



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

April 6, 2023, Joint Meeting Jacksonville Public Education Fund/Duval County School Board Members

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 with the exception of Board Members April Carney and Charlotte Joyce. Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent, was also present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF), Chairman Kevin Hyde expressed welcome and the introductions.

Board Chairman Dr. Coker shared comments on the following:

- Things that are heard on the news about Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) are not always true.
- Legislative Updates:
 - State Legislation that expands the opportunity for families to pursue a voucher to attend a private school.
 - House Bill 733 and State Bill 1112 - These bills would change the earliest start time for middle and high schools, including charter schools, beginning July 1, 2026. No middle school could start before 8:00 a.m. and no high school could start before 8:30 a.m.
 - The current education budgets in the senate and the house are vastly different and need to be reconciled.
- School Highlights:
 - Partnership with ReadJAX.
 - Adoption and implementation of new curriculum aligned to the Benchmark for Excellent Student Thinking (BEST) standards.
 - Partnership with University of Florida Literacy Institute.
*ReadUSA books to kids initiative.

- *Graduation initiatives to meet rising standards (Boot Camps and One-on-One tutoring, The Tassle is Worth The Hassle).
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) is working with community businesses to identify the "right skills" and soft skills needed to be successful in the workforce, while also implementing new CTE programs like: Sports Marketing; BioMedical Sciences; JEA Electrical and Water Technology; Global Logistics; Medical; Digital Media; and even a Teaching Academy.
- Thanked JPEF for their partnership and hard work.
- Teachers will be receiving bonuses over the summer.

JPEF President, Rachel Fortune spoke about Vice Chairman Pearson joining JPEF at a meeting to share updates on the legislative session.

Director, Strategic Initiatives, Dante Jennings, briefly spoke about Teacher of the Year and the process.

Director, Engagement and Partnerships, Roderica Johnson briefly spoke about the 32nd Eddy Awards and encouraged everyone to save the date for the next Eddy Awards event on Saturday, January 20, 2024.

Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Dana Kriznar briefly spoke about celebrating educators. She specifically talked about the 2022-2023 Principal and Assistant Principal of the Year. She shared the history of how the event started.

Board Member Jones arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Chief Executive Officer of Kids Hope Alliance, Mike Weinstein, briefly explained the following in a PowerPoint presentation (see attached):

- The National Campaign for Grade Level Readiness.
- School Readiness.
- Chronic Absence.
- Summer Learning Loss.
- Successful Parents.
- Health Determinants of Early School Success.
- State-Level Outreach and Policy.
- Campaign Structure.

Ms. Fortune briefly explained the following in a PowerPoint presentation on Our Common Agenda (see attached):

- Family Engagement.
- Early Literacy.
- VPK - 3rd Grade.
- Partner Alignment.
- Community Engagement.

A booklet entitled "Understanding Literacy in Duval County" was shared with everyone. (see attached)

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Diana Greene shared information on the following:

- VPK - 3rd grade potential strategies.
- Explained the digital tools - Program called 'Amira'.

Ms. Fortune expounded on what Dr. Greene spoke about Amira. She also spoke about the Year of Impact.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman