



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

July 19, 2022, Board Workshop

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 11:34 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. PARTNER HIGHLIGHT - COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS

Leon Baxton, Communities in Schools, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Communities in Schools of Jacksonville Partnership with DCPS. Also present from Communities in Schools was Jerome Baltasore, Chief Financial Officer, and Erin Megan, Chief Development Officer.

Vice-Chairman, Dr. Kelly Coker arrived at 11:46 a.m.

Board Members expressed their appreciation for the work of the program and especially for the passion of Mr. Baxton. They stated the organization is so impactful for our students and shows much success in schools.

Recessed at 11:48 a.m.

Resumed at 12:05 p.m.

2. MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION SERVICES

Katrina Taylor, Director, Full Service Schools, presented a PowerPoint presentation a Mental Health

Assistance Allocation Plan (see attached),.

Dr. Greene and Jackie Simmons, Executive Director, Student Discipline & Support Services also joined in the discussion of the following:

- Board Member Andersen requested information on what type(s) of training teachers are receiving as to why we want this program in place in our district. She also requested data and training data at schools with higher numbers.
- Opt-out information for Charter Schools was discussed and what the district's liability would be. Ms. Taylor stated that the responsibility of the district is only in reviewing the completion of the plans and to ensure that each section is complete. Dr. Greene stated that the district, as a sponsor, does have a liability.
- Parental consent is required for Tier 2 and Tier 3 counseling. This year's rate is at 60%, with a goal of increasing this by 10% through parental/family outreach. Benefits of parental consent helps to increase number of visits and justify funding.
- Hazel Health has had 900 referrals with 500 assessments. There is no cost to the parents for these services.
- Sandalwood and Beaches area numbers were discussed and Ms. Taylor advised that a large number of referrals in these areas were sent to Hazel Heath.
- Board Member Andersen requested data regarding threat assessment referrals. Demographics for students that are seen were requested. It was also requested that the data be broken down to include gender, race, disability, free/reduced lunch. Mr. Simmons advised that threat assessments are not categorized as substantiated or non-substantiated, but rather does this pose a threat and what level, and that this information could be categorized by demographics.

Board Member Cindy Pearson left at 12:55 p.m.

3. HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM UPDATE

Heather Albritton, Director, Health & Physical Education presented a PowerPoint presentation, Duval County Public Schools Health Education Curriculum - An Overview of Health Education Requirement and Practices (see attached).

Dr. Greene joined in the discussion on the following:

- Ms. Albritton stated that the curriculum is only taught by certified teachers. It was advised that the district cannot mandate that girls are separated from boys during discussions, but currently this is decided at the schools. However, all are currently being separated.
- Parents are notified by focus and by a letter that is sent home and do have an opt-out option if they wish their student not to participate. The lessons are also found on the website for parents to view. Opt-out forms are also found on the website. Some parents may need an extra step to access the information due to grade level. Parents are sent letters every year for every grade level.
- Information regarding the Center for Disease (CDC) Dash Grant was discussed and it was advised that all the information about it is also found on the website. Dr. Greene stated that the district is also compliant with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) with regards to this information being on the website.
- Vice Chairman, Dr. Kelly Coker expressed appreciation for the work and asked to confirm the district is in compliance with state laws. Dr. Greene advised that the district is in compliance with state laws and is not doing anything outside of the state laws.
- Board Member Andersen questioned if there was information on the number of parents who have chosen the opt-out option. Ms. Albritton stated that in the past year there were about 5.
- Board Member Jones stated that the district has always been transparent and there has been

erroneous information put out in our communities. This curriculum is state-mandated.

- Ms. Albritton assured that all programs are outlined according to state laws. The district provides extra services, but all are within state laws. She stated that the district corresponds with other larger districts across the state and nation and aligns with what they are doing and confirmed that they all align with state laws as well.
- Ms. Albritton stated that the statistics and data are gathered in the Youth Risks Benefits Assessment Survey (YRBS) which has been around since 2009.
- Board Member Hershey asked if the State requires charter schools to teach the same information. Ms. Albritton stated that they are required to teach the same curriculum, but it is not required to be taught by a certified teacher.
- Dr. Greene stated that abstinence is taught as the main goal, but if students choose to be active, we want to make sure they have the proper education regarding events that may transpire resulting from that choice, such as teenage pregnancy, etc.
- The CDC Dash Grant Umbrella and Grant Committee will be a bring back.

4. GOVERNANCE

Dr. Greene, and Michelle Begley, Chief Financial Officer joined in the discussion on the following:

- Vice Chairman, Dr. Coker stated that school grades are in and once the appeals process is completed, evaluation will take place.
- Chairman Willie distributed a resume for the Value Adjustment Board (VAB). Stated that only one application has been received for a Civil Service position. Therefore, it has been extended to allow others to apply.
- Dr. Greene stated that budget numbers have just been released by the FL Department of Education (FLDOE) and they are significantly different than what was expected. Preliminary numbers in the conference report were 3.579 and now the final numbers are 3.236, roll back. Therefore, the numbers for tonight's meeting for the ad need to be adjusted and the meeting should be canceled and rescheduled to Thursday.
- Board Member Hershey requested numbers from 2016. Ms. Begley stated the rate was 4.5540 and the 2017 rate was 4.2370.
- Board Member Andersen requested that this be explained at the meeting once rescheduled so the public understands why the meeting was rescheduled. Chairman Willie requested the rollback effort and millage be explained to the community. Board Member Jones requested that it be stated that the School Board has rolled back their millage while other agencies in the city have increased theirs.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman