



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

August 16, 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 with the exception of Board Members Elizabeth Andersen and Charlotte Joyce who participated by interactive video/telephone systems. 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 9:06 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS VIA INTERACTIVE VIDEO/TELEPHONE SYSTEMS

The Board voted to allow Board Members Elizabeth Andersen and Charlotte Joyce to participate via telephone.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the participation of Board Members Elizabeth Andersen and Charlotte Joyce via interactive video and/or telephone systems.

Vote Results:

Motion: Ms. Cindy Pearson

Second: Mr. Warren A. Jones

PASSED 5-0

Aye:

Kelly Coker
Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Cindy Pearson
Darryl Willie

Nay:

None

Items to be Discussed

1. EARLY LEARNING COALITION - PARTNER PRESENTATION

Ms. Denise Marzullo, President and Chief Executive Officer, Early Learning Coalition of Duval presented a PowerPoint presentation Early Learning Coalition of Duval. Paula Renfro, Chief Officer, Academic Services also joined in the discussion on the following:

- Appreciation for the program was expressed.
- Sharing of data sets was discussed and how it is used.
- Future projects on the horizon at Early Learning Coalition of Duval.
- The Guiding Stars program was discussed and its role throughout the state.
- Increase in per child funding.
- 76% of Duval children attend Early Learning Programs. However, a quarter of the districts' children are not. Issues for not attending include transportation and housing. Also, some stay-at-home moms are not utilizing the programs.
- The cost of 100% participation of children would be covered by the state.
- Outcomes for low-performing providers were explained.

The meeting was recessed at 9:50 a.m.

2. FLORIDA SAFE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT TOOL UPDATE (FSSAT)

Reconvene meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Chief Gregory Burton, Executive Director, School Police, presented a PowerPoint presentation (see attached) entitled 2022-2023 District Best Practices Assessment Duval County Public Schools. Dr. Diana Greene joined in the discussion on the following:

- Sales surtax funds and how they are used for security.
- Fortify FL Application was explained.
- Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG) Training was explained.
- Dr. Greene stated that Deans and Assistant Principals are given training on a monthly basis.
- Threat assessment teams and data were explained.

3. BUDGET UPDATE

Mrs. Michelle Begley, Chief Financial Officer, presented a PowerPoint Presentation (see attached) entitled 2022-23 Budget Overview.

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

- Vice Chairman Dr. Kelly Coker requested updates on data for family empowerment.
- Millage rates were explained.
- Discretionary funds and required local effort were explained.

- ESSER funds were discussed.
- Charter Schools ESSER funds and monthly reports were discussed.

4. SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR HEALTH EDUCATION

Heather Albritton, Director, Health & Physical Education, presented a PowerPoint presentation (see attached), Health Education Curriculum, an Overview of Health Education Requirements and Practices. Dr. Diana Greene, and Ms. Paula Renfro, Chief Officer, Academic Services, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Discussion as to why supplemental materials are not available at schools. This was due to materials not approved by the Board, and due to the times they were requested and the availability of staff due to school openings, meetings, etc. Ms. Albritton stated she would add the stipulations to the website for parents requesting to view the materials.
- Board Member Joyce expressed her concerns about the 6th & 7th grade curriculum. Also, about the language changes in Board Policy 4.10. Ms. Albritton assured there are no props used in the classroom and no contraceptives are distributed in the classroom.
- Board Member Pearson requested the curriculum information by age range.
- Board Member Jones expressed his concern about Health Zone 1, and requested current data on the increase in teenage pregnancies and HIV infections.
- Vice Chairman Dr. Kelly Coker requested data on sexually transmitted diseases in addition to those requested by Board Member Jones.
- Financial implications of not approving this material for this school year were discussed.
- Parental opt out options were discussed. Ms. Albritton stated that parent notification is being redesigned through Focus. Also, they are working on a tracking system for parental opt out. Parents cannot opt out of the course, only reproductive lessons. Vice Chairman Dr. Coker requested a box in Focus to allow parents to opt out.
- Chairman Willie stated that the Board needs to decide what curriculum is age appropriate, ensuring it is medically accurate.
- Discussion was held regarding comparing St. John's and Clay counties curriculum. However, it was noted that these districts do not have higher incidents of teenage pregnancy, STD's, etc. and that the larger districts would offer a better comparison.
- Ms. Albritton stated that if this material is not approved, the district will not have curriculum materials to cover what is mandated by the state. A request was made for the state statutes that will not be able to be covered if this supplemental curriculum is not approved. Dr. Greene stated that this just became effective July 1. Ms. Renfro added that the adoption process of curriculum is done annually.
- Discussion was held regarding the requirements of charter and private schools on these topics. Dr. Greene advised that charter schools are held to the same standards, but private schools are not.

5. GOVERNANCE

No governance items.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

CRH

Superintendent

Chairman