



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

January 17, 2023, Agenda Committee 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, was also present. Ray Poole, Office of General Counsel, was not present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Board Member Charlotte Joyce arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - FEBRUARY 7, 2023

AMENDMENT TO THE 2022-23 AGREEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES WITH BOOMING LEARNING CENTER (BLC)

Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent, and Scott Schneider, Chief Officer, Chief of Schools joined in the discussion on the following:

- How this program works in conjunction with other tutoring programs.
- Outcomes of tutoring programs.
- Funding by grant and start times were explained.
- Math achievement/decline percentages.

AGREEMENT WITH VARSITY TUTORS FOR SCHOOLS LLC

Dr. Greene, Corey Wright, Assistant Superintendent, Accountability & Assessment, and Paula Renfro, Chief Officer, Academic Services joined in the discussion on the following:

- Accessible to all students who have not met the graduation requirements.
- Funding amounts are awaiting state approval for confirmation of final amounts. Information will be updated prior to the meeting.
- This is an after-school, virtual program.

- Encouragement to Principals to be pro-active with seniors for this program.
- Up-to-date data by school was requested.
- Charter Schools have been invited to participate in the grant funding.

AMIRA HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT

Dr. Greene and Ms. Renfro joined in the discussion on the following;

- Length of subscription.
- Language options are available.
- Request for the number of students enrolled in second and third grade who speak Spanish as their first language, how many of those enrolled in DCPS this year for the first time, and the number of Spanish speaking students from all grades that enrolled each month this year.
- This product is available for both classroom and home, and teachers have been encouraged to assign Amira homework.
- How to engage the students outside of the four walls of the school.
- Dr. Greene is working on church tours to encourage parent engagement with students.
- Request for the type of tutoring services used for each grade level and a teacher survey about what has worked for them in the classrooms.

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) - RENAISSANCE CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., DOING BUSINESS AS DUVAL CHARTER SCHOLARS ACADEMY

Dr. Greene joined in the discussion on the following:

- School grade consequences for charter schools verses traditional public schools were explained.
- Student accountability should apply to all schools.
- Full compliance is required for charter school contracts to be executed.

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) - LONE STAR MYCROSCHOOL, INC., DOING BUSINESS AS LONE STAR HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Greene, Sharwonda Peek, Assistant Superintendent, School Choice and Lamarius Moultrie Agbaje, Supervisor of Charter Schools joined in the discussion on the following:

- This, Duval Mycroschool and Biscayne High School are all managed by Newport.
- Graduation rate requirements.
- This school was compared to Horizon, which is a contracted school, not a charter school, and why the difference in graduation rate requirements.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION - DIRECTOR, CODE ENFORCEMENT

Dr. Greene and Paul Soares, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Operations joined in the discussion on the following:

- Qualifications have been lowered from Master's degree to Bachelor's degree.
- Where advertisements are taking place.
- Employee shortages.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - NOVEMBER 2022

Dr. Greene joined in the discussion on the following:

- Amount of information given to review in a short period of time.

- The Audit Advisory Committee Subcommittee (AAC) will also be reviewing this information.
- Board Members were advised to reach out to Michele Begley, Chief Financial Officer with any questions.
- An executive summary is provided and all of this information is required to be submitted.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN 2022/2023-2026/2027

Ms. Begley joined in the discussion on the following:

- Amendment information includes Certificates of Participation (COPS) proceeds that were received as well as a few other items.
- A request was made to add to the item report that is being adjusted.

DECLARE WEST JACKSONVILLE ELEMENTARY NO 143, LOCATED AT 2115 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY UNSUITABLE AND UNNECESSARY FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Mr. Soares joined in the discussion on the following:

- Caution was expressed of the district "giving" property away to the city without something in place for its use.
- Provision is being added for a "2 year commitment to take action with specifics or it will revert back to the district." A request was made to have this included in all contracts.

PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

Mr. Soares joined in the discussion of the following:

- Minority contracts.
- Bring back on if female company owners must disclose that their spouse works for the company.

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

Mr. Soares joined in the discussion on the following:

- The process of selection and award of contract was explained.

SELECTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK FIRM - RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT WESTIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL - RFQ NO. 13-23/LW - PROJECT NO. P-89510

Dr. Greene and Mr. Soares joined in the discussion on the following:

- How the contract was awarded was explained.

AMENDMENT - ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES CONTRACT

Dr. Greene, Mr. Soares and Chief Gregory Burton, Executive Director of School Police joined in the discussion on the following:

- The changes to the contract were explained.
- Training is provided by Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) according to State Statutes.
- Vacancies.
- Request for information from other districts who are using district employees to cover these

positions, including the training program, and fail rate.

- Shooting is the most difficult and causes the highest failure rate. They are required to have higher scores than the Sheriff's office.
- The district is classified as a guardian use district.
- A request for the amount the county commissioners are contributing to the school safety personnel.

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

Dr. Greene joined in the discussion on the following:

- The amount of this item will be added prior to the meeting or it will be pulled.

Public Comment

NONE

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

CRH

Superintendent

Chairman