



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

May 2, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

The Landmark Middle School Chamber Choir performed prior to the 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

MT. HERMAN EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT CENTER SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Mt. Herman Exceptional Student Center School Principal, Moses Williams, provided information about the school and shared additional information through a video.

Board Member Willie spoke about being re-energized when he goes to Mt. Herman and any of his schools. He thanked the principal and the staff for their hard work.

PROCLAMATION: TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK 2023

Chairman Dr. Coker read the Proclamation for Teacher Appreciation Week 2023.

Comments:

Board Member Joyce:

Shared about her mother originally starting out as a volunteer at Ramona Boulevard Elementary School and then becoming a paraprofessional at Stillwell Elementary School. She expressed appreciation for all the work that her mother had done and was inspired to go into education herself. She then thanked all the paraprofessionals and teachers for showing up every day and the work that they do.

Board Member Willie:

Expressed how his heart sings every time there is a celebration of teachers. He gave a shout out to Ms. Ward and Ms. McDaniel because without them, he would not have survived as a teacher. He gave a shout out to his mother, who was a second grade teacher for 30 years. He then gave a final shout out to all of his children's teachers.

Board Member Jones:

Thanked all the teachers. He stated that everyone could reflect on one or more teachers who changed their life for the better. He expressed that the work of a teacher is difficult and more challenging today than it has ever been. Despite the teacher shortage in Duval County and throughout the nation, we need to embrace, honor, and respect our teachers. Thanked the teachers for everything they do with our students.

Chairman Dr. Coker presented the challenge for people to take the time to thank the teachers for what they do.

PROCLAMATION: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH 2023

Chairman Dr. Coker read the proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month 2023.

Communications

PARTNER RECOGNITION: OFFICE DEPOT/OFFICEMAX

- Honored a longtime partner of DCPS – Office Depot OfficeMax.
- For several years, Office Depot OfficeMax provided drawstring bags filled with school supplies to several of our Title 1 schools.
- They now host an Annual School Supply Drive, also benefiting Title 1 schools.
- Each year, funds are raised to provide one school with e-gift cards to purchase whatever they need for their classrooms and school.
- Past donations include \$17,000 to Charger Academy and \$28,000 to Timucuan Elementary.
- Most recently, Office Depot OfficeMax donated just over \$32,000 to Hidden Oaks Elementary.
- Principal Polydore treated her teachers to a VIP shopping experience at their Ramona Boulevard store, where they were able to purchase classroom equipment, school supplies, and student incentives.

The following joined to help honor Office Depot OfficeMax: Principal Polydore; Executive Director of Family and Community Engagement Brandon Mack; Office Depot OfficeMax general managers Terry Hicks and Janice Lane.

FLORIDA CIVICS AND DEBATE INITIATIVE 2023 DAY AT THE CAPITOL: WILL WALLER AND

VICTORIA RELOVA, AND RECOGNIZING MELISSA LOSURE, WOLFSON SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES AND LEADERSHIP

- It's a program so successful, even the governor's office had taken notice.
- The speech and debate program at Wolfson School for Advanced Studies and Leadership.
- Students Will Waller and Victoria Relova participated in the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative 2023 Day on April 4th at the State Capitol.
- This was an all-expenses paid, invitation-only event for the top-performing FCDI programs and students.
- A letter from the governor's office stated: "*Your speech and debate program has been extremely successful and that is a testament to your hard work!*"
- Will and Victoria got to tour the historical Capitol, meet lawmakers, and participate in a mock legislative session.
- Wolfson's program is led by Ms. Melissa Losure, who built the speech and debate program from scratch.
- Due to her dedication to her craft, and the success of her students, Ms. Losure was recently named the Northeast Florida Speech and Debate Coach of the Year.

Will Waller, Victoria Relova, and Ms. Losure all received the Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

Principal Chris Begley joined to honor their recognition.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

The finalists for this category represent the top 1% of the estimated 1.5 million high school students who enter the scholarship program each year. The students were recognized by their school, and each received a Superintendent's Coin of Excellence:

Principal Royce Turner recognized the finalist from Paxon School for Advanced Studies:

- Tony Thomas

Principal Dean Ledford recognized the finalists from Duncan Fletcher High School:

- Patrick Byrd
- Matthew Marrs
- Grant Tucker

Principal Begley recognized finalists from Samuel W. Wolfson High School:

- Charlotte Caccam
- Cameron Day
- Campbell Scharer

Principal Majova recognized finalists from Stanton College Preparatory School:

- Melin Alex
- Rayan Alsaghir
- Fangze Chen
- Maxin Chua
- Elijah Coulanges
- Antonio de Guzman

- Param Gattupalli
- Amit Gkupta
- Stanley Huang
- Mary Kim
- Madeline Lee
- Sofia Lora
- Nihitha Madem
- Katherine McCoy
- Aneesha Mummareddy
- Snehi Patel
- Emily Pritchard
- Prithvi Radhakrishnan
- Dante Ratchev
- Jason Tran
- Anna Wheeler
- Abhinav Yarragunta
- Siri Yarrapatni

Congratulations to all of these students for being named National Merit Scholarship Finalists.

CHARTWELLS DCPS NUTRITION PROGRAM AND THOMPSON HOSPITALITY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Duval County Public Schools Nutrition Program partners with Chartwells K12 and Thompson Hospitality to provide food service management and serve meals in our cafeterias district wide. As a way to give back to the students they serve, DCPS seniors are invited each year to apply for scholarships. These include:

1. A one-time \$5,000 scholarship for 20 seniors who plan to continue in post-secondary education,
2. As well as a one-time meal plan scholarship for seniors who plan to continue their education at a Historically Black College and University with food service provided by Thompson Hospitality.

A total of 22 outstanding soon-to-be graduates and scholarship winners are being recognized. They are joined by representatives from Chartwells K-12.

By school, the recipients are:

- Andrew Jackson High School - Cameryn Duncan
- Atlantic Coast High School - Milan Stevanovic and Adrian Williams
- Darnell-Cookman School of the Medical Arts - Joseph Dorsey, II
- Douglas Anderson School of the Arts - Lucas Lowery
- Duncan Fletcher High School - Aubrey Dockins
- Englewood High School - Nicholas Hicks
- First Coast High School - Ania Berry
- Frank H. Peterson Academies of Technology - Briana Hilliard
- Jean Ribault High School - Shamariya Jordan
- Mandarin High School - Michael Stephens
- Paxon School for Advanced Studies - Nissa Phillip and Saryn Hatcher, II
- Riverside High School - Ethan Tookes
- Samuel W. Wolfson School for Advanced Studies and Leadership - Ryan Moye and

Paige Pearson

- Sandalwood High School - Bridget Bascon and Zyan McCall
- Stanton College Preparatory School - Matthew Chao and Tatum Register
- Westside High School - Jaime Vivas
- William M. Raines High School - Ci-ara Buckner

Congratulations to all of our scholarship winners!

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TOURNAMENT WINNERS: RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY ROCKETS

- River City Science Academy's middle school Science Olympiad team was honored for earning the top spot in a state competition.
- In March, RC-SA Science Olympiad Teams participated in the Florida State Science Olympiad Tournament, which was held at the University of Florida in Gainesville.
- After months of hard work, the middle school team – the RC-SA Rockets – placed first among 36 teams.
- They not only became state champions, but they also made it to nationals for the 4th time in school history.
- The team will now go on to represent Florida at the national tournament at Wichita State University in Kansas.
- That competition will take place May 20th.
- The team members:
 - Abigail Soto
 - Seila Avdic
 - Maddox Hofrichter
 - Danika Sullivan
 - Cyryl Gildore
 - Julie Marlow
 - Van Mota
 - Jomary Negron
 - Joshua Negron
 - Sebastian Msoquera
 - David En
 - Deshaun Hadley
 - Zyan Daguio
 - Yash Nair
 - Rishi Kanti-mahanthi

We also commend the team's teacher and parent coaches, and we are also joined in recognizing the students by River City Science Academy administration.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2, 2023, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the May 2, 2023, agenda as submitted on April 25, 2023 with the following changes:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 28, 2023, Special Board Meeting - Item Added

ACADEMIC SERVICES:

Amendment to Agreement with Varsity Tutors for Schools LLC -Pulled for Discussion - Coker

FINANCE:

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

Vote Results:

Motion: Lori Hershey

Second: Warren A. Jones

No comments.

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairman Dr. Coker's report focused on the following:

- Focus on the Board - Douglas Anderson School of the Arts 3rd Party Investigation.
- Partnership with "I'm A Star" - Let's Move Jacksonville.
- Recent Board Activities - Groundbreaking at Chaffee Trail.
- Upcoming dates and items of interest.
- Acknowledged Southside Christian Church for supporting Parkwood Heights.

Superintendent's Reports

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Dr. Greene's reports were regarding the following:

- Shared a video regarding Kindergarten Registration.
- The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project Awards Ceremony.
 - Shared the history of the project.
 - Sandalwood High School student, Kaleb Motley shared a speech that he delivered at the

- ceremony.
- Mr. Mack introduced the mentors: Mr. Motley; Mr. Almond; Mr. Burton, Chief of Police; of Police Jones; and Board Member Willie.
- Dr. Greene shared that more mentors are needed and who to contact if interested.

Kaleb Motley's Speech:

"Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. The slogan 'Press On' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race." A quote from the 30th President of the United States of America, Mr. Calvin Coolidge. In this room, I see the future. In this room, I see persistence. In this room, I see success. I come from a Baptist background so I must do this, bear with me (laughs), First giving honor to God who is the head of my life; to our prestigious Congresswoman Wilson, our lovely Superintendent Dr. Greene, to My mother and father, all of the mentors, as well as my fellow mentees; Good Evening.

You know, as a member of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, I can say that when I joined, this is not what I envisioned. I envisioned boring talks about being a black male, hearing college this and college that, and being in a room where nothing really happens, potentially wasting my time after school. The first meeting I attended, we read the creed, the prayer, and the 10 commandments. To my surprise, everything was beautifully written.

I am not what most call the "typical young black male". I don't come from a one parent home, I don't come from a household living paycheck to paycheck, I don't have to worry if I'll eat when I get home from school. Unfortunately, that's the label put on us, that's what others see when they see us. However, ever since I started putting on my white dress shirt, my black dress pants, and my signature red tie, I've felt a change amongst my community. My teachers tell me I look good, my peers tell me I look like a businessman, even the ladies in the cafeteria shouted, "Now that's what I'm talking about." This is all because of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

Last year, we went on a trip to Miami. We took visits to Florida Memorial University, Florida Atlantic University, and Florida International University. We were able to get a feel of how college felt, a grasp of what our lives would look like in the future for potentially 4 years. We went to various monuments, including just walking the street in 2 single file lines while lots upon lots of people complemented us as we walked in brotherhood, in unity. As a young black male in America, we've always been told everything will be alright, or you'll figure it out sooner or later, raise your hand if you've ever heard one of those phrases (raises hand).

You see growing up black it's not easy especially when you're a male. It seems as if you have no one to guide you at times, because no one understands how it is to be a young black man except for the one in the mirror. But something about the 5000 role models of excellence project gives us a sense of hope, a beacon of light, the will, and the determination to do anything that we want to in life. The amount of motivation that we receive while being in this program is outstanding.

I would like to thank all of our mentors in this program for all that you do; it DOES NOT go unnoticed. To see the amount of brotherhood that comes from 5000, to see the potential number of future lawyers, future doctors, future educators, future musicians, future professional athletes, future authors, future artists, future engineers, future entrepreneurs, ALL of the above; it gives me a sense of urgency that the 5000 role models of excellence project is heading our community into the right direction. In this room, I see the future. In this room, I see persistence. In this room, I see success.

It is because of the 5000 role models of excellence project that I was accepted into 29 colleges over the last 3-4 months. It is because of the 5000 role models of excellence project that I will be attending THE Clark Atlanta University majoring in business administration to obtain my bachelor's degree. It is because of the 5000 role models of excellence project that I have maintained a 3.88 GPA. It is indeed because of the 5000 role models of excellence project that every young man in this great program, WILL, BE, SUCCESSFUL.

As I come to a close, I am challenging every member of the 5000 role models of excellence project, to invite two friends to come to the next meeting that you have at your site, be the change you want to see. As well as any males who would like to join as a mentor, please see Mr. Brandon Mack. I am to the utmost of my heart proud to say that I am and will forever be a member of the 5000 role models of excellence project.

In the great words of Dr. Susan Jeffers, "Feel the fear, and do it anyway". WE ARE (5000), WE ARE (5000), WE ARE (5000)!"

Department Reports

No reports.

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

No report.

Public Comment

The following spoke:

- Robert Stafford
- Tim Miller
- Darlene Miller
- Frank Delong
- Justin Kugler
- Melissa Bernhardt
- Gerri Woodham
- Megan Johnson
- Beverly Banta
- Dan Merkan
- Timothy Szendel
- Sharmin Smith

Former Superintendent, Dr. Patricia Willis was recognized

- Melissa Rehfus
- Holli Dean
- Dr. Carmen Martinez
- Ivy Suter
- Dr. Patricia Willis
- Gamble Scott
- Becky Nathanson
- Josh Nathanson

- Natalie Dreyer
- Haley Laskowsky
- Alex Price
- Kathleen Murray
- Jack Huang
- Yuping Song
- Dalton Bragg
- Margaret Yarbrough
- Pat Villa
- Dr. Jennifer Cowart

The following waived their time to speak:

- Kimberly Patrick
- Shyla Jenkins
- Jeff Arneson
- Brian Morrill
- Joseph Lynne
- Felix Proia
- Charles Callaghan
- James Radloff
- Tina Radloff
- Xin Liu
- Ed Williams
- Tabitha Byers
- Lori Crunden
- James Crunden
- DeAnna Adamson
- Cheryl Virta
- Emily Camras
- Nico Hankins

Comments from Parent Organizations

District Advisory Council (DAC) Chairman, Michael Hawkins read a resolution.

Duval County Public Schools District Advisory Council

Resolution for continued support of current DCPS Superintendent, Dr. Diana L. Greene

State of Florida

County of Duval

Whereas, Dr. Diana Greene was hired by the Duval County Public School system in 2018 in large part to: stabilize the district budget, create a viable & sustainable funding source to support an aging and fragile school infrastructure, to improve the lowest performing quartile of schools in FSA reading and writing to the top quartile by 2026, ensure that DCPS is recognized as a high-performing district by earning an A, B, or C with a baseline of 96% by 2026, & to create high-performing Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, and

Whereas, Dr. Diana Greene is trending favorably and was scored by the Duval County School Board as

“Effective” for her leadership & performance to improve the bottom quartile of schools on her most recent Superintendent Evaluation Data, and

Whereas, Dr. Diana Greene continues to trend favorably and is on pace to meet and exceed the target to ensure that DCPS will be recognized as being high-performing with the percentage of district-operated schools earning an A, B, or C to a 96% baseline by 2026, and

Whereas, Dr. Diana Greene has eliminated all “F” graded traditional schools within DCPS and increased the ratio of schools rated “C” or better to 93%, and

Whereas, Dr. Diana Greene has led DCPS to a 10% increase in the number of high-performing Career Technical Education (CTE) programs with said programs moving from one performance progression level to the next, and

Whereas, Dr. Diana Greene continues to lead a district that demonstrates improvement in school grades and student performance despite residual impacts from COVID-19, as well as federal and state education policy pressures, and

Whereas, Dr. Diana Greene has led the effort that has resulted in all impacted schools emerging from state oversight, and

Whereas, Dr. Diana Greene has led the implementation of innovative programs, partnerships, and curriculum, to include the early adoption of the BEST Standards to address literacy and learning loss associated with COVID-19, and

Whereas, Dr. Diana Greene demonstrated bold leadership and foresight in the recommendation and campaign for the one-mil property tax referendum to support teachers, staff, the Arts and Athletic programs within DCPS schools, and

Whereas, Dr. Diana Greene led the strategic roll-out of critical ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funding to address student learning loss due to COVID-19, and

Whereas, Dr. Diana Greene has led the successful communication, recommendation, campaign and implementation of the Half-Cent Sales Tax & continues oversight of the management and guidance of the Master Facility Plan Oversight committee with dashboard communications to ensure transparency & confidence in the district’s use of taxpayer dollars, and

Whereas, Dr. Diana Greene has earnestly tried to ensure that taxpayer revenue generated from the Half-Cent Referendum is allocated and distributed in accordance with the prescribed plans for distribution originally communicated to the voters and has been equally forthright with any and all deviations from those plans, and

Whereas, Dr. Diana Greene led the development and enhancement of several career and technical education programs including the creation of the Duval Ready diploma recognition program from concept to deployment, and

Whereas, Dr. Diana Greene has led the effort to ensure that students and families can rest a bit easier through the thorough & on-going evaluation, identification, and procurement of additional safety resources at all DCPS schools (ex. the Evolve Safety Systems, perimeter fencing, window safety film, additional entry points and added access measures/buzzers) to fortify student, staff, and administrator safety, and

Whereas, Dr. Diana Greene has garnered the collective support of the Duval County School Board in accordance with School Board Policy 2.14 and as indicated by the “Effective” performance rating received by Dr. Greene on her most recent Performance Evaluation (November 2022) resulting in an extension to her employment contract and an 8.3% increase in salary.

Be it resolved that the members of the Duval County Public Schools District Advisory Council (DAC) support, with great fidelity, the continued work of Dr. Diana Greene as well as her commitment to the overall success of Duval County Public Schools, the 20th largest school district in the nation and 5th largest in the state of Florida.

Comments from District Student Government Association

No comments.

Comments from Employee Organizations

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) President, David Bryant spoke about the district's current vacancies, wages, and the agenda item for the Custodial Services Management Contract.

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board minutes:

- **April 4, 2023, Regular Board Meeting**
- **April 6, 2023, Joint Meeting Jacksonville Public Education Fund/Duval County School Board Members**
- **April 11, 2023, Board Workshop**
- **April 12, 2023, Policy Handbook Review Committee Meeting**
- **April 12, 2023, Special Board Meeting - Student Expulsion**
- **April 18, 2023, Board Workshop**
- **April 18, 2023, Agenda Committee Meeting**
- **April 26, 2023, Special Board Meeting**

Vote Results:

Motion: Lori Hershey

Second: Darryl Willie

No comments.

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

Vice Chairman Pearson requested to table Item #19 Custodial Contract until more information has been received.

Motion:

Table #19 Date Certain June 6, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

Vote Results:

Motion: Cindy Pearson

Second: Lori Hershey

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cindy Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay:

None

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Vote Results:

Motion: Lori Hershey

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

Academic Services

1. SCHULTZ CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT

Human Resource Services - Staffing

2. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

Human Resource Services – Compensation

- 3. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING FOR REFERENDUM PAY
- 4. APPROVAL OF ONE-TIME BONUS FOR SCHOOL-BASED ADMINISTRATORS
- 5. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DUVAL TEACHERS UNITED (DTU) FOR ONE-TIME BONUS FOR MEMBERS OF THE TEACHER BARGAINING UNIT FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

- 6. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY – ROY WILSON

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

- 7. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FEBRUARY 2023
- 8. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS – MARCH 2023
- 9. PFM ASSET MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- 10. SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN 2022/2023 - 2026/2027

Information Technology

- 11. OXYA-SAP HOSTING SOLUTION

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

- 12. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS
- 13. CHANGE ORDER REPORT
- 14. PERIODIC REPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS AND FINAL INSPECTIONS OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER \$1,000,000.
- 15. SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION AND CERTIFICATION OF FINAL INSPECTION OF MAJOR

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS OVER \$1,000,000; ROOF REPLACEMENT AT FRANK H. PETERSON ACADEMIES NO. 280/DCSB PROJECT NO. P-83800

16. FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICES CONTRACT FOR NEW HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - PROJECT RFQ NO. 14-22/LM - PROJECT NO. P-91670

17. FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT CONTRACT - NEW 6-8 CHAFFEE TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL - RFQ NO. 01-22/TW - PROJECT NO. P-91680

18. PHASE III CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS APPROVAL FOR NEW ASTROTURF FIELD PROJECT AT ENGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL #90 - PROJECT C-91440

19. AMENDMENT - CUSTODIAL SERVICES MANAGEMENT CONTRACT, RFP NO. 13-21/TW

20. CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT ON TWO THERMASERVE CONTRACTS, RFP 08-19/TW and ITB 008-20/JR

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

21. MARCH 2023 PURCHASE REPORT

22. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

23. NONPROFIT SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE - FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY RFP NO. 21-23TW

Discussion

Board Members

Academic Services

24. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH VARSITY TUTORS FOR SCHOOLS LLC

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve an amendment to the agreement with Varsity Tutors for Schools LLC for an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000.

That the Duval County School Board authorize the Board Chairman or Vice Chairman, and the Superintendent to execute the agreement contingent upon form approval by the Office of General Counsel.

Vote Results:

Motion: Lori Hershey
Second: April A. Carney

Discussion:

Chairman Dr. Coker stated that she had a conversation with a group of high school principals, who talked about matters with Varsity Tutors, which she shared a few examples. She mentioned her concern about paying for services that are not being received.

Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Assessment, Corey Wright explained:

- Challenges that were present when the services started.
- The use of a video if tutor is not available.
- Rotating schedules.
- Small groups vs individual tutoring.
- Students not showing up.
- Costs.

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

25. 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 policy in School Board Manual Chapter 4:

Policy 4.90, Graduation Requirements

Public hearing opened.

- Jack Quan

Public hearing closed.

Vote Results:

Motion: Lori Hershey
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

26. 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 5.08, Bathrooms, Locker Rooms and Overnight Trips

Policy 5.45, Acceleration Program Access

Policy 5.72, Student Data Privacy Protection – Online Educational Services

Public hearing opened:

- Dan Merkan
- Dr. Jennifer Cowart
- Ivy Suter
- Melissa Bernhardt
- Pat Villa
- Cheryl Verda
- Gamble Scott
- Melody Varduke
- Jacquelyn Whidham
- Eunice Barnum
- Kathleen Murray
- Chalotte Smith
- Natalie Dryer
- Justin Coopler

Public hearing closed.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Charlotte D. Joyce

Board Member Joyce:

- Has received complaints from one of her schools that there are girls who are distraught due to a transgender in the locker room.
- Will be supporting the policy.

Board Member Willie shared:

- Would not be supporting the policy.
- The Board is getting ahead of itself. This is not state law yet.
- The Board needs to do better by the LGBTQ community.
- Single-use restrooms.
- Thought needs to be given as to how this policy is going to affect a certain population of students.

Board Member Carney:

- Concerned about protecting girls.
- Providing bathrooms that are a safe space.
- The Board needs to be proactive instead of reactive.
- Supporting the policy

PASSED 5-2

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Charlotte D. Joyce
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

Warren A. Jones
Darryl Willie

27. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 7 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 7:

Policy 7.71, Conflict Of Interest In Purchasing

Policy 7.72, Small/Micro Business Enterprise Program And Minority/Women Business Enterprise Certification

Policy 7.90, Risk Management Insurance

Public hearing opened.

Public hearing closed.

Vote Results:

Motion: Lori Hershey

Second: Cynthia Pearson

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

28. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 8 BOARD POLICIES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the the following policy in School Board Manual Chapter 8:

Policy 8.591, Naming or Renaming Facilities

Public hearing opened.
Public hearing closed.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

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

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:

- **June 7-9, 2023 - Tampa, FL. - Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) / Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) - Annual Summer Conference - Jones**

Vote Results:

Motion: Lori Hershey

Second: Cynthia Pearson

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

No travel.

For The Record

Board Member Joyce:

- Disappointed that constituents had to wait to listen about DA.
- Terms of Dr. Greene's retirement.
- Investigation.
- Expressed reassurance to the city and the DA community that the Board will work on restoring trust and preventing the horrors from being repeated.

Board Member Willie:

- Expressed appreciation and accolades towards Dr. Greene.
- Shared a few of her accomplishments.
- How he would like for Dr. Greene to remember her moments at the School District.
- How he has been a better Board Member under her as a Superintendent.

Board Member Hershey:

- Hard decisions.
- Expressed appreciation for Dr. Greene's work.
- Thanked for assisting with separating from City Hall and being able to hire own outside legal counsel.
- Shared that she would treasure her time under Dr. Greene's leadership.

Board Member Jones:

- Thanked Dr. Greene for her leadership.
- Thanked her for her ability and desire to keep the students safe during the pandemic. Stood tall during the situation regarding the mask mandate.
- Leadership to protect teachers from having to go before Professional Standards with regards to books that were not appropriate.
- If there was a chapter book of profiles and courage and doing what's right, there would be a chapter on Dr. Greene.

Board Member Carney:

- The day was hard.
- Thanked Dr. Greene for welcoming her to the District. Time was short, but appreciated working with her.
- Applauded Dr. Greene for the Duval Work Ready Diploma.
- Informed alumni of DA that the Board will be moving forward with the investigation.
- Concerned about the firm selected to handle the investigation requested by the Board.
- Requested for the Board to look at Florida Statute Chapter 23.127, regarding the possibility of the School Chief of Police reporting to the Sheriff temporarily. To discuss this at the next Board Workshop.

Vice Chairman Pearson:

- Jobs for JAGS.
- Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Principal Appreciation Day.
- Shout out to duPont Middle School for receiving a gift of \$4500 for their PBIS initiatives by the Association of Teacher Educators Conference.
- Parent emailed Positive News from Douglas Anderson, specifically about the band program:
 - Jazz Band participated in a National Jazz Festival:
 - 1st place for High School Large Ensemble - Outstanding Musician, Giovanni Martinez.
 - 1st place for High School Small Ensemble - Superior Musician, Giovanni Martinez.
 - Wind Symphony received a gold rating at the World Band Festival performed at Carnegie Hall.
- Leadership Jacksonville, Class of 2023, which had an Arts and Culture Day at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts.
- Congratulated Sandalwood baseball team for defeating Wolfson.

- Thanked Kortney Wesley, Government Relations Liaison for the work she does.
- Celebrated the talented students.
- Shared words of encouragement to the Class of '23.

Chairman Dr. Coker:

- Thanked the teachers and paraprofessionals for showing up every day and the work they do.
- Gave a special thought to the high school teachers, principals, and leaders who work with the seniors to make sure they become one-time grads.
- Thanked Mr. Wright and his department for the work they do.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn this meeting at 9:17 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