



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

February 7, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

The Cathedral Arts Project, Carnegie Hall Student Performers performed in advance for 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 6:05 p.m.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

GRASP ACADEMY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

GRASP Academy Principal, Annessia Powell recognized the parents who had come out to the Board meeting. She then shared highlights of the school through a video presentation.

Chairman Dr. Coker shared accolades about the school and thanked Principal Powell for the work being done at the school.

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK PROCLAMATION

- Chairman Dr. Coker read a Proclamation by the School Board of Duval County Florida for School Counselors.

Thoughts shared by Board Members:

Board Member Jones mentioned that counselors have played an important role in the lives of children.

- He mentioned Thelma Giver, who was a counselor when he was in high school, and she had advised him on which university to go to.
- He also mentioned the former counselor of Raines High School that had passed away, Deborah Norman. She had made an impact on so many students' lives at the school.

Board Member Willie:

- Echoed the sentiments about the power of people, especially counselors.
- There is a sign that says, 'Other duties as assigned,' and often counselors wear so many hats.
- The counselors are a treasure.
- He has seen as a Board Member and as a parent, what the counselors do.
- He thanked the counselors for all the work they do.

Board Member Joyce:

- Since she used to work in the school, she saw the hard work and dedication of the school counselors.
- Work may look different, regardless of what level, but it is incredible work that the counselors do.
- Honored to have so many counselors as her friends.

Vice-Chairman Pearson:

- Reflected on the work that the school counselors have done for her family.
- Counselors are called on and do their work with compassion, excellence, and knowledge for different families.
- Shout out to Pat Schneider, Guidance Counselor at Wolfson when she used to be a student. Ms. Schneider assisted Vice-Chairman Pearson with going to college.

Board Member Carney:

- Recognized Brooke Forte, Guidance Counselor at Neptune Beach Elementary School and Rhonda Davis, Guidance Counselor at Fletcher Middle School. Both counselors assisted with taking care of Board Member Carney's girls.
- Counselors are such a great gift to our schools and their work is appreciated.

Chairman Dr. Coker:

- Expressed accolades about counselors and the work that she has seen them do as a former employee of DCPS.
- Acknowledged Wendy Dunlap, Executive Director of High School Programs for all that she does and her wonderful leadership.

Communications

SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR

Beauclerc Elementary School Guidance Counselor, Fawn Sweeney is the winner of the Lucille C. Crysell Award.

- Lucille Crysell was a pioneer in the school counseling profession, establishing the first elementary, middle, and high school guidance programs in Duval County Public Schools.
- Ms. Sweeney, a 7-year veteran at the school, is celebrated for developing a special behavior support program. It teaches students with unique abilities, ways to interact positively with peers and build their self-confidence.
- Ms. Sweeney created video lessons that teachers can show students at any time to reinforce "Beauclerc's Guidelines for Success."
- In collaboration with the teachers in her school, Ms. Sweeney created a parent newsletter called "Insider Toolbox", which serves as a resource to stay connected with the school.
- One Beauclerc teacher said, "Ms. Sweeney has nothing but the best interests at heart for our students and teachers."

Executive Director of High School Acceleration Programs and Student Support Services, Wendy Dunlap joined Ms. Sweeney for her recognition.

Ms. Sweeney also received the Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR ADMINISTRATIVE ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

Beauclerc Elementary School Assistant Principal, Elena Riquelme was the recipient of the First Coast Counselor Association's Laurel Kaden Anderson Administrator Award.

- Ms. Riquelme has proven to be an advocate for school counselors.
- Ms. Riquelme was nominated because of her commitment to having a Comprehensive School Counseling Program.
- She works collaboratively with the school's two counselors, includes them in bi-weekly leadership meetings, and supports their School Counseling Advisory Council.
- She attends monthly meetings so that she is aware of the activities, goals, and data being shared with staff from feeder schools.
- Ms. Riquelme is involved with the community partners and parents who have a vested interest in supporting the counseling program.
- The counselors of Beauclerc Elementary are most proud of Ms. Riquelme's commitment to developing college and career-minded elementary students.
- Ms. Riquelme's supervisors are very pleased with her support of "Jax Goes to College Week," as well as her recent facilitation of Literacy Week activities.

Ms. Dunlap also joined Ms. Riquelme for her recognition.

Ms. Riquelme also received the Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

CATHEDRAL ARTS PROJECT, CARNEGIE HALL STUDENT PERFORMERS

The Cathedral Arts Project students have been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall for the second year in a row.

- These three Team Duval students are participating in the Crescendo International Music Competition, which is for students in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Asia.
- This youth competition started in 2007 and auditions music students aged 4 - 24.
- As prize winners in the competition, students will perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City on

Saturday, February 18, 2023.

- Each student also received the Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.
- The performers are as follows:
 - Douglas Anderson School of the Arts senior, Daja Roberts, a violinist.
 - Daja started playing the violin while in elementary school.
 - Daja joined the Cathedral Arts Project in the 4th grade and has continued to hone his skills.
 - Daja is also a graduate from LaVilla School of the Arts Orchestra Program.
 - Douglas Anderson School of the Arts sophomore, Chloe Kolenc, a cellist.
 - Chloe started playing the cello in the Chets Creek Elementary afterschool string program.
 - Chloe is also a graduate from LaVilla School of the Arts Orchestra Program.
 - When Chloe is not playing the cello, she is an avid volleyball player.
 - River City Science Academy Mandarin 6th grader, Marielly Silva, a pianist.
 - Marielly started playing piano at the young age of 7.
 - This is Marielly's first time playing in an orchestra program.
 - Marielly is also the recipient of the Outstanding Academic Excellence Award of the President's Education Awards Program, both in 2021 and 2022.

Joining the students in their recognition was:

- Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Principal, Tina Wilson
- River City Science Academy Mandarin Principal, Alaaddin Akgul
- River City Science Academy co-founder, Sel Buyuksarac
- Kids Hope Alliance Chief Administrative Officer, Saralynn Glass
- Cathedral Arts Project President and CEO, Reverend Kimberly Hyatt
- Cathedral Arts Project Vice President of Advocacy and Community, Dr. Lucy Chen

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2023, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the February 7, 2023 agenda as submitted on January 31, 2023 with the following changes:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 31, 2023 - Member to Member Meeting CP, CJ - Item Added.

OPERATIONS - FACILITIES PROJECT DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Award of Construction Management at Risk Agreement - Renovations, Classroom Additions and Multi-System Capital Renewal Project at Mandarin High School #260 - RFQ No. 14-23/TW - Attachment Added.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

March 15-17, 2023 - Tallahassee, FL - FSBA - 36th Annual Day in the Legislature - Pearson - Item

Amended.

March 17-22, 2023 - Washington, D.C. - 2023 Annual Legislature/Policy Conference - Coker and Hershey - Item Amended.

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

Chairperson's Report

Through a PowerPoint presentation (see attached), Chairman Dr. Coker shared the work of the Board:

- ELA (English, Language Arts) Assessment Data
- Math Assessment Data
- DCPS Legislative Platform - explained by Vice-Chairman Pearson
- Population Study in Collaboration with Cooperative Strategies
- Recent Board Activities
- Upcoming Dates and Items of Interest

Superintendent's Reports

Through a PowerPoint presentation (see attached), Dr. Greene explained the following:

- Safety and Security
- Review of Media and Classroom Libraries
- Black History Month
- 100th Day of School Celebrations
- National Signing Day
- Student Voices Elevated Through JAGS (Jacksonville Association of Governing Students) - video was shown

Department Reports

No reports.

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

No report.

Public Comment

The following spoke during public comment:

- Melissa Bernhardt
- Kathleen Perera
- Sonny Bartley
- Carlos Perera
- Kathleen Murray
- Caitlin Baiata
- Sean Clark
- Leah Kennelly
- Rebecca Nathanson
- Natalie Dreyer
- Margaret Yarbrough
- Holli Dean
- Beverly Banta
- Josh Nathanson
- Lori Crunden
- James Crunden
- Scott Greenwald
- Dan Merkan
- Jerry Hulshult
- Ashley Gosswami
- Gary Smith, Sr.
- Rachel Shelden
- Mandy Rubin
- Patti Price
- Shannon Shanklin
- Clayton Kirby
- Annie Kirby
- Brian Morrill
- Andy Bruck
- Melissa Rehfus
- Carola Zalles (had to leave)
- Brennan Mitchell
- Sara Mitchell
- Ken Atle
- Carl Polk
- Elissa Barr
- Tim Miller
- Les Paul Garner
- Xin Liu
- Yuping Song

- Gamble Scott
- Beth Vaughan
- Debbie Elliott
- Chris Moser

The following waived the speaking time:

- Mike Gay
- Valerie Johnson
- Ramona Rood
- Maleana Gay
- Gregory Adams
- Thomas Jagger
- Karen Barker
- Stuart Barker
- Tabitha Byers
- M. Ann Martin
- Tammy Weinzatl
- Rosimar Duca
- Ruth Wiedenhoeft
- Lana Gardner
- Ed Williams
- Kathy Desclefs
- Ronald Soroka
- Jennifer Soroka
- Eric Parker
- Jeannine Powell
- Pamela Vause
- Regina Clark
- Trinity Barker
- Nancy Koepka
- Belinda Coenen
- Joanna Lumb
- Yvonne Lockbaum
- Daniel Patrick
- Therese Watson
- Debbie Atlee
- Mary Reilly
- Lori Stratton
- Samantha Hamel
- Brian Kennedy
- Jeff Arneson
- David Neil Scott
- Jack Huang
- Joseph Lynne
- Yang Li
- Huibin Meng

Comments from Parent Organizations

DAC (District Advisory Council) President, Michael Hawk, shared a report from the last meeting:

- Election of officers.
- Discussion of HB1467.
- An inquiry was made about the process for naming a school field. Was brought up due to a conversation about naming the Riverside High School field after a person. Expressed that decisions for naming a field should not be determined by an individual SAC (School Advisory Council).

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:

- **January 9, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting**
- **January 10, 2023 - Board Workshop**
- **January 17, 2023 - Agenda Committee Meeting**
- **January 17, 2023 - Board Workshop**
- **January 19, 2023 - Policy Handbook Review Committee Meeting**
- **January 31, 2023 - Member to Member Meeting**

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:
That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote Results:
Motion: Lori Hershey
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

Consent Agenda

Board Members

Academic Services

1. THE SCIENCE OF READING COMPONENT NUMBER
2. AMENDMENT TO THE 2022-23 AGREEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES WITH BOOMING LEARNING CENTER (BLC)
3. AGREEMENT WITH VARSITY TUTORS FOR SCHOOLS LLC
4. AMIRA HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

6. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) - RIVER CITY EDUCATION SERVICES, INC., DOING BUSINESS AS RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY INNOVATION

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

8. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) - NORTHEAST FLORIDA VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD, INC., DOING BUSINESS AS FLORIDA CYBER CHARTER ACADEMY AT DUVAL

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

Human Resource Services - Staffing

10. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

11. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHERS

12. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – DIRECTOR, CODE ENFORCEMENT

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

13. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – NOVEMBER 2022

14. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS – DECEMBER 2022

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

Information Technology

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

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

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

17. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

18. CHANGE ORDER REPORT

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

20. ROOF REPLACEMENT AT FRANK H. PETERSON ACADEMIES NO. 280/DCSB PROJECT NO. P-83800/ITB-018-22/LM; CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH MCCURDY-WALDEN, INC.

21. PHASE III DOCUMENTS APPROVAL - FRANK H. PETERSON RE-PIPE PROJECT - DCPS PROJECT NUMBER M-84320

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

23. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT - RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT - DUNCAN U. FLETCHER HIGH SCHOOL #223 - RFQ NO. 14-23/TW

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

25. PHASE III CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS APPROVAL - NEW CHAFFEE TRAILS MIDDLE SCHOOL – PROJECT NO. P-91680

26. PHASE III CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS APPROVAL - NEW K-5 PROTOTYPE HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - PROJECT NO. P-91670

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

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

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

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

30. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

31. DECEMBER 2022 PURCHASE REPORT

32. AMENDMENT - ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES CONTRACT

Chief of Staff

General

Emergency Agenda Items

Discussion

Chief of Staff

33. 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 4.20, Instructional Materials Selection and Allocation

Public hearing opened.

Public hearing closed.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: April A. Carney

Board Member Willie requested for Dr. Greene to speak about the change, which Dr. Greene complied with the request.

Board Member Willie reiterated that Duval County Public Schools is ahead of the curve regarding this particular item.

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

34. 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 policies in School Board Manual Chapter 5:

Policy 5.13, Admission to Postsecondary Career and Technical Educational Programs.

Policy 5.15, Homeless Students.

Policy 5.24, Student Rights and Responsibilities

Policy 5.26, Student Detention, Search, and Seizure

Policy 5.28, Zero Tolerance for School Related Crimes

Policy 5.61, Use of Restraint and Seclusion with Students with Disabilities

Public hearing opened.

Public hearing closed.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

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

35. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 6 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 6: Policy 6.80, Professional Ethics

Public hearing opened.

Public hearing closed.

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

36. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 8 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 8: Policy 8.09, School Safety Monitoring.

Policy 8.21, Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams

Public hearing opened.

Public hearing closed.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: April A. Carney

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

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:

- **March ~~18~~ 17-22, 2023 - Washington, D.C. - Council of the Great City Schools - 2023 Annual Legislative/Policy Conference - Coker and Hershey ~~and Joyce~~**
- **March 15-17, 2023 - Tallahassee, FL - FSBA - 36th Annual Day in the Legislature - Pearson**

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

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

Superintendent's Travel

SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL

Motion:

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

- **February 15 - 17, 2023 - Orlando, FL - Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) Spring Leadership Conference**

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: Charlotte D. Joyce

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

For The Record

Board Member Joyce:

- Spoke about the amount of public comment regarding book issues in the classroom.
 - Reviewed HB1446 and shared information from HB 1447.
 - The Board tweaked the policy in 2022.
 - Due to confusion, the Board needs to review the procedures again in a Workshop. Address as soon as possible.
 - Misinformation about the felony charges teachers could receive based on section 847.
- Spoke about the YRBS (Youth Risk Behavior Survey) survey.
 - Dr. Greene shared that parents would receive notification prior to the survey going out. The survey will be included in the briefing.
 - Concerned about a lot of the questions on the survey, especially for ages 10 and 11-year old.
 - Request that the survey be provided to the parents and that there be some form of indication that the questions contain sexual content.
- Commented on the statement made by Mr. Hawkins, DAC President regarding the naming of Riverside High School's field.

Board Member Willie:

- Acknowledged Black History Month.
- Shout out the Riverview Neighborhood Association and the meeting he attended. Talked about the new beginnings of Rutledge Pearson.
- Encouraged people to go to the mid-year stakeholder meetings at the schools. Information affects the students.
- Spoke about book issues in schools.
 - In a state that is banning books
 - Able to understand what parents are going through.
 - Thanked staff for what they are doing with what they have to work with.
 - The Board's obligation to students.
 - How this may affect students and what is expected of them despite the situation.
- YRSB survey:
 - Not being able to help the students if questions are not asked.
 - Expressed that our kids are exposed to more than they were ever in life. We need to keep them safe.
- Encouraged all to read a book.

Board Member Hershey:

- Reminded about the School Choice deadline of February 28th.
- Encouraged people to attend the mid-year stakeholder meetings at the schools.
- Friday's EDDY Awards and the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Extravaganza are on the same evening.
- Expressed appreciation of Board Member Joyce's words regarding the survey.
 - Spoke with Dr. Greene regarding the survey.
 - Mentioned about the survey being done in 2008 and 2012, and that there is a possibility that the grant will not be renewed.
- Reached out to Dr. Greene regarding books.
 - Mentioned about a bookstore downtown that has displayed books that have been banned.
 - Received a list from Dr. Greene of books that have been both banned and approved.
 - Expressed that other Board Members may want to see the list also.
 - Mention that it is important to take every step to ensure alignment with the state standards and statute to protect students, teachers, and principals.

Board Member Jones:

- Expressed appreciation for people getting involved in education.
- Spoke about the YSRB study.
 - Essential to provide services that many of our students need.
 - Students from all types of backgrounds.
 - They need to have services in place that can be provided to students to help them overcome the challenges.
 - The survey is anonymous.
 - Things they may not want to share with their parents.
 - Parents can opt-out.
 - Safeguard put in place of notifying parents about the survey.
 - Has respect for those who feel that certain questions should not be asked of students at a certain age.
- Acknowledged the Topping Out luncheon for the new Rutledge Pearson held by Ajax Construction.
 - Ajax Construction will be holding a job fair on February 21st.

- Congratulated the Principal of the Year, Tamara Roper of Joseph Stilwell Academy and Assistant Principal of the Year, Vontrena Myers of Oceanway Middle.
- Shout out to Judge Corrigan for moving his courthouse to Riverside High School and allowing the students to witness the Naturalization Ceremony that took place in January.
- Shared that he joined Dr. Greene at a couple of GSA meetings.
- Mentioned about attending the mid-year stakeholder meetings.
- Black History Month - Recognized Wendell P. Holmes Jr.:
 - First African American to be elected to Duval County School Board in 1969.
 - First African American to be elected to any School Board in the state of Florida in 1969.
 - First African American Chairperson of Duval County Public schools.
 - Wife of Mr. Holmes was the 4th grade teacher to Board Member Jones.
 - Mr. Holmes served on the Board from 1969 to 1992.
 - First African American to serve as Chairperson for two historical colleges and universities: 27 years at Bethune Cookman College, 11 years as the Chairperson. He served 37 years at his alma mater, Hampton University, 9 years as the Chairperson.

Board Member Carney:

- Spoke about the book vetting process.
 - Phone call from a long-time friend and tenured teacher who was told that she had to immediately cover her classroom library and take it down.
 - Has been having conversations with Dr. Greene to make sure the district is following the state law.
 - For the past two weeks, all she had done was take calls from DCPS teachers.
 - Shared a few anonymous quotes from teachers due to being afraid to speak out.
 - Expressed about being more supportive of teachers and trusting that teachers can make decisions that are best for our children.
 - The Board needs to make sure that when new state laws are put in place, they are not politicized.
 - Expressed that it was strange that this was being done the week of Literacy for the state and the same week Governor DeSantis brought forth new legislation against the Teachers Union.

Vice-Chairman Pearson:

- Thanked City Year and CSX for their "Day On" work day at Andrew Robinson Elementary and for trusting her with a paintbrush. Hopes to expand "Day On" to schools in District 3 next year.
- Thanked the Rotary Club of Deerwood for hosting a speech competition for Wolfson High School. Monetary prizes were given out and they hosted an awards banquet for student athlete seniors who had a 4.0 or better.
- Thanked Honorable Timothy Corrigan for bringing the Naturalization Ceremony to a DCPS school.
- Thanked Principal, Timothy Feagins and the JROTC at Riverside High School for hosting the Naturalization Ceremony. Heard that the next school up for hosting will be Englewood High School.
- Congratulations to Beauclerc Elementary School for the two staff who were celebrated earlier and for the Literacy Event that was sponsored by the school.
 - Thanked JROTC from Paxon High School for volunteering to assist with parking.
- Congratulated Pine Forest School of the Arts for their Illuminations Event.
- Congratulated River City Science Academy for the STEM EXPO.
- Shared information about the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Extravaganza and encouraged people to attend.
- Reminded everyone about the city elections on March 21st.
 - Shared information about the District 5 candidate forum on February 9th.

Chairman Dr. Coker:

- The River City Science Academy STEM EXPO; thanked Mr. Sel and all those behind the scenes who made the event happen.
- Thanked GRASP Academy and the principal.
- Thanked Dr. Greene and the leadership team for the GSA meetings.
 - Thanked everyone for listening to the students' voices and providing support to them.
 - Thanked the teaching staff who are involved with the clubs and all that they have done and continue to do.
- Spoke about the mid-year stakeholders meetings.
- Shout out to Coretta Hill from JPEF, who is leaving to join United Way.
- EDDY Awards - Congratulated every teacher of the year, particularly the finalist.
- Thanked Jacksonville Public Education
- The Donna Marathon - congratulated all the high school students who finished the marathon and thanked the coaches who trained the students.
 - Recognized Assistant Superintendent, Vicki Schultz for running in the marathon.
 - Thanked all the breast cancer survivors for all they have done regarding the race.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn this meeting at 8:52.

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

GC

Superintendent

Chairman