1003.421(1)(b). The materials were selected by the State in 2012.
- Dr. Greene advised that no props are used in any of the training. All textbook materials used are state approved only.
- 2021 data was discussed and when the survey was given to the students as directed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A request for updated information be added to the item prior to the meeting and to reflect currently active verses ever active.
- Information regarding parental opt-out options was discussed. Levels of information given to students by grade level were discussed.
- Ms. Albritton stated that the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is completely confidential and the survey is done on even years as directed by the CDC, who sets the perimeters. Discussion was held regarding the types of questions and what can and cannot be changed. There is also an Opt-Out option for parents to utilize if they do not wish their student to participate.
- Risks for eliminating the survey were discussed, including poor outcomes, and poor student support.

CONTINUATION OF THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DUVAL COUNTY

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

- Discussion was held regarding the costs of this program not increasing this year, but future years are expected to have a cost increase.
- Discussion was held regarding the number of Registered Nurses that would be provided by both the district and the state.
- Examples of health room visits done in schools were discussed.
- The average number of visits was 878 for 2021. Current numbers will be received in the Fall. Services are provided at all schools, including Alternative Schools.

FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE TUITION - DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE FALL 2022 AND SPRING 2023 AND DUAL ENROLLMENT TEXTBOOKS

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

- Dr. Greene explained that re-renting textbooks has driven the costs down as well as tuition from lower enrollment numbers. However, that number is expected to increase as enrollment has increased.
- Mr. Corey Wright discussed additional programs that are currently available, and that those numbers do not require Board approval.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH MAINSTREAM

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

- Dr. Greene confirmed that this program was subject to funding. The program could be moved to Title I.
- Full year data will be available for the 2022-2023 school year, but it is positive that each school in Innovation for School Improvement (ISI) regions improved, but data is needed to confirm this.
- The program uses retired teachers who work with 1-5 students. Pre-tests are performed to determine the strengths and weaknesses and then focus is placed on those areas. Sessions are 45 minutes 3 times per week during the school day.
- Dr. Greene explained that funding would need to come back before the Board in the form of a workshop. She stated that the district will not lock themselves into something that is not performing for the students and funding may not be available in the future and would need to be brought back.
- Dr. Greene stated the district offers other tutoring programs included READ USA which are also being utilized in schools that do not fall into these areas or grade levels. All schools are provided tutoring services.
- Concerns were expressed by Board Members Joyce and Andersen regarding the accountability of funding approval by the Superintendent due to the dollar amount and requested that this item be brought back before the Board annually. Dr. Greene stated that this would be a bring back item.
- Board Member Andersen states that once ESSER funding is discontinued, the district would not be able to sustain programs like this and the community needs to be prepared for these cuts due to a decrease in funding (underfunding).

EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION STUDENT FOREIGN LANGUAGE SERVICES

Dr. Diana Greene and Amy Valentine, Executive Director, Exceptional Education/Student Services joined in the discussion on the following:

- Dr. Greene provided clarification on the funding amounts. Amy Valentine, Executive Director, Exceptional Education/Student Services, advised there was an error which states AGAPE. These amounts should be total amount, not the Agape amount.

SOAR STUDY SKILLS CURRICULUM

Dr. Diana Greene, Scott Schneider, Chief Officer of Schools and Paula Renfro, Chief Officer, Academic Services joined in the discussion on the following:

- Dr. Greene stated this course is tied to the 5 period day and is designed to assist students in middle school who need more study skills. This course will be offered at all middle schools.
- Board Member Pearson expressed excitement regarding the Executive Functioning skills and is looking forward to the results of these. Dr. Greene stated that these will be addressed with all 6th graders.
- Paula Renfro discussed the training aspect of this course and class size.
- Scott Schneider discussed the additional electives that are available to students. He also discussed specific schools' ability to incorporate their particular identity, such as stem schools.

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

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

- Board Member Pearson requested a list of retiring personnel. Dr. Greene will forward the list.

RENEWAL AND CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT OF POWERSCHOOL GROUP, LLC

- Board Member Joyce requested the amounts for each of the Powerschool contracts.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

Dr. Diana Greene, Vicky Schultz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, and Michelle Begley, Chief Financial Officer joined in the discussion on the following:

- Vicky Schultz discussed the changes to the prescription plan and HMO plans.
- The required reserve was explained.
- Data from the Diabetes prevention program was requested and Vicky Schultz stated she would send the information to the Board.
- Michelle Begley stated that in the 2022-2023 budget over 34% of salaries are tied to benefits and that salaries make up between 65-70% of the budget.
- Board Member Hershey stated that Duval County School Board is the second largest employer in the City of Jacksonville and Board Member Andersen stated that the benefits package is what attracts candidates to the district.

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

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

- Dr. Greene stated that this was a new contract with a new company. She stated that GFL Solid Waste held the previous contract.
- Paul Soares stated that there were 3 companies that submitted bids.
- The Superintendent as delegate to approve the contract was discussed and it was agreed that because this is a vital service, it should be brought back before the Board if the amount is higher.

NEW AUDITORIUM AT FORT CAROLINE MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 238 - SELECTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRM - RFP 17-22/TW

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

- Current recommended funding is at \$6.695 million which includes an amount for owner contingencies. Mr. Soares stated that whatever amount is not used will be refunded.
- Board Member Hershey reminded the Board that when this was proposed in 2016-2017 the amount was a little over \$2 million and she requested to get this project completed.

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 5 BOARD POLICIES

- Board Member Joyce requested to see the section that was moved to the Code of Conduct to compare side by side.

ITEM ADDED - EVOLV SAFETY SYSTEM

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

- Advantages to this scanner in providing a faster scan for guns and knives. The sensitivity settings were discussed, but Dr. Greene did not recommend lowering these, but placing those items on a table prior to scan.
- Jim Culbert discussed the testing of this product at a high school and found that multiple students could go through the system at one time, and that by day 3 of scanning it was noted that umbrellas, water bottles, etc. were not being brought back due to the scanner detecting these items.
- The systems would be installed at all high schools and used on a daily basis at multiple entry points. They are stationary and portable ones will be used for events such as football games, etc.
- Funding is from capital funding.

Public Comment

No Public Comments

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

CRH

Superintendent

Chairman