



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

January 31, 2023, Member to Member 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 except for Board Members Dr. Kelly Coker, April A. Carney, Lori Hershey, Warren A. Jones, and Darryl Willie. Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent, and Mr. Ray Poole, Office of General Counsel, were not present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. GOVERNANCE

Vice-Chairman Cindy Pearson met with Board Member Charlotte Joyce.

Vice-Chairman Pearson opened the meeting by sharing with everyone the purpose of the meeting, which was to discuss the Duval County School Board Legislative Platform (see attached). She shared that she has been meeting with each Board Member as well as members of the community to get ideas about what resonates with them and to see who may want to partner with the Duval County School Board (DCSB).

Discussion included the following:

- Workforce:
 - Delegation members are moving something in the workforce space for DCSB which does not include one of the items currently listed on the legislative platform.
 - The district has good programs but the issue is getting someone qualified become employed with the district to teach the programs. This is not easy, because in other workplaces, an individual can make more money.
 - The platform items were presented at the Duval Delegation meeting.
 - One-on-one meetings with Delegation members have not been held yet.

- School Staff Shortages:
 - All 3 items are Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) items.
 - Thoughts of facing difficulties concerning exploring pathways to eliminate barriers for the re-employment of high-quality personnel (teachers and support staff) after retirement under the Florida Retirement System (FRS).
- Early Learning
 - The students and the community benefit from having a full-time Prekindergarten program in the community.
 - Economic benefits.
 - Communication with a broad coalition of people to include the Early Learning Coalition.
 - People in Tallahassee are willing to join in on this.
 - The Florida Chamber has this on their website.
- School Choice
 - Costs that are not being reimbursed.
 - There are reasons why people are leaving the district, but there are also people coming back to the district.
- Meeting Suggestions.
- Meetings that have taken place and upcoming meetings to discuss Workforce Education:
 - Jax Chamber.
 - Northeast Florida Builders Association (NEFBA).
 - Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF).
 - Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce.
- Categorical Funding and the Union.
 - The need to consult with Duval Teachers United (DTU) about how the union plays a part.
- Mobile unit that would go from school-to-school introducing students to career trades.
- Applying for grants to develop programs.
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs should start in elementary schools.
 - Student exposure to CTE programs.
 - Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) themes and use of neighborhood pathways.
 - Continuity of theme, learning, and opportunities from elementary to middle will help redeem and educate students.
- Communication about the grant and parameters.
- Follow-up with the Department of Education (DOE)/FSBA about grant parameters.
- JPEF and Jax Chamber communication.
- Communication on changing the parameters for the temporary certificate.
- A request was made for background information on the 2nd bullet point of the workforce legislative platform item and the 1st bullet point for the school staff shortage legislative platform item.
- Inquiry made concerning FSBA and the Senate Bill 896 extension.
 - Veterans parameters for applying for a temporary teaching certificate.
 - The number of veterans that have been hired through the program.
- Board Member Joyce shared information on platform items that she was interested in working on.
- Kortney Wesley, Director, Governmental Relations, joined the discussion by answering questions and sharing information concerning the platform items.
 - Categorical funding for CTE adjunct teachers and things that would pose as a barrier.
 - Looking at appropriations for funding.
- Things that could affect the passing of the subject area test for certification.
- Interests in pursuing the general knowledge portion of the test.
- Background shared on certification tests and the difficulties they present.

- Follow-up and finding out FSBA progress along with finding out what the appetite is for discussion on certain platform items.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman