



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

January 9, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

The Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies Chamber Choir performed in advance of the start of the 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.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

MANDARIN MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Mandarin Middle School Principal, Julie Humphreys thanked the Board for the invitation to make a presentation at the meeting. She introduced TV Instructor, Jennifer Prescott, who explained and shared a video presentation totally created and edited by the students of Mandarin Middle School.

Board Member Hershey shared accolades regarding Mandarin Middle School. She added that she had heard the choir perform over the Winter Break and how wonderful they were. She mentioned they should have an opportunity to come and perform at the meeting.

Communications

PARTNER RECOGNITION: JACKSONVILLE FOOTBALL CLUB

The Jacksonville Football Club, or JFC, is a non-profit that aims to enhance physical fitness in our schools.

- They are the most revered youth soccer club in the Southeast United States.
- They have a goal to develop players with superior technical skills rooted in soccer's timeless values of sportsmanship, mutual respect, humility, and team spirit.
- JFC has partnered with Duval County Public School's Health and Physical Education (PE) Department for the past 5 years and has fostered a relationship between JFC coaches and district PE coaches in providing instructional training, as well as the presence of coaches and players at soccer field days.
- During the pandemic, JFC created videos that teachers could use.
- JFC is working to build a certification program for student officials.
- In October, JFC received recognition from the State-wide Health and Physical Education Association, or SHAPE- Florida, for its efforts in supporting students and teachers in Northeast Florida.

Those who joined in for the recognition:

- Director of Recreational Programs, Mike Levine
- Girls Youth Academy Director, Andy Fertick
- Coach, Patti Heilmann
- District Director of Health and Physical Education, Heather Albritton
- District Curriculum Specialist, Edgar Paban

PURPLE STAR SCHOOL RECOGNITION

In November, Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Department of Education announced the inaugural 114 recipients of the Purple Star Schools of Distinction.

- They're among the first in the state to ever earn this designation.
- Leaders say these schools were selected in light of how well they support military families transitioning into new schools and communities.
 - Offering student-led programs that welcome newly enrolled military families.
 - Designating a faculty member as a military liaison.
 - Expanding professional development training opportunities on topics pertaining to military students and more.
- The Purple Star School of Distinction each received a banner:
 - Abess Park Elementary School - Representatives - Principal, Kristin Shore; 5th Grade Teacher, Robert Kennedy; and Reading Interventionist, Melanie Denny.
 - Anchor Academy Elementary School - Representative - Principal, Jennifer Bealle-Collier
 - John Stockton Elementary School - Representatives - Principal, Stephanie Brannan and Military Family Life Counselor, Catherine Cashore
 - Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School - Representative - Principal, Chris Koek
 - Mayport Coastal Sciences Elementary School - Representatives - Principal, Katie O'Connell and Assistant Principal, Christine Shells
 - Neptune Beach Elementary School - Representatives - Principal, Elizabeth

Kavanaugh and Military Family Life Counselor, Marry Rollins

Those who join in for the recognition:

- Captain Brian Binder, US Navy Commanding Officer at Naval Station Mayport
- Captain, Marcos Cantu, US Navy Commanding Officer at Naval Air Station
- Sharon Kasica, School Liaison for Naval Station Mayport
- Terri Wannamaker, School Liaison for Naval Air Station Jacksonville

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS PERFORMANCE SERIES AT SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE, WOLFSON SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES AND LEADERSHIP PERFORMERS

Wolfson School for Advanced Studies and Leadership is proud to have three students who have been selected to the National Honors Band and will travel this summer to Sydney, Australia.

- This opportunity comes through the high School Honors Performance Series, which aims to "distinguish talented student musicians on renewed stages across the world."
- It is said that the High School Honors Performance Series at Sydney Opera House, "challenges accomplished 9th - 12th grade musicians at one of the world's most recognized and revered performance institutions: the Concert Hall at Sydney Opera House."
- Students will spend six days in Sydney, where they will study under master conductors and get to know other accomplished musicians from around the world.
- The students are:
 - Senior, Eli Sprague, who plays the tenor saxophone, was selected to both the High School Honors Band for Sydney, Australia and New York City.
 - Junior, Mitchell Sefton, who plays the clarinet, was selected to the High School Honors Band for Sydney, Australia for the second year in a row.
 - Freshman, Russell Sefton, who plays the alto saxophone, was selected to the High School Honors Band for Sydney, Australia.

Each student received the Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

The students were joined by Principal, Christopher Begley for their recognition.

THE GREAT DEBATE, THE NATIONAL CIVICS AND DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP: DUNCAN FLETCHER HIGH, GABRIEL ANNIS

This past November, Fletcher High School student, Gabriel Annis, participated in the Great Debate: The National Speech and Debate Championship in Orlando.

- The event was hosted by the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative, which was established by the Governor in 2020 to encourage middle and high school students to engage in civic activities and elevate their civic knowledge.
- Nearly 400 students from across the nation participated in what was called 'a triathlon-style tournament'.
- Participants competed in three events: Congressional Debate, Extemporaneous Debate and Impromptu Speaking.
- After three days of competition across these categories, Gabriel took home two top awards: second place in Extemporaneous Debate and second place in Impromptu Speaking.

Principal, Dean Leadford joined Gabriel in his acknowledgment and he received the Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

**GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS AND FIRST LADY CASEY DESANTIS, HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
ESSAY WINNER: ANDREW DIAZ, WOLFSON SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES**

Wolfson High School junior, Andrew Diaz, wrote essays that have earned him awards at both the state and regional level.

- Andrew Diaz, and his wins are two-fold – The Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest held by the Governor and First Lady. The Constitution Over Time Essay Contest was held by the US District Court, Middle District of Florida.
- For the Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest, Andrew wrote about former FIU President, Modesto Maidique, the longest serving president of any Florida University.
- Andrew earned the top prize in the high school category and for that, he received a four-year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation.
- On the same day, he won the Hispanic Heritage Essay Contest. Andrew learned that he had also placed in an essay contest by the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida.
- Andrew faced competition from 178 students in six neighboring counties.
- He earned third place by writing about the 15th amendment.
- Not only did Andrew earn a \$500 award, his teacher, Mrs. Rose, also earned a \$500 grant for encouraging him to enter.

Principal, Chris Begley joined Andrew in his acknowledgment and he received the Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 9, 2023, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the January 9, 2023, agenda as submitted on December 21, 2022 with the following changes:

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

- **Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Telephones - Attachment Added**

OPERATIONS - REAL ESTATE, PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING:

- **Declare West Jacksonville Elementary No. 143, located at 2115 Commonwealth Avenue as Surplus Property Unsuitable and Unnecessary for Educational Purposes - Item Withdrawn**

No discussion.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: Warren A. Jones

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 shared some of the work that the Board handles:

- Focus of the Board
- Partnership with Lift Jax
- Recent Board Activities
- Upcoming Dates and Items of Interest

Superintendent's Reports

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Greene shared information on the following:

- The Parent Champion Program
- Duval County Public School (DCPS) Athletic Training and Sports Medicine
- Shared a video on the progression of the new building for Rutledge Pearson.

Department Reports

No reports.

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

No report.

Public Comment

The following spoke during public comment:

- Kathleen Perera
- Randal Lessen
- Michelle Matisoo
- Katie Hathaway
- Dr. Jennifer Cowart
- Dan Merkan
- Annie Kirby
- Joanna Lumb

- Sharri Godard
- Lori Crunden
- James Crunden
- Les "Paul" Garner
- Joey Marmo
- Kahleen Murray
- Joseph Lynne
- LaCandace Collins
- Jaik Huang
- Michael Anderson
- Debora Elliott
- Margaret Yarbrough
- Claudia Marshall
- Sara Mitchell

The following waived their speaking time:

- Mary Reilly
- Brian Morrill
- Richard Postlethwait
- Ed Williams
- Janis Postlethwait
- Ken Atlee
- Linda Boggess
- Tammy Weinzatl
- Karen Barker
- Jeff Arneson
- Shannon Shanklin
- Yang Li
- Yuping Song
- Melissa Rehfus
- Xin Liu

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:

- **December 6, 2022, Regular Board Meeting**
- **December 13, 2022, Board Workshop**
- **December 13, 2022, Agenda Committee Meeting**
- **December 15, 2022, Special Board Meeting - Student Expulsion Hearing**
- **December 15, 2022, Policy Handbook Review Committee Meeting**

No discussion.

Vote Results:

Motion: Darryl Willie

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote Results:

Motion: Darryl Willie

Second: Warren A. Jones

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**Board Members****Academic Services**

1. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO DISTRICT CALENDARS FOR THE 2022-2023, 2023-2024 AND 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEARS
2. AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA ARENA FOR 2023 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES
3. AGREEMENT WITH VYSTAR VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA FOR 2023 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

School Choice and Pupil Assignments**Human Resource Services - Staffing**

4. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS
5. APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL CONTRACT AMENDMENT
6. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – DIRECTOR, FSRBC OPERATIONS
7. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FLORIDA SCHOOL RETIREE BENEFITS CONSORTIUM

Human Resource Services - Compensation**Human Resource Services - Labor Relations**

8. SETTLEMENT WITH AFSCME FLORIDA COUNCIL 79

9. SETTLEMENT WITH NORTHEAST FLORIDA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' LOCAL 630, LIUNA, AFL-CIO, FOR HEALTH SERVICES

10. SETTLEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 630, LIUNA, AFL-CIO

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

11. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – OCTOBER 2022

12. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS – NOVEMBER 2022

Information Technology

13. MICROSOFT UNIFIED SUPPORT SERVICES RENEWAL

14. IT ASSET DISPOSITION PROGRAM AND LAPTOP SALE

15. VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL (VOIP) TELEPHONES

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

16. APPROVE GRANT OF EASEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DUVAL COUNTY AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AT MERRILL ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL No. 228

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

18. ACQUIRE THE PROPERTY AT 13401 LANIER ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING FOR THE CO-LOCATION OF THE NEW LOUIS SHEFFIELD ELEMENTARY NO. 242 ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING SCHOOL

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

19. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

20. CHANGE ORDER REPORT

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

22. SECOND AMENDMENT TO CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AGENT/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES - AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONSULTANT - RFQ NO. 11-21/TW

23. SELECTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK FIRM - RFQ NO. 14-23/TW - RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT MANDARIN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL #260

24. SELECTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK FIRM RFQ NO. 14-23/TW - RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT DUNCAN U. FLETCHER HIGH SCHOOL #223

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

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

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

Operations - Transportation

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

28. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

Chief of Staff

29. 2022-2023 DRIVER EDUCATION SAFETY TRUST FUND AGREEMENT (REIMBURSABLE GRANT)

30. NOVEMBER 2022 PURCHASE REPORT

General

Emergency Agenda Items

Discussion

Board Members

Academic Services

31. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2022-2023 STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing on the revisions to the 2022-2023 Student Progression Plan.

That the Duval County School Board, following the public hearing, approve the modifications to the 2022-2023 Student Progression Plan.

Opened public hearing.

Closed public hearing.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: Warren A. Jones

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

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

32. CONTRACT LABOR – KITCHEN EQUIPMENT/ ITB-021 – 23/LM CONTRACT AWARD

Chairman Dr. Coker gave the gavel to Vice-Chairman Pearson.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Contract Labor - Kitchen Equipment, ITB-021-23/LM contract award to the following list of contractors. These contract agreements have a one year base period and three additional one year renewal options.

A. J. Anderson LLC
Aptitude Associates Inc.
Coker Industrial Contractor Inc.
Quantum Mechanical LLC
Shifting Gears LLC

That the Duval County School Board authorize the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Superintendent of Schools to execute the contract agreements when form approved by the Office of General Counsel.

That authority be delegated to the Superintendent to renew the contract agreements for the subsequent years when form approved by the Office of General Counsel, provided terms and conditions are the same and subject to the availability of funds.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Charlotte D. Joyce

Chairman Dr. Coker provided a public record that she was in no way related to the persons that own Coker Industrial Inc. She added that she did not even know them, that they just happen to have the same name.

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Chief of Staff

General

Emergency Agenda Items

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:

- **February 9-10, 2023 - Orlando, FL - FSBA - 2023 School Finance CBM Forum - Carney**
- **March 29- April 2, 2023 - Tampa, FL - COSSBA - Inaugural National Conference - Coker**

Vote Results:

Motion: Charlotte D. Joyce

Second: Warren A. Jones

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

Superintendent's Travel

No travel.

For The Record

Board Member Jones:

- Thanked Ajax Building Corp. and subcontractors for holding a job fair to search for employees to assist with the construction project for the new Rutledge Pearson Elementary School.
- Spoke about the Topping Out luncheon for the new Rutledge Pearson Elementary School.
- Thanked the parents for attending the School Showcase that took place on Saturday.

Board Member Carney:

- Expressed excitement about the 5 Purple Star schools in her district:
 - Abess Park Elementary School
 - Anchor Academy Elementary School
 - Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School

- Mayport Coastal Sciences Elementary School
 - Neptune Beach Elementary School
- Congratulated Fletcher High School student, Gabriel Annis for his great debating skills.
- Encouraged people to view the video on Fletcher Middle School's Facebook page that they created for the Showcase.

Board Member Joyce:

- Thanked Ms. Peek, her team, the ambassadors, and everyone who helped to make Saturday's Showcase a success.
- Shared about her attire she had on in support of the JAGS.
- GO JAGS!

Board Member Willie:

- Acknowledged and thanked Ms. Peek, her team, and all those who participated at the Showcase that took place on Saturday.
- Acknowledged the Purple Star schools.
- Touched on the work of the Board Members.
- GO DAWGS! and GO JAGS!

Board Member Hershey:

- Spoke about the Showcase that took place on Saturday. She added about schools that had a draw of families vs. the schools that did not. Would like to consider possibly having a conversation regarding this matter in the future.
- Spoke about the upcoming Farm Share event that was taking place at Twin Lakes Academy Elementary School.
- Spoke about the upcoming Community Meeting that was taking place at Loretto Elementary School. The topics were going to be school safety and the guardian program.

Vice-Chairman Pearson:

- Participation in a joint training event with DCPS Police, JSO, and JFRD. Thanked the partners and volunteers for the well-planned, well-executed, and powerful exercise. She also thanked Chief Greg Burton of DCPS Police for the opportunity to observe. Encouraged the Board Members to consider participating if the opportunity arises again.
- Thanked Ms. Peek and her staff for the work done at the Showcase. Thanked the principals, the school staff, the parent volunteers, and the ambassadors for coming out on Saturday. Thanked the parents for also coming out on Saturday.
- Shared that January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Also shared information from the Parent Academy Program:
 - The Trafficking Crisis - January 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. More information can be found at:
 - duvalschools.org/parentacademy
 - coj.net - Human Trafficking

Chairman Dr. Coker:

- Celebrated the Saturday Showcase put on by School Choice. Thanked all who assisted with the Showcase and all who attended.
- Celebrated District staff for also attending the Showcase to provide support.
- Shout out to GRASP Academy, a school for students with Dyslexia, did screenings for possible incoming students on Saturday during the Showcase so that parents would not need to return just for that process.

- Mention about her attire in support of the JAGS. Go JAGS!!

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: Charlotte D. Joyce

Second: Cynthia Pearson

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay:

None

GC

Superintendent

Chairman