



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

November 1, 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

This 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

CEDAR HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Cedar Hills Elementary School was highlighted through a video presentation. Principal, Marva McKinney expressed her appreciation for being invited.

Board Member Warren A. Jones shared an email he received from Susan Cantrell expressing gratitude to Principal McKinney and the staff at Cedar Hills Elementary School for the great work they are doing. She is especially grateful for the dedication they have toward the children and the difference they are making in their lives.

Chairman Willie also expressed his appreciation to Principal McKinney and the staff for all the work they do daily to empower the students.

Communications

PARTNER RECOGNITION: RHODES GRADUATION SERVICES

Since 2016, Rhodes Graduation Services - a family owned and operated business, has taken it upon themselves to leave a mark with the Presidents of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence by donating keepsake rings.

A plaque of appreciation was presented to Austin Rhodes and Al DeJesus, North Florida Territory Manager, by Brandon Mack, Family and Community Engagement Executive Director, Ernest Almond, Supervisor and Willie Hall, Events Coordinator

READ JAX SCHOOLS

The following schools were recognized for their participation in the "Twenty Minutes a Day Paves the Way" initiative and each received a special banner:

- Arlington Elementary School - Principal, Paula Findlay (not present), Vice-Chairman, Dr. Coker.
- Arlington Heights Elementary School - Principal, Katrice Scott.
- Woodland Acres Elementary School – Principal, Shawn Platts (not present), Vice-Chairman, Dr. Coker.
- Northwestern Legends Elementary School – Principal, Kimberly Brown (not present), Chairman, Willie.
- Rufus Payne Elementary School – Principal, Weisha Day (not present), Board Member Jones.
- Highlands Elementary School – Principal, Natalya Richie, Chairman Willie.
- Pinedale Elementary School – Principal, Kenya Griffin.
- Reynolds Lane Elementary School – Principal, Kimberly Jennings.

FLORIDA COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES DR. THERON TRIMBLE FLORIDA SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR HIGH SCHOOLS: JENECY GRIFFIN, RAINES HIGH SCHOOL

Jenecy Griffin, U.S. History teacher at William M. Raines High School was recognized for earning the Dr. Theron Trimble, Florida Social Studies Teacher of the Year for High Schools. This is an honor given by the Florida Council for Social Studies.

Vincent Hall, Principal of William M. Raines High School and Erin Conklin, Director of K-12 Social Studies joined in the presentation. Ms. Griffin also received the Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

PARENT ACADEMY'S NEW PARENT LEADER RECOGNITION

November is Parent Engagement in Education Month and the following new Parent Leaders were recognized:

- Jill Hill
- Krishan Joshi (not present)
- Topaze Thomas
- Karen Affatato
- Tabitha Collins

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2022, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the November 1, 2022, agenda as submitted on October 25, 2022.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

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

Chairperson's Report

Chairman Willie presented a PowerPoint presentation reflecting on his year as Chairman and the milestones over the past few years.

He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Board.

Superintendent's Reports

Dr. Greene yielded her time so that Corey Wright, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Assessment, could provide an update regarding The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) (see attached).

Department Reports

No reports.

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

No report.

Public Comment

The following people signed up for Public Comment:

- Kathleen Perera
- Kathleen Murray
- Daniel Henry
- Katie Hathaway
- Erika d'Amore
- Elissa Barr
- Samantha Hamel
- Michele Matisoo
- Dr. Jennifer Cowart
- Pam Mullarkey Robbins
- Katryne Lukens Bull
- Taylor Horahcik
- Jessica Willson
- Dr. Carmen Martinez, M.D.
- Carnell Oliver
- Brian Morrill
- Ahlam Elhajjaji
- Frank DeLong
- Lori Crunden
- Becky Nathanson
- Dr. Nanay Staats, M.D.
- Larissa Williams (had to leave)
- Judy Sheklin
- Alexander Jenkins
- Cindy Watson
- Elton Brown
- Darshini VanCheeswaran
- Harrit Vazquez
- Dan Merkan
- Roselle Van Nostrand

Public Comment speakers signed up for Public Comment, but waived their speaking time:

- Miriam Parkinson
- Wendy Collins
- Kenneth C. Steele, III
- Jeff Arneson
- Julie Geissmann
- Justin Kugler
- Laura Atkins

Comments from Parent Organizations

No comments.

Comments from District Student Government Association

Elijah Melendez-Ester, President of the Student Government, thanked Dr. Greene and the Board Members for inviting him to the Board meeting. Elijah then shared the following:

- He is a senior of Mandarin High School.
- President of the National Honor Society.
- Plays football, lacrosse, and is involved in a couple of other things.
- Expressed appreciation for Timothy Simmons, Regional Superintendent, for sponsoring the Jacksonville Association of Governing Students (JAGS).
- Spoke briefly about JAGS and the meetings that are held.
- Encouraged Principals to participate in the program.

Comments from Employee Organizations

David Bryant, President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) spoke regarding where the job opening for IBEW are located on the website and the use of subcontractors.

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

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

- **October 10, 2022 - Regular Board Meeting**
- **October 11, 2022 - Board Workshop**
- **October 18, 2022 - Agenda Committee Meeting**
- **October 18, 2022 - Board Workshop**

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

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: Kelly Coker
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

Board Member Hershey pulled the following items for comment:

ACADEMIC SERVICES

NURSING SERVICES - TEMPORARY

Board Member Hershey wished to caution the Board over privatizing due to the amount employees are paid versus what the district pays outside sources.

SCHOOL CHOICE AND PUPIL ASSIGNMENTS

APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 CHARTER SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Board Member Hershey stated there are 10 schools who received a D or F. She stated that it is imperative to hold all schools accountable for achievement and that there is work to be done in Tallahassee to hold the Charter Schools accountable.

OPERATIONS - FACILITIES PROJECT DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT MANDARIN HIGH SCHOOL #260 - SELECTION OF DESIGN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT - PROJECT RFQ NO. 06-23/TW

Board Member Hershey stated she was happy to see the expansion of another wing. She expressed her appreciation to the community for passing the half-penny sales tax and encouraged City leaders to come alongside of the district with housing.

Consent Agenda

Board Members

Academic Services

1. NURSING SERVICES – TEMPORARY
2. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, INC.
3. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH I'M A STAR FOUNDATION FOR TEAMUP SERVICES
4. APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 DISTRICT SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCILS
5. APPROVAL OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL-WIDE IMPROVEMENT PLANS
6. APPROVAL OF THE 2022-23 AGREEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES WITH BOOMING LEARNING CENTER (BLC)

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

7. APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 CHARTER SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Human Resource Services - Staffing

8. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

9. AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL TO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH PLAN SERVICES WITH BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA, INC. D/B/A FLORIDA BLUE

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

10. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – JULY/AUGUST 2022
11. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS – SEPTEMBER 2022

12. CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (COPS) RESOLUTION

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

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

14. CHANGE ORDER REPORT

15. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

16. CASTALDI ANALYSIS FOR FOUR (4) ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

17. NEW JEAN RIBAUT HIGH SCHOOL - AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES - PROJECT RFQ NO. 04-23/TW

18. ROOF REPLACEMENT AT ABESS PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 263/DCSB PROJECT NO. M-83800/ITB-001-23/LM

19. NEW 6-8 CHAFFEE TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL - AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICES CONTRACT - RFQ NO. 03-22/TW

20. INSPECTION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, FIRE PUMPS AND BACK FLOW PREVENTERS

21. ROOF REPLACEMENT AT FRANK H. PETERSON ACADEMIES NO. 280/DCSB PROJECT NO. P-83800/ITB-018-22/LM; CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH MCCURDY-WALDEN, INC.

22. RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT MANDARIN HIGH SCHOOL #260 - SELECTION OF DESIGN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT - PROJECT RFQ NO. 06-23/TW

23. RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT DUNCAN U. FLETCHER HIGH SCHOOL #223 - SELECTION OF DESIGN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT - PROJECT NO. 06-23/TW

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

24. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

25. SEPTEMBER 2022 PURCHASE REPORT

Chief of Staff

26. DIGITAL MEDIA SERVICES: CONTRACT AWARD

Discussion

Chief of Staff

27. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 2 BOARD POLICIES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the recommended revisions to the following policies in School Board Manual Chapter 2:

**Policy 2.26, Board Meeting Protocol and Format
Policy 2.38, Audit Advisory Committee**

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

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

28. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 3 BOARD POLICIES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the recommended revisions to the following policies in School Board Manual Chapter 3:

Policy 3.50, Public Information and Inspection of Records

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

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

29. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 4 BOARD POLICIES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the recommended revisions to the following policies in School Board Manual Chapter 4:

Policy 4.10, The Curriculum

Policy 4.12, Exceptional Student Education

Policy 4.121, Postschool Services for Exceptional Students

Policy 4.13, Career and Technical Education

The following people signed up to speak during Public Comment:

- Jennifer Cowart

Vote Results:

Motion: Kelly Coker

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

30. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 5 BOARD POLICIES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the recommended revisions to the following policy in School Board Manual Chapter 5:

Policy 5.80, Athletics.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

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

31. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 9 BOARD POLICIES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the recommended revisions to the following policy in School Board Manual Chapter 9:

Policy 9.63, School Volunteers/Screening Process

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

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

Board Member Travel

Superintendent's Travel

SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL

Motion:

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

- **November 29-December 2, 2022 - Tampa, FL - Florida School Boards Association (FSBA)/Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) 77th Annual Joint Conference**

Vote Results:

Motion: Kelly Coker

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

For The Record

BOARD MEMBER JONES:

- Congratulated Timothy Simmons, Region Superintendent, High School & Alternative Region for daring enthusiasm and showing students not be afraid to do different things while flying with the Blue Angels.
- Congratulated Gregory Drive Elementary School and Principal, Augena Sapp for being selected by Community First Credit Union for School of the Month.
- Congratulated the former Raines High School football coach Freddie Stephens for having the football field named after him, having coached several players who went onto the NFL which one of them, Brian Dawkins was voted into the NFL Hall of Fame.

BOARD MEMBER JOYCE:

- Health Curriculum clarification for parent viewing at the district office. Per Dr. Greene, the material is available at the district office for reviewing.

- Chaffee Middle School 6-8 boundary changes could affect where students attend and encouraged parents to get involved.

BOARD MEMBER HERSHEY:

- Shared her experience at a recent conference of the Council of Great City Schools. She attended a course which encouraged utilizing outdoor natural resources for classrooms, especially for STEM, and hoped Chaffee Trails and Loretto Road campuses could incorporate this idea.
- Leadership conference at Bartram Springs.
- Visited River City Science Academy and watched a science experiment.
- Congratulated Mandarin High School for going to the State Playoffs.

BOARD MEMBER PEARSON:

- Congratulated schools who received or maintain an A grade.
- Annual tour of schools.
- Congratulated High Schools for recent accomplishments.
- Community Partnership with Northeast Florida Builders Association presentation.
- Alden Road Fall Festival success and their gift center.
- Samuel Wolfson community event Trunk or Treat.
- Congratulated Athlete of the Week Charlotte Caccam student of Samuel Wolfson High School.

VICE-CHAIRMAN, DR. COKER

- Congratulated the READ Jax recipient award winners from earlier.
- Congratulated Dr. Greene as a finalist for Superintendent of the Year.
- Congratulated Dr. Kriznar, Ms. Renfro and Mr. Wright for their presentations at the Council of Great City Schools.
- Excitement from the Arlington community regarding the groundbreaking of the Performing Arts Center at Fort Caroline Middle School. She expressed her appreciation to Dr. Greene and Mr. Soares for the dedicated work on this project.
- School visit to Arlington Elementary School and witnessed the READ USA program in action. She encouraged all Board Members to take the time to walk and experience the READ USA program.

BOARD MEMBER ANDERSEN:

- Expressed her appreciation to Chairman Willie for his leadership as Chairman. He has done a phenomenal job.
- Quote from Madeleine L'Engle, author of A Wrinkle in Time, who said "Maybe you have to know the darkness to appreciate the light."
- She expressed her appreciation for those who trusted her to serve and she is proud of the work that had been done. She stated she had learned so much from this opportunity.
- She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to talk about mental health.
- She stated that she had seen and experienced some real ugliness and hate speech in the community during the weekend. She stated that our children and school system needed us to keep calling out hate, gaslighting, and false truths and hopes the communities would get engaged because it matters. It's important to them.
- Expressed her appreciation for District 2 and their warmth and welcoming of her as Board Member. Especially to the staff who have supported her and their passion.
- Expressed her appreciation to the Board Members.
- Expressed her appreciation to her family.

CHAIRMAN WILLIE:

Presented a PowerPoint Presentation "Farewell to Board Member Elizabeth Andersen" and presented her with flowers and a plaque. The following comments were made:

- Board Member Jones expressed his appreciation for her love and passion for students every day and stated she made every student better for the last four years and was exactly what we needed!
- Board Member Hershey stated she remembered when Board Member Andersen was first sworn in - she called her Chairman Andersen. She saw it coming in her leadership ability; she served for such a time as this, during a very rough time and appreciates her commitment. She quoted words of wisdom from Congresswoman Tillie Fowler "Your chance for public office will always be there, but your chance to raise a family will not." She wished her much joy in the time now for raising her family and all the best to her.
- Board Member Pearson expressed her appreciation for both as a colleague and a friend. She stated she has learned so much from her expertise. She quoted from Edmond Burke "no one made a bigger mistake than he/she who did nothing because he/she could only do a little." She stated that she felt that she is capable of doing way more than a little and feels there is better in store for her.
- Vice Chairman Dr. Coker stated she is a force and Board Member Andersen was here to do great work and great work is what you did. Board Chair who renamed schools and will go down in history because of her great work. "Our district is a better place for children because of the great work you did."
- Chairman Willie quoted "You never receive what you don't expect" and every time she came into a space, she raised the expectations. She stated many times, that we will have high expectations every time we sit in this space, for the kids, the staff. He stated that there have been many conversations over the years that he learned and left better because of her. He stated that one of the things he admired about her was her as a parent and how proud Cooper is of her standing up for what she believes. "What you have left behind will be felt for generations to come."
- Board Member Andersen stated she hoped the community understands the Board's work as a body and that they all shouldn't be the same and should have different perspectives. She welcomed Board Member Elect Carney to this seat and thanked her for being there and, although they do not see things the same, that she would bring her own set of perspectives. She expressed her appreciation to Dr. Greene. She ended with a quote from Mahatma Gandhi, "In the midst of darkness, light persists."

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 P.M.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cindy Pearson

Second: Warren A. Jones

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Cindy Pearson

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte A. Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Lori Hershey

Nay:
None

CRH

Superintendent

Chairman