



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

September 12, 2022, Regular Board 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 6:00 p.m.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

BROOKVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Brookview Elementary School was highlighted through a video presentation. Principal, Tracey Kendrick expressed her thanks for being invited. She shared information about the school.

Board Member Pearson expressed accolades and shared why she selected Brookview Elementary School.

Communications

2022 FLORIDA HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR: DANIEL FLINT, WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Daniel Flint, a history teacher from Westside High School, has been named the 2022 Florida History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, a national nonprofit.

- Mr. Flint says he truly enjoys teaching U.S. History, and for him it's a lifestyle and not a profession.
- In response to this honor, he says: "I enjoy the impact I can make with students teaching them about our nation's history. I feel truly honored and humbled to receive this award."
- Mr. Flint will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, a core archive of American history books, and Gilder Lehrman educational materials.
- Mr. Flint is now one of 53 finalists for the 2022 National History Teacher of the Year Award, which will be announced in October, 2022.
- Mr. Flint received the Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

Mr. Flint was joined by Westside High School Principal, Vincent Foster; Assistant Principal, Timothy Durkin; Executive Director, Kenneth Reddick; and Colonel Stanly Smith in his recognition.

SEAPERCH CHALLENGE AWARDS FOR MAYPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL, RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY AND SANDALWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

The following three schools took home more than a dozen awards at the 2022 International SeaPerch Challenge:

- Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School and Sandalwood High School, which comprise the Mayport Robotics Club, and RiverCity Science Academy Mandarin.
- The students from those schools travel to College Park, Maryland in June 2022 to compete in The International SeaPerch Challenge, where 138 teams from 25 states, 9 countries, and 4 continents were hosted.
- Qualifying teams were tasked with out-designing, out-building, and out-operating a custom-built remotely operated vehicle capable of navigating complicated underwater mission and obstacle courses.
- The courses were designed to mimic operations on the International Space Station, and students also had to describe their engineering process in a detailed technical design report.
- Mayport Middle School's three teams and Sandalwood High School's team won a total of 13 trophies, including 9 first place, 2 second place, and 1 third place event trophies, as well as 2 of 3 class champion awards.
- River City Science Academy Mandarin's 2 teams also impressed judges by earning 2 impressive awards: a second place win in technical writing, and a third place win in the high school category pool obstacle course.
- The teams are as follows:
 - Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School: Team Leatherbacks, Team Nautilus, and Team Lionfish.
 - Sandalwood High School: Team Kraken.
 - River City Science Academy Mandarin: Team Lily Pads and Team Aquarius.

The teams were joined by their coaches: Chris Shanklin, Rafael Roderiguez; Principals Chris Koek, Dr. Saryn Hatcher, and Alaadin Akgul.

2022 NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD COMPETITION, 3RD PLACE WINNERS: RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY

River City Science Academy Middle/High took home a team award and a third place honor at the 2022 National Science Olympiad Competition.

- The National Science Olympiad is described as a "premier team STEM competition that provides standards-based challenges to thousands across the country.
- By placing second at the state level, the school qualified to be able to compete nationally. Once at the national competition, River City Science Academy Middle/High students earned the Spirit Award at the Anatomy and Physiology Event.
- The Spirit Award is one of the highest honors given to a team participating in the event. It recognizes the team whose members have a positive attitude, exemplify teamwork and team spirit, and who have demonstrated the 3C's of Science Olympiad: Character and Citizenship in the Community.
- Team members Kamand Mirtalab and Victoria Pham distinguished themselves by earning third place in the Anatomy and Physiology event.
- Members across the board also placed in the top 15 in other categories.

The students are joined by Principal Alisher Kkuvatov and coaches Ahmet Dastan and Gamze Uysal.

ELBERT K. FRETWELL OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD: CHRIS SMITH, HOLIDAY HILL ELEMENTARY

Holiday Hill Elementary School, second grade teacher, Christopher Smith was awarded the Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award by the Boys Scouts of America.

This award was presented by Chief Operating Officer of the Boys Scouts of America North Florida Council, Cole Walters.

Mr. Walters expressed appreciation for the ongoing partnership between scouting and the Duval County Public Schools. He shared information about the award and those who have received it in the past. He then spoke about Mr. Smith and the work he has done, which caused him to be deserving of the award.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the September 12, 2022, agenda as submitted on September 2, 2022 with the following changes:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **August 25, 2022, Board Workshop - Item Added**
- **September 8, 2022, Special Board Meeting - Budget - Approval of Final Millage and Final Budget - Item Added**
- **September 8, 2022, Special Board Meeting - Item Added**

ACADEMIC SERVICES:

- **Approval of Supplemental Health Education Materials for Reproductive Health and Disease Prevention - Item Withdrawn**
- **Approval for SY2021-SY2028 Gear Up Agreements - Grant A - Item Attached**
- **Approval for SY2021-SY2028 Gear Up Agreements - Grant B - Item Attached**

SCHOOL CHOICE AND PUPIL ASSIGNMENTS:

- Charter Contract for Consolidation for River City Education Organization, Inc., D/B/A San Jose Prep and San Jose Primary

BOARD TRAVEL

- OCTOBER 10-12, 2022 – Nashville, TN - JAX Chamber 2022 Leadership Trip - Andersen, Coker, Pearson and Willie - Item Amended

Vote Results:

Motion: Lori Hershey

Second: Warren A. Jones

Discussion:

Board Member Andersen inquired about the Health Education curriculum being withdrawn from the agenda. Dr. Greene stated that she would be providing updated information in her report.

PASSED 7-0**Aye:**

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson

Nay:

None

Chairperson's Report**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Prior to reviewing his report, Chairman Willie acknowledged the following individuals:

- Board Member Elect, April Carney.
- Jackie Holmes, widow to former Board Member, Wendell P. Holmes, first African American Board Member.
- Sandra Thompson, Secretary for NAACP.
- Dr. Cindy Rasmussen, Vice President of Joliet School Board in Joliet, Illinois.

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Chairman Willie reviewed the following items in his report:

- The Referendum.
- Pedestrian Safety.
- The Grand Jury Report.
- Smooth school opening and his experience as a substitute.

Superintendent's Reports

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Superintendent, Dr. Greene reviewed the following items in her report:

- Teacher Vacancies.
- Student Enrollment.
- Update on Rutledge Pearson.
- Upcoming Master Facilities Plan (MFP) Community Meetings.
- Health Curriculum

Discussion:

- The reason the District decided to create the Health Curriculum was explained.
- Concern about making reactive decisions was expressed.
- Conversations with Superintendent and Director of Health Education.
- Other school districts teach Health Education without supplements.
- The textbooks used by Duval County Public Schools are not sufficient without the resources based on the data that has been received.
- Get medical health related data points from Broward County to compare with Duval.
- The process of moving an item on the agenda was explained.
- Meeting the required standard as per the state once approved by the Board.
- Having a curriculum that is comprehensive and addresses the needs of the community.
- The State of Florida is #3 in America for sex trafficking and Jacksonville, FL is #3 in the state, which impacts teens.
- Concern about not having a Health Education curriculum for the students this school year.
- A request was made for Ray Poole, Office of General Counsel, to explain how items are placed on the agenda and removed from the agenda.
- The need for students to get as much education as possible.
- The opportunity with Health and Sex Education for parents to opt-out.
- Broward County Public Schools uses a more comprehensive textbook than Duval County.

Department Reports

No reports.

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

No committee report.

Public Comment

The following signed up for public comment:

- Kathy Desclets
- Margie Watkins
- Ed Williams
- Michele Matisoo
- Kathleen Murray

- Brittany Mask
- Katie Hathaway
- Dr. Jennifer Cowart
- Wylie Sparks
- Susan Aertker
- Justin Kugler
- Randal Lessen
- Samantha Hamel
- Seth Carpenter
- Jillian Herrera
- Charlotte Howard
- Richard Thomas
- Felix Proia
- Kathleen Guiliano
- Elissa Barr
- Michele Moore
- Raymond Johnson III
- Virginia Kennedy
- Dr. Kanthi Dhaduvai
- Katori Roussel
- Minor Chamblin
- Dr. Staci Tanouye
- Erika d'Amore
- Dr. Krystal Roig-Palmer
- Mara Macie
- Belinda Casper
- Michelle Tipton
- Brian Morrill
- Lori Crunden
- Ted Macie
- Jim Crunden
- DeAnna Adamson
- Melissa Bernhardt
- Kathleen Perera
- Carlos Perera
- Etta Ettlinger
- Dr. Carmen Martinez
- Rosella Van Nostrand
- Wells Todd
- Charles Kennedy
- Pam Mullrkey Robbins
- Sharri Godard
- Scott Pool
- Victoria Pool
- Dan Merkay
- Pay Villa
- Margaret Yarbrough
- Christine Hall

- Pascale Alcindor
- Daniel Henry
- Maria Mark
- Michael Anderson
- Jessica Willson
- Vanessa Cullins
- Jeannina Perez
- Sandra Bond
- Karen Olson (not available)
- Cindy Watson
- Dr. Chanley Dudley
- Harriett Vazquez
- Darlene Miller
- Amellia Norman
- Mary Lynn McDaniel
- Cole Gabriel
- Tim Miller
- Jennie Richards
- Katie McNeal
- John Hatle
- Sharmin Smith
- Ivy Suter
- Blake Harper

The following signed up for public comment, but waived their speaking time:

- Mary Reilly
- Lori Stratton
- Velita Limbagh
- Paul Clarke
- Patricia Creveling
- Jeff Arneson
- Jimmy Midyett
- Patricia Wojciechowski
- Gloria Einstein
- Matt Fennell
- Julie Geissmann
- Dorothy Nutant
- Trinity Baker
- Mason Manion
- Heather Baldwin
- Kristy Kernins
- Cynthia Cooney
- Pamela Henry
- Cari Andreani
- Angela Reichenbach
- Christina Marra
- Amanda Rigel
- Beverly Banta

- Rebecca Ballowe

Comments from Parent Organizations

No comments.

Comments from District Student Government Association

No comments.

Comments from Employee Organizations

No comments.

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board minutes:

- August 2, 2022, Regular Board Meeting
- August 9, 2022, Board Workshop
- August 16, 2022, Board Workshop
- August 16, 2022, Agenda Committee Meeting
- August 16, 2022, Special Board Meeting
- August 25, 2022, Board Workshop
- September 8, 2022, Special Board Meeting - Budget, Approval of Final Millage and Final Budget
- September 8, 2022, Special Board Meeting

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Lori Hershey

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson

Nay:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Kelly Coker

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

Nay:

None

Consent Agenda

Academic Services

1. RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH LUTHERAN SERVICES FLORIDA, INC.
2. APPROVAL OF SY2021-SY2028 GEAR UP AGREEMENTS—GRANT A
3. APPROVAL OF SY2021-SY2028 GEAR UP AGREEMENTS—GRANT B

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

4. CHARTER CONTRACT FOR GREAT HEARTS FLORIDA TO OPEN GREAT HEARTS - JACKSONVILLE

Human Resource Services - Staffing

5. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

Human Resource Services - Compensation

6. SETTLEMENT WITH THE DUVAL TEACHERS UNITED (DTU) FOR THE TEACHER CONTRACT SALARY PROVISIONS

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

7. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY – QUTONTESHIA WILLIAMS

8. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY – HUNTER BAUCOM

Information Technology

9. DCPS SMART PRINT - COPIERS AND MANAGED PRINT SERVICES

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

10. PERIODIC REPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS AND FINAL INSPECTIONS OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER \$1,000,000.

11. CHANGE ORDER REPORT

12. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

13. MASTER SOFTWARE SERVICES AGREEMENT, HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, LLC (D/B/A HEARTLAND SCHOOL SOLUTIONS)

14. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF ELEVATORS, DUMBWAITERS, WHEELCHAIR LIFTS, AND ORCHESTRA LIFTS

Operations - Transportation

15. ENTERPRISE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SOLUTION

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

16. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

17. JULY 2022 PURCHASE REPORT

18. FLORIDA OFFICE OF SAFE SCHOOLS (OSS), DISTRICT BEST PRACTICES ASSESSMENT

2022-2023 DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Discussion

Board Members

Academic Services

~~19. APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION MATERIALS FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND DISEASE PREVENTION~~

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

20. CHARTER SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION FOR RIVER CITY EDUCATION ORGANIZATION, INC., D/B/A SAN JOSE PREP AND SAN JOSE PRIMARY

Motion:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve the charter contract consolidating San Jose Prep and San Jose Primary to San Jose Prep; and,
2. That the Duval County School Board authorize the Chairperson, or the Vice Chairman and the Superintendent to execute the contract upon form approval by the Office of General Counsel.

Vote Results:

Motion: Kelly Coker

Second: Cynthia Pearson

Board Member Hershey explained why she pulled the item:

- The accountability for traditional public schools is greater than charter schools when it comes to student achievement.
- Currently, in Duval County, there are more under-performing charter schools than traditional schools.
- It is time for charter schools to have greater accountability as it pertains to school grades.
- Would be voting no on the consolidation of the two charter schools.
- For the record, Board Member Hershey stated that she had a one-on-one conversation with Dr. Hall.

Board Member Pearson explained the following:

- San Jose Prep and San Jose Primary are charter schools in District 3.
- Had a discussion with Dr. Hall about the consolidation of the two charter schools.
- San Jose Primary has a grade of 'D', and if the two schools merge, the 'D' would not be visible to parents who are shopping within the school choice realm for the upcoming school year.
- Expressed appreciation for the work done at the charter schools, attended the graduation, and visited the schools whenever invited. Expressed confidence that the school will be brought up to a 'C' or better.

- Informed Dr. Hall that she would be voting against the item because she couldn't vote to hide a 'D' grade. If both schools were a 'C', she would vote for it.

Board Member Joyce made the following inquiries:

- Possible litigation from the state?
- Can San Jose Charter School appeal?
- Could this cost the District tax dollars?

Office of General Counsel Attorney, Ray Poole responded that there can always be litigation that can result in cost. He added that there is nothing that requires the Board to permit the consolidation of the two schools.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Coker made the following inquiries:

- Has any district ever taken a stance against something like this?
- If yes, what was the outcome?
- Was it reversed at the state level?
- What is the board's legal authority from start to the end?

Dr. Greene responded:

- Any decision the Board makes on a charter school, the school can appeal the decision and it goes to the Department of Education (DOE).
- Mr. Poole would need to respond about whether the appeal process goes through the charter committee or Department of Administrative Hearings (DOAH).
- There have been other districts that have voted down whether a charter school stays open or voted to close those charter schools that have the opportunity to appeal. Some have won and some have not.
- The District would need to be prepared to go to DOE to respond to the appeal.

Mr. Poole stated that he was not aware of any cases. He would differentiate or distinguish between situations where the Board is denying a request to grant a charter or proposed school or conversely moving to take over a school because of financial problems, with the decisions to allow two schools to combine. Offered to do research more closely if it is the wish of the Board.

Board Member Jones:

- Inquired if the reason the school would receive a 'C' grade is because most of the students are in the school that has the 'C'? Dr. Greene stated that the charter schools do not have the same rule as the traditional schools. When traditional schools are consolidated, it is based on which school has the largest number of students. Charter schools technically they are saying it is the same organization, this is the same school. That is why they can put the two schools together. It is the better of the school grade.
- Would have to vote no also because of transparency is very important. As parents look to find a school for a child, they need to be clear on what the school grade is. This would be adding to the confusion.
- Mr. Poole reviewed and explained a section of Florida Statute 1002.3(d) which deals with Charter Schools.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Coker:

- Inquired if the denial was to be done, what the charter school's recourse would be after notification and where does the Board ultimately end up in terms of who makes rules. Mr. Poole stated that it would be a matter impacting substantial interest under Chapter 120, Administrative

Hearings and explained the process.

- Request for clarification about not being aware of any other districts going through this, the outcome, and the costs. Mr. Poole gave confirmation and summed up the potential costs that could be incurred.

Board Member Pearson:

- Expressed that school grades are important or not important. She added that it doesn't matter if it is a charter school, a traditional school, or a magnet school. If the state is going to penalize the district for low school grades, then school grades should be important for all schools.

Board Member Hershey:

- The Board is going to approve or deny their ability of the charter schools to consolidate and take a higher school grade.
- Concerned that there has been so much accountability since she and Board Member Jones were on the Board. They have gone through turn-around schools and to Dr. Greene's credit and her leadership team, the District has gotten out of all those turn-around schools.
- Accountability needed to start here and reiterated that she would not be voting for the consolidation.

Chairman Willie:

- Clarified with Board Member Pearson that the schools were in her district, but Board Member Hershey had some interest in it.
- Requested for Board Member Hershey to explain the geography and the connection with those two things. Board Member Hershey stated that they have a virtual school, and that office is housed in her District. Explained the role the Board plays regarding charter schools. She mentioned that Dr. Hall reached out to her and she attended the virtual school's graduation this summer. There are other character schools they are working on in the District and is supportive of their efforts. Dr. Hall inquired if it was the school grade and she confirmed. It boils down to accountability and the work that the District has done to turn schools around and the pressure that they were under to make the decisions, particularly in 2017. It comes down to school grade. If higher than a 'D', she would be in a different place. There are probably over a half-dozen schools in the radius that are high performing.

FAILED 1-6

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

Nay:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

Board Member Travel

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board confirm the travel listed is for official Board business and that it complies with the rules of the State Board of Education:

- **October 5-7, 2022 - Crystal River, FL - 2022 Board of Directors' Leadership Development Training and Meeting - Andersen and Pearson**
- **October 10-12, 2022 - Nashville, TN - Jax Chamber 2022 Leadership Trip - Andersen, Coker, Pearson, Willie**
- **October 19-23, 2022 - Orlando, FL - Council of Great City Schools - 66th Annual Fall Conference - Andersen, Coker, Hershey, Jones, Joyce, and Wille**
- **November 16-18, 2022 - Salt Lake City, Utah - ExcelinEd's 2022 National Summit on Education - Joyce**

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: Warren A. Jones

Public Discussion:

Pat Villa

Harriett Vazquez

3rd speaker who did not mention her name.

Discussion:

- Information and history about trips sponsored by JAXChamber was explained.
- Explanation about the current Board Member serving as an executive leader for FSBA and purpose of attending upcoming conference and how the trip is paid for.
- Explanation about the conference in Orlando, FL sponsored by the Council of Great City Schools (CGCS).
- Explanation of the benefits of Board Members attending the trips sponsored by JAXChamber.
- Board Member Pearson explained the purpose of her travel.
- Explanation shared about the District paying for Board Members to travel for JAXChamber conferences.
- Explanation provided about Vice-Chairman Dr. Coker attending JAXChamber instead of Chairman Willie.
- Explanation provided as to why multiple Board Members were originally listed for attending the JAXChamber conference and receiving clarification that only one person would be able to attend.

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson

Nay:
None

Superintendent's Travel

SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Superintendent's travel:

- **September 28 - 30, 2022 - Orlando, FL - Florida Association District School Superintendents (FADSS) Annual Fall Leadership Conference 2022**
- **November 2 - 3, 2022 - Dallas, Texas - EdWeek Market Brief Summit**

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Warren A. Jones

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson

Nay:

None

For The Record

Board Member Joyce:

Explained that she would be babysitting her new grandbaby and that is why she requested for her name to be removed from the upcoming trips.

Board Member Hershey:

- Briefly spoke about COSBBA conference in Atlanta, GA. Requested for Board Member Jones to share the new word they learned at the conference.
- Shared about the upcoming Farm Share at Mandarin Oaks Elementary School on September 24th.
- Shared about the Chat with the Superintendent on October 6th at Greenland Pines Elementary School.
- Acknowledged to Vice-Chairman Dr. Coker about Atlantic Coast High School losing to Terry Parker High School.

Board Member Jones:

- Shared the new word of 'And', which was learned at COSBBA conference. He explained the purpose of the word.
- Announced about the School Safety Meeting in District 5 with School Police Chief Burton, which would be held at Westside High School.
- Announced about the meeting at West Jacksonville Elementary School Site on Thursday, September 27th - talk about the redevelopment of the site. Don't want to get into the same situation as with Lake Forest Elementary School site. Trying to be proactive.
- Encouraged employees to take advantage of the EAP. Shared information about the teacher from James Weldon Johnson who passed away in her vehicle. Expressed about not knowing what people are going through and that teachers are under a lot of stress.
- Shout out to Daniel Flint for the Florida Teacher of the Year Award.
- Shout out to George Washington Carver Elementary School for being selected as Positively JAX last month. Teacher, Tiffany Scott had shared how the school had gone from an 'F' to a 'C' in one year. Commended Principal Charlene James supported the teacher and the school.
- Shout out to Coach at Raines High School for being selected Coach of the Week by the Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation.
- Thanked the Chairman Willie for all the work he has done.

Board Member Pearson:

- Pedestrian safety:
 - Thanked Chairman Willie for highlighting pedestrian safety issue and Chief of Communications, Dr. Tracy Pierce and the Communications Team for making the public service announcement, which was shared with parents at Landon College Preparatory and Leadership Development School.
 - Much development in San Marco which interferes with school traffic and students walking.
 - Thanked Public Works Director, Pappas and Councilmembers Cumber and Carlucci for working with Board Member Pearson over the summer regarding traffic issues on Atlantic Blvd.
 - Encouraged drivers to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk when they see the flashing lights.
- Parents Who Lead Kickoff:
 - This is a 20-week commitment that parents and mentors make to go through training that ends with a advocacy project. Thanked parents and mentors for making the commitment.
- City Year Kickoff:
 - Thank the members who will be assisting at the elementary, middle, and high school level.
 - Young adults are taking a gap year or 2 after high school or college to work in our schools.
 - Shout out Allishia Bauman for the tremendous leadership and mentorship she gives the students.
- Staff needs:
 - Thanked Principal Marleny Chirino and her staff for being so welcoming. Had the opportunity to teach 9th grade ELA at Englewood High School the first week of school.
 - A tough job and has a great appreciation for teachers, especially those who teach ELL classes and try to teach English.
 - Thanked Assistant Superintendent Vicki Schultz and the Human Resource (H.R.) Team for using various resources to promote DCPS and the job opportunities available. She mentioned civic groups, churches, or alumni organizations that would like to host a presentation from H.R. DCPS, can reach out if there are members who may be interested in working at DCPS.
- Duval Ready:
 - Strategic Plan Goal 3 - improve post-secondary readiness of graduates by increasing the number of students earning soft skills credentials. Lead by Mr. Wright and Mr. Fierle, and high

school principals and staff have put together Duval Ready. They are launching with a pilot group of students at each high school. Work through an established curriculum called Florida Ready to Work. To receive the 'Duval Ready' diploma,

Board Member Andersen:

- Welcomed everyone back for the school year.
- Congratulated the Chairman and the District on the passage of the millage.
- Shared her experience about being a part of Leadership Florida. During time there, Dr. Nathaniel Glover shared a line from a poem. She shared the poem by Rudyard Kipling:

○ IF

BY RUDYARD KIPLING

(*'Brother Square-Toes'*—Rewards and Fairies)

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

Vice Chairman Dr. Coker:

- Thanked the Arlington Optimist - book drive that resulted in all the 1st graders in each of the 7

elementaries that feed into Parker getting books for their home libraries.

- Thanked Tony Boselli - The Boselli Foundation - while being inducted into the Hall of Fame, managed to make it to Academy Sports to celebrate 100 teachers and give them gift cards, specifically for them to help with their own stress and mental health. Congrats on the Hall of Fame piece.
- Shout out to Betty Burney and the I'm A Star Foundation, who completed a Cryptocurrency course that was done through JAXChamber.
- Welcomed back City Year - acknowledged and thanked Allishia Bauman and her team for their leadership. This is the 10th anniversary of City Year and they have made an impact on Jacksonville.
- Parent Leadership Academy - Shout out to Brandon Mack and Regan Copeland for their leadership.
- Thanked Dr. Greene and Corey Wright, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Assessment, for the Summer Commencement.
- Thanked Wendy Dunlap, Executive Director of High School Programs for her leadership.
- Thanked Riverside High School for hosting the commencement.
- Recognized Phil Little, Coordinator for the Office of Social Studies, who received the Fran Peacock-Coker Community Service Award by the Florida chapter Board of Trial lawyers. She explained that the award had been developed after her mother had passed 15 years ago. It is given to people in the state of Florida who exhibit incredible community leadership and volunteerism. She shared that she was not involved in the decision making.
- Requested for Board Member Hershey to hold up her Go Parker Finger and thanked her for the Gentlewomen bet.

Chairman Willie:

- Reminded everyone about being at Springfield Middle School for the Board Workshop and to tour the Minecraft Lab at the school.
- Shout out to Specialist, Nadine Ebri, who works in the Minecraft Lab and over the summer organized with the urban league young professionals to clear out the courtyard at the school.
- Shared about going with representatives from the NAACP to do a school visit.
- Shout out to Biscayne Elementary School and Ms. Reis and Ms. Lee, teachers - community garden created which will be used for student learning. Thanked Principal McBride for the putting on a great program. Parents came out for the ribbon cutting.
- Announced about the meet and greet for Paul Davis, new principal at Darnell Cookman.
- Mentioned about an email from a student who expressed thanks regarding the student dress code, which has been updated on the website.
- Shared experience about the 1st day of school where he taught math at Mathew Gilbert Middle School.
- Spoke about 'Kick Cancer' and encouraged all to wear pink at the October Regular Board Meeting.

Adjournment

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Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: Elizabeth Andersen

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson

Nay:

None

GC

Superintendent

Chairman