



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

December 6, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

Dr. Kelly Coker, Chairman
Ms. Cindy Pearson, Vice-Chairman
Ms. April A. Carney
Ms. Lori Hershey
Mr. Warren A. Jones
Ms. Charlotte D. Joyce
Mr. Darryl Willie
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.

Performances by the 5th Grade Recorder Group from Englewood Elementary School and the First Coast Singers from First Coast High School.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

JOHN STOCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Principal, Stephanie Brannan shared information about John Stockton Elementary School. Then through a video, more information was shared about the things that are taking place at the school.

Board Member Joyce shared accolades about the school, Principal Brannan, and staff of John Stockton Elementary School.

Communications

ASCA SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR FINALIST: JOSHUA NELSON, RICHARD L. BROWN GIFTED AND TALENTED ACADEMY

School Counselor, Joshua Nelson from Richard L. Brown Gifted and Talented Academy, was honored for being a finalist for the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) School Counselor of the Year.

- One of four school counselors in the U.S. to be named as a finalist for the ASCA's School Counselor of the Year.
- Has been a school counselor since 2015.
- Principal, Kristi Kincaid said, "Mr. Nelson is the heartbeat of our learning community" and that "he has made a great impact on [the] school."
 - He discovered that a small percentage of students at the school were receiving the bulk of discipline referrals.
 - Upon research and discussions with students, families, and the community, he discovered that this group of students struggled with the same issues and behaviors associated with Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs ("aces").
 - To address this, Mr. Nelson collaborated with school staff to create emotionally safe and supportive spaces.
 - Students were assigned adult mentors, and they were also paired with other students in groups called 'lunch bunches'.
 - Mr. Nelson said, "Working with the students taught me the power of intentional/caring relationships, the need for explicit instruction in healthy coping skills, and the power of positive relationships in reversing the impact of ACEs."
- Mr. Nelson, along with the other finalists, and the School Counselor of the Year will be celebrated in February 2023 in Washington, D.C.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Jacksonville Public Education Fund President, Rachel Tutwiler-Fortune and Equitable Advisor's Southeast Region Executive Vice President, Richard Allen, joined in celebrating the following finalists for Assistant Principal of the Year:

- Assistant Principal, Elisha Carr of Crown Point Elementary School.
 - Ms. Carr believes that "a school is more than just a building and walls".... and she made it her mission to address a decline in parental involvement.
 - She has increased community partnerships, organized volunteers to host reading sessions, and produced daily greetings in Spanish and Portuguese to promote inclusiveness.
 - Principal, Brett Hartley said, "Carr's energy is contagious, and you can't help but smile anytime you are around her."
- Assistant Principal, Shaakera Thomas of Don Brewer Elementary School.
 - Ms. Thomas set forth a goal to focus on students who were not mastering grade level benchmarks, and were in need of additional support.
 - She noticed these students lacked confidence in themselves, and they needed someone to believe in them....and she knew she was that person.
 - Don Brewer, Principal, Amy Novak said, "From the moment she walked through Don Brewer's door, she has been looking for ways to refresh, rebrand, and revitalize our school. She excels and exceeds the Assistant Principal title role."

- Assistant Principal, Robyn Cooper of Rutledge H. Pearson Elementary School.
 - With Rutledge Pearson and Martin L. King, Jr. Elementary Schools merging together for the 2022-2023 school year, Ms. Cooper was tasked with bringing two school communities together.
 - Ms. Cooper strived to motivate and encourage students to take stock in their learning and set goals for student academics and behavior.
 - According to one teacher, Ms. Cooper "... never misses an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and success of teachers, students, and staff."
 - Principal, Katie Adkins joined to celebrate Ms. Cooper's accomplishment.
- Assistant Principal, Dr. Jerome Mosley of Mattie V. Rutherford Alternative Education Center.
 - As a teacher leader, he has always aimed to "Lift as he climbed." Meaning that as he's grown and learned new things professionally, he has always poured his knowledge into other teachers.
 - Dr. Mosley is also passionate about being an advocate for youth. He created Bridge Builders United, Inc., to help provide resources for parents and children.
 - Principal, Sadie Millner-Smith, said, "Dr. Mosley has demonstrated that he is a team player, and compassionate while displaying leadership qualities when problem solving."
- The Assistant Principal of the Year, Vontrena Myers of Oceanway Middle School:
 - One of Ms. Myer's accomplishments include jumping into action and developing systems to help transform a declining school culture.
 - Ms. Myers was also instrumental in implementing strategies that resulted in growth in the school's state performance scores in ELA, Science, Math, and Algebra.
 - Principal, Elizabeth Stansel, said this: "When Ms. Myers came to Oceanway, the school was in chaos. In her role at Oceanway Middle School, she has been pivotal in setting change parameters and then leading teacher teams in implementing changes that have improved student behavior and instructional delivery. "
 - Principal Stansel joined to celebrate Ms. Myers accomplishment.

Each honoree received a Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Ms. Tutwiler-Fortune and Mr. Allen also joined in celebrating the following finalists for Principal of the Year:

- Principal, Kathleen "Katie" Adkins of Rutledge H. Pearson Elementary School.
 - Mrs. Adkins joined Rutledge Pearson during a year of transition.
 - Through Common Planning and Professional Development, she encouraged teachers to share ideas, collaborate, and build confidence in mastering their crafts.
 - One ELA teacher said this: "Mrs. Adkins has a way of transforming the environment of any school that she enters. She has a way of creating a culture of positivity, trust, belonging, an renewed passion."
- Principal, Traci Battest of Edward White High School:
 - Ms. Battest initially joined the Commander Family as an Assistant Principal.
 - She coined the heavily utilized name, the Comman-DOME, where the mantra, "Don't Offer Me Excuses" is instilled in faculty, staff, and students.
 - As principal, she worked to help create a safe space for students.
 - Part of that strategy has included the opening of the Teen Center at Ed White Boys &

Girls Club.

- According to one former student, Ms. Battest "embodies what it means to be an educator and a leader in this challenging and constantly changing world."
- Principal, Stephanie Brannan of John Stockton Elementary School:
 - Ms. Brannan lives by the Simon Sinek quote. "It's better to have a great team, than a team of greats."
 - To help build professional development, she began asking teachers to provide workshops on topics they were proficient in.
 - Ms. Brannan has also implemented regular student-admin data chats, ensuring students are involved in the process.
 - To quote a parent: "Principal Brannan's leadership extends to her work with the teachers and administration. As a parent, her widespread respect and admiration is very evident."
- Principal, Marianne Lee of Chimney Lakes Elementary School:
 - Upon being asked to lead the school, Ms. Lee immediately tackled the challenge of moving the school's academics forward, as well as building positive relationships among the faculty, staff, and stakeholders.
 - She lives by three principles:
 - School climate and culture are at the heart of change.
 - Professional development is at the heart of student success.
 - Visiting classrooms is at the core of change and collaboration.
 - Teachers also say her spontaneous acts of kindness show "her caring and compassionate nature for her teachers as well as students."
- The Principal of the Year, Tamara Roper of Joseph Stilwell Military Academy of Leadership:
 - Principal Roper said when she learned that the school was reinstating its military program, she knew that was the school she wanted to lead.
 - A veteran herself, she wanted to use her expertise and experience to help students and faculty feel the same sense of purpose and confidence that physical activity, comradery, and working toward a common goal inspire.

INCREDIBLE BRAVERY AND COMMITMENT TO SCHOOL SAFETY: KIM MCKESSON, RUTH UPSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Data Entry Clerk, Kim McKesson of Ruth Upson Elementary School was recognized for her bravery and commitment to school safety.

On October 7th, close to the dismissal of students, the school was visited by an unwelcomed guest. An unknown male walked up the stairs to the front of the school and began pulling on the door to enter the school. This got the attention of Ms. McKesson. She continued to monitor the man and noticed that he was bearing an axe. He then proceeded down the stairs to the sidewalk towards the playground.

This is when Ms. McKesson sprang into action. From a safe distance, she verbally engaged the man to find out his reasoning for visiting the campus. He then threatened her life. Instead of freezing, Ms. McKesson ensured doors were locked and secured, and informed the school's bookkeeper that she was putting the school on a Code Red lockdown.

This man was eventually apprehended by police.

It was because of Ms. McKesson's bravery, quick actions, and the support of school personnel, that a potentially terrible outcome was avoided.

Ms. McKesson received a Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 6 2022, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the December 6, 2022, agenda as submitted on November 29, 2022, with the following changes:

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

Additional Services - Independent Auditing Services - Attachment Added

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

Sale of Surplus Real Property - 11231 Philips Industrial Blvd., East: Purchase and Sale Agreement - Item Withdrawn

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Darryl Willie

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

Chairperson's Report

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Chairman Dr. Coker reviewed the following items:

- DCSB 2023 State Legislative Platform.
- Workforce Development.
- School Staff Shortage.
- Early Learning.
- School Choice.
- Important Date in the Advocacy Process.
- Be a Part of Our Advocacy Team.

- Board Member Darryl Willie was recognized for serving as the Board Chairman from 2021 to 2022.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Superintendent's Reports

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Greene explained about the termination with JASMYN (Jacksonville Area Sexual Minority Youth Network).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Department Reports

No reports.

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

No report.

Public Comment

The following signed up for public comment:

- Melissa Bernhardt
- Dr. Carmen Martinez
- Pamela Henry
- Chunxing She
- Frank Delong
- Chaplain Gerri Woodham
- Kathleen Murray
- Jeannina Perez
- Sharri Godard
- Michelle Tipton
- Katie Hathaway
- Erika d'Amore
- Alex Ingram
- Joseph Gaskin
- Madeline Acosta
- Venus Hicks
- Cindy Watson
- Lori Shad
- Sandy Bond
- Kathleen Perera
- Carlos D. Perera
- Sean Finn
- Dr. Jennifer Cowart

- Justin Kugler
- Eleanor Wilson
- Kris Kiernan
- Paige Parks (Had to leave)
- Matt Hartley
- Wells Todd
- Lori Crunden
- Michele Matisoo
- Connor Matisoo
- Alonia Wilson
- David Clapp
- Dawn Clapp
- Ashley Michaelis
- Gamble Scott
- William Zachary Addison
- Elissa Barr
- Katryne Lukens Bull
- Aubrey Barr
- Ellie Porter
- Jesse Hill
- Stefanie Levine
- Monica Gold (Had to leave)
- Joey Marmo
- Andrew Austin
- Stephan Betins-Kinnamon
- Debbie Bird
- Helen Heath
- Pastor Leon Bing
- Linda Sue Park
- Ami Polonsky
- Ellen Oh
- Dr. Angela Mann
- Tim Miller
- Josh Nathanson
- Becky Nathanson
- Ted Macie
- Raymond E. Johnson II
- Dan Merkan
- Nathan Tocco
- Pastor L. Winefrey
- Gracie Bowden
- Susan Aertker
- Lani Barton
- Shannon Taylor
- Brittany Mask
- Harriet Vazquez
- Richard Thomas
- Dr. Andrea Frazier

- Dr. Nancy Staats
- Bruce Musser
- Bryan Zelski
- Judy Sheklin
- Xin Liu
- Blake Harper
- Jennie K. Richards
- Felix Proia
- Martha Pumphrey
- Timothy Szendel
- Jill Herrera
- Dr. Pam Robbins
- Marcia Winnard
- Pat Villa
- Ericka Vargas
- Beverly Banta
- Quisha King
- Brittany Beimourtrusting
- Melody Bolduc
- Michele Moore
- Dr. Florinda Islamovic
- Dr. Igor Mikheer
- Amelia Mikheer
- Liz Osburn
- Pat Geer
- Ivy Suter
- Brian Kennedy
- Margaret Yarbough
- Frank Healey
- Pastor Elwyn Jenkins
- Yuping Song

Recessed at 8:58 p.m.

Reconvened at 9:16 p.m.

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

- Brian Morrill
- Ed Williams
- Jean Grant-Dooley
- Abigail George
- Niki Coplin
- Cosmos Cranston
- Trinity Baker
- Emily Rokosch
- Laura Lane
- Randy Lessen
- Ronda Tucker

- Bruce Latimer
- Diante
- Wylie Sparkes
- Janice M. Mitchell
- Flora Guthrie
- Michael Coutu
- Steven Isicoff
- Lila Hartley
- James O'Connell
- Kathy Hall
- Brandy Davis
- Eve "Leslie" Harrison
- Magan Tyson
- Robert Farris
- Alisa Penrod
- Rachel Shelden
- Monique Sampson
- Heather Grow
- Chris Grooms
- Tionna Jefferson
- Brian N. Jefferson
- Charles N. Lockland
- Melissa Rehfus
- Sonia Hernandez
- Helen Tucker
- William M. Tucker, Jr.
- Emma Ambler-Strocchi
- James Eddy
- Nekinia Wright
- Kristy Kerins
- Shawn Liu
- Gloria Einstein
- Jessie Nardy
- Hailey Anderson
- Joshua Hicks
- Shannon Beckham
- Jeff Arneson
- Sarah Daniels
- Jerilynn Ottara
- Julie Geissmann
- Phillip Perry
- Darelle Naccarato
- Sandra Ingersoll
- Mary Reilly
- Kim Gossett
- Rosimar Duca
- Ryan Moran
- Yuanfang Zhari

- Christopher Jordan
- Stephanie Boyette
- Hannah Johnson
- Gena Casas
- Kenneth Whitten
- Shuhua Li
- Nan Hucker
- Linda Watkins
- DeAnna Adamson
- Hugh Blanton
- Maleana Gay
- Stephanie Ofalt
- Rosalind Hoffman
- Stephanie Piraino

Comments from Parent Organizations

No comments.

Comments from District Student Government Association

No comments.

Comments from Employee Organizations

David Bryant, President, IBEW

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

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

- November 1, 2022, Regular Board Meeting
- November 1, 2022, Special Board Meeting - Leasing Corporation
- November 8, 2022, Board Workshop
- November 9, 2022, Special Board Meeting - Student Expulsion Hearings
- November 15, 2022, Board Workshop
- November 15, 2022, Agenda Committee Meeting
- November 22, 2022, Annual Organizational Meeting
- November 22, 2022, Special Board Meeting - Leasing Corporation

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: Darryl Willie

No discussion.

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Lori Hershey

No discussion.

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

Consent Agenda

Academic Services

1. APPROVAL AGREEMENT WITH EDMENTUM, INC.

2. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO 2022-2023 DISTRICT CALENDAR

3. AMENDMENT OF PRIOR CONTRACT APPROVAL WITH VENDORS ESTABLISHED THROUGH ITB-005-23/JR FOR TEMPORARY NURSING SERVICES

4. DAY CARE SERVICES

Human Resource Services - Staffing

5. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

6. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – SUPERVISOR, FACILITIES PROJECT MANAGER II

7. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – SUPERVISOR, FACILITIES PROJECT MANAGER III

8. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – SUPERVISOR, FACILITIES PROJECT MANAGER IV

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

9. SETTLEMENT WITH FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, JACKSONVILLE CONSOLIDATED LODGE NO. 5-30

10. EMPLOYEE ASSISTANT PROGRAM AND WORK/LIFE BALANCE SERVICES RFP NO. 05-23/TW

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

11. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – SEPTEMBER 2022

12. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS – OCTOBER 2022

13. SCHOOL INTERNAL ACCOUNTS ACTIVITY SOFTWARE WITH ONLINE PAYMENT CAPABILITIES

14. ADDITIONAL SERVICES - INDEPENDENT AUDITING SERVICES

Information Technology

15. SAP ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE RENEWAL

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

16. AMENDMENT TO REAL ESTATE LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR DISTRICT PROPERTY NEXT TO BILTMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 78, TO PETTICOAT-SCHMITT CIVIL CONTRACTORS FOR THE 5TH STREET JEA SEWER FORCE MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

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

18. CHANGE ORDER REPORT

19. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

20. PHASE III DOCUMENTS APPROVAL - FIRE ALARM SYSTEM REPLACEMENT, WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL #241, DCPS PROJECT NO. M-83970

21. RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT WESTSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL #207 - SELECTION OF DESIGN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT - PROJECT RFQ NO. 07-23/LM

22. RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT LORETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #30 - SELECTION OF DESIGN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT - PROJECT RFQ NO. 07-23/LM

23. RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT RICHARD L. BROWN GIFTED AND TALENTED ACADEMY #58 - SELECTION OF DESIGN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT - PROJECT RFQ NO. 09-23/LM

24. CONTRACT AWARDS FOR MOVING SERVICES /RFP NO. 08-23/TW

Operations - Transportation

25. TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGREEMENT

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

26. AMENDMENT TO THE - NONPROFIT SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE - FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY, RFP NO. 02-19/TW

27. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

28. OCTOBER 2022 PURCHASE REPORT

~~29. SALE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY – 11231 PHILIPS INDUSTRIAL BLVD, EAST: PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT~~

Discussion

Board Members

Academic Services

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

Motion:

That the School Board take public comment and then approve the below supplemental health education curriculum materials for reproductive health and disease prevention for use in the 2022-2023 school year:

- 1. Proctor & Gamble- Always Changing (Elementary)**
- 2. McGraw-Hill: Teen Health Healthy Relationships + Sexuality Companion Resource (Middle)**
- 3. Human Kinetics- Reproductive and Sexual Health Companion Resource (High)**

Public Comment:

- Felix Proia
- Joseph Linn
- Dr. Jennifer Cowart
- Harriet Vasquez
- Pat Villa
- Dan Merkin
- Margaret Yarbrough
- Justin Kugler
- Rebecca Nathanson
- Nathan Tocco
- Michelle Tipton

Vote Results:

Motion: Darryl Willie

Second: Lori Hershey

Discussion:

- There is an opt-out option for the standards that the district is required to teach.
- If and when approved, a form will be provided to the parents in the parent portal. They would then determine if they wanted to opt-out of the curriculum.
- There are hard copies of the curriculum in each of the middle schools and online for high school if families would like to review.
- Gender ideology is a very controversial topic around the world.
- Board Member Joyce shared information she had viewed of the testimonies of young people who

have socially and medically transitioned and the effects this has had on their lives. She expressed that there is no place in the public education system to teach gender ideology. That the district should teach standards: STDs, pregnancy, and all the things' children need to know about. But, when it comes to gender ideology, it is not factual. She added that she would have to be a hard 'No' regarding this item.

- Board Member Carney stated that the District's job is to provide instruction on reproductive health and how to prevent HIV and STDs. There is no place in the curriculum to teach gender ideology and gender dysphoria (a clinical mental health disorder). This should be addressed privately and on an individual basis. That support is there for our children.
- Parents should be able to opt-in for this part of the curriculum, not opt-out.
- Information is collected at the school level and a parent would opt-out of the whole lesson, not portions.
- Parents would see a list of topics in FOCUS so they would be informed of what they were opting-out of.
- Not everything in the curriculum textbook will be taught in the district. It will be clearly defined on the website.
- There will be no stand-alone lessons on diversity: gender identity and all that goes with it.
- The activity for making the pamphlet assigning gender identities is a stand-alone and will not be used.
- At the middle school level, there is a hardcopy for the classroom set and at the high school level, there is a PDF of the book. An explanation of how the textbook and PDF will be used was provided.
- At the middle school level there is a classroom set, students are not given a book, so when reproductive health and disease prevention lessons are taught, the teacher would be responsible for distributing any necessary resources aligned to the activity.
- Students who have been opted-out of these lessons will not be in the classroom to receive any materials.
- The development of the resource materials was explained.
- The District's Health teachers, the Health Dept., and Program Specialist of Health looked at the standards and then went through the material and determined what lessons were appropriate for the standards. There were lessons that the district determined not to use because they were not appropriate for the standards.
- The selected supplements go with the health textbooks that were state adopted back in 2007 that the board approved at the beginning of the school year.
- The supplements ensure that the district meets all the state standards and community needs.
- Confirmation was given that this is supplemental material and not the main material.
- Board Member Willie commented that the comprehensive sex education needs to be passed because our kids are talking about it and experiencing it. We need to make sure we educate them to make healthy decisions. There is an opt-out for a reason and if done the opposite way, it is actually denying access to certain families, parents and parental units to gain access to this information. Will be voting yes to this item.
- The website will have the very inclusive information for those who wish to opt-out.
- The life-cycle of the curriculum was explained: the supplemental resources are reviewed annually, which will be done in the spring. A statewide adoption of the textbook for health will be brought up in the 24/25 school year.
- Supplemental materials are pieces pulled from the resources to create the lessons.
- Duval has been delayed while other districts are moving their process along.
- Board Member Joyce shared that she had met with Duval Virtual, and learned that the district is able to meet the standards using the curriculum without using any of the topics from the venue.

- She also expressed that even if a parent opts-out, the books are still accessible to students.
- There is no gender identity/ideology being taught in middle school. There are lessons being taught about LGBTQ that connect to HIV because that community has a high risk of contracting HIV. The subject is not taught in stand-alone but taught as to contracting a disease.
 - The district will make available for parents to identify the lessons that will be taught.

PASSED 5-2

Aye:

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

Nay:

Charlotte D. Joyce
April A. Carney

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

31. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: ADOPT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM 2022 / 2023 - 2027 / 2028

Motion:

Approval of the 2022/2023 Five-Year District Facilities Work Program as required by Section 1013.35, Florida Statutes. The Duval County Public School District is required to take Public Comments prior to approval of this item.

No comments.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Darryl Willie

Board Member Hershey expressed her excitement about the work being done in the schools. She thanked Chief of Operations, Paul Soares, and the hard-working people in his department for the work they are doing.

Board Member Jones agreed with Board Member Hershey's comments. He added about Duval County having the oldest schools in the state of Florida and how happy the students are about having new buildings or work being done to the existing buildings. He added about looking forward to the ribbon cutting for Rutledge Pearson in August.

Board Member Willie mentioned the exciting projects taking place. He has been at a number of his schools and has seen so much happening. He mentioned the tax dollars are at work and encouraged people to look at the dashboard to see the progress and understand how the tax dollars are being spent.

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

Board Member Travel

No travel.

Superintendent's Travel

No travel.

For The Record

Board Member Joyce:

- Congratulated the Assistant Principals and Assistant Principals of the Year.
 - Four of the principal finalists are from her district.
 - Ms. Myers, who won the Assistant Principal of the Year, did a lot of great work at Stillwell.
 - Congratulated all for the work they do.
- Congratulated Board Member Willie on his Disney gift card.

Chairman Dr. Coker commented on Board Member Joyce rocking her Stillwell jacket.

Board Member Willie:

- Recognized the First Coast Chorus. Great to see students involved in things outside of academics.
- Congratulated the Assistant Principals and Principals of the Year.
- Announcement of the Top 15 for Teacher of the Year.
- Termination of the contract with JASMYN.
 - Tough on the Superintendent.
 - Not a win, because students don't feel they have a resource that was there.
 - The district now must find a way to support those students who had JASMYN as support.
 - Will show support to the students and hopes the Board will show support for those students also.

Board Member Hershey:

- Congratulated Assistant Principal Carr from Crown Point Elementary School.
- Shared that Principal Roper, Principal of the Year, used to be in District 7
- Shared about the Farm Share at Twin Lakes Academy Elementary School on Saturday, January 14, 2023.

- Dr. Greene was acknowledged for her leadership at the FSBA conference.
- Acknowledged Chairman Dr. Coker for becoming a Board Certified Board Member.
- Expressed Happy Holidays to everyone.

Chairman Dr. Coker stated that she was trying to keep up with Board Member Hershey, who is also a Board Certified Board Member.

Board Member Jones:

- Congratulated Robin Cooper and Katie Adkins for being semi-finalists for Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year.
- Congratulated Sadie Tillis who was selected by Subaru of Orange Park. Six teachers received \$500 for classroom supplies. This is a good partnership that is needed for all our schools as all our teachers need support.
- Offered condolences to the Holland Family on the death of their son, the 13-year old from Ribault Middle who was killed over the weekend.
- Shared information about the 8-year old student who was killed inside her home when a drive-by shooting had taken place while reading to her cousin in 2006. Mayor Peyton was touched and a program was approved called 'The Journey'. Board Member Jones explained about the program and shared all that has been going on since the program was defunded.

Board Member Carney:

- Expressed that all teachers enjoy the Winter Break.
- Time spent with the Superintendent and the Board at the FSBA conference. Humbled by guidance and the welcome that has been shared. Excited about being a Board Member and what she is going to experience as a Board Member.

Vice Chairman Pearson:

- Thanked Chairman Dr. Coker for the removal of the plastic partitions in the Cline Auditorium.
- Thanked Principal, Tracey Kendrick, Ms. Gail Meloni, and her class allowing Board Member Pearson to sub as a paraprofessional at Brookview Elementary School.
- Thanked Assistant Superintendent, Vicki Schultz for assisting in facilitating her goal of serving as a substitute in all 22 District 3 schools before the end of her term as Board Member.
- Middle School Girls Soccer Clinic which is in its 2nd year.
 - Has expanded to 6 schools: Arlington, Stillwell, Ribault, Southside, duPont, and Gilbert Middle Schools.
 - Thanked Athletic Director, Tammie Talley for rounding everyone up.
 - Great partner, Mike Levine from Jacksonville Football Club, who sent club level soccer coaches out to run the clinics with the girls. Provided 5 balls to each school.
 - L.C. Bogard from Soccer Up America also provided coaches.
 - The Fellowship of Christian Athletes has a commitment to providing pop-up goals.
 - Board Member Pearson is excited about soccer because she has a daughter who plays soccer. She spoke with a coach from Matthew Gilbert during a game and he said, "Girls find their voice on the pitch." The pitch is a soccer field. This leads to confidence, leadership, participation in class, healthy relationships, conflict resolution, and resilience.
 - Believe there is great value in sports and extra-curricular activities.
- Legislative Platform - 4 areas:
 - Work force.
 - School staff shortage.
 - Early learning.
 - Recouping the district's administrative costs for the Family Empowerment Scholarship.

- Trying to build a coalition on these 4 items. There are community members and organizations ready to reach out. Following up with Duval-delegation also.
- Encouraged those who may be interested in advocating for the district, to send her an email.
- The focus of the platform is increasing student success. Hopes that is something that can be agreed upon as a community.

Chairman Dr. Coker:

- Thanked Board Member Pearson for the soccer clinics, since one is coming to Arlington.
- Thanked Dr. Greene for quickly figuring out what was needed to support our LGBTQ+ youth in our community. Chairman Dr. Coker looks forward to joining Dr. Greene in talking with the GSAs. Want to hear the voices of all involved.
- Read a statement created by some leaders from the non-profit sector, who wanted to express their support for LGBTQ+ youth: United Way Community Foundations; JPEF; Delores Barr Weaver Foundation; Miller Family; and so many other groups involved.

Adjournment

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Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: April A. Carney

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

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Superintendent

Chairman