



# Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

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## June 6, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

The Spring Park Elementary School ESOL Chorale 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. Dana Kriznar, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present except Board Member Charlotte Joyce. Dr. Dana Kriznar, Superintendent, and Mr. Ray Poole, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

### Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

### Invocation or Thought of the Day

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

#### Board Members

#### Communications

#### STUDENT RECOGNITIONS FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE

For 13 years, you could count on these two students to be in class each day of the 180-day school year. That amounts to 2,340 days of perfect attendance throughout their entire K-12 education. These students are Saryn Hatcher II of Paxon School for Advances Studies and Enrique Legaspi Jr. of Riverside High School.

- Enrique Legaspi Jr. is characterized by his father as a “very good child” constantly receiving positive referrals.

- He was raised to "always do the right thing every time" ...and he's also considered a role model.
- Now that he's done with school, Enrique Legaspi Jr. is planning to get a bachelor's and master's degree in business before possibly starting his own business.
- Saryn Hatcher II is the son of a Team Duval principal and a district administrator, so it's no wonder he has the drive to achieve this goal.
- Saryn Hatcher II decided he wanted to continue his perfect attendance journey in middle school.
- He worked hard, remaining motivated and persevering even when he may not have felt 100%.
- After high school Saryn plans to attend college and major in Law, Finance, or Engineering to pursue a career as a Federal Agent, Attorney, or Entrepreneur.
- Joining them is Principal Royce Turner.

## RECOGNIZING U.S. MILITARY ACADEMIES APPOINTEES

We celebrate a group of students joining the ranks of former presidents, decorated servicemen, and prominent leaders.

We are speaking of four Team Duval students who have accepted appointments to two of our nation's military academies – the United States Military Academy at West Point, and the United States Air Force Academy.

- Admission into these academies is extremely competitive.
- Students must not only excel academically and physically, but they must also obtain a congressional or service-related nomination.
- We are proud to say that these students made the cut, and two of them are with us this evening.
- Attending the United States Military Academy at West Point we have:
  - Reef McGee of Duncan of Fletcher High School.
  - Elijah Melendez-Eyster of Mandarin High School.
  - Joining these students today is Fletcher Principal Dean Ledford.
- We also want to acknowledge our other appointees who could not make it this evening:
  - Gustavus Hankinson, also from Fletcher, who will be attending the United States Military Academy at West Point.
  - And Cameron Day of Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies, who will be attending the United States Air Force Academy.
- These students are also receiving a Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

## AVID NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL: SANDALWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Sandalwood High School is one of just 216 in the nation that can claim a special distinction. It's been named an AVID National Demonstration School.

- AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, and it uses research-based strategies and course work to equip students with academic and life skills.
- Sandalwood is the only high school in Northeast Florida to receive this honor, which highlights the school's commitment to excellence in education.
- To earn this title, a school must go through a rigorous revalidation process every three years.
- Sandalwood High School Principal Dr. Saryn L. Hatcher says this: "We are incredibly proud to have received the AVID National Demonstration School title. It is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our staff and students in creating an academic culture that supports college readiness for all students."

- Principal Hatcher is joined by AVID Assistant Principal Amy Brochell.

#### 5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

We recognize a special group of young men who have earned over \$600,000 in scholarships to attend Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). 5000 Role Models of Excellence of Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) is proud to announce that this year, 10 of the program's graduating seniors were identified as Wilson Scholars.

- They were offered scholarships ranging in value from \$20,000 to \$98,000 to attend either Clark Atlanta University, Benedict College, or Tennessee State University.
- To qualify, students had to be college-bound seniors, be active participants in the program, and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Here to help us celebrate these students are Executive Director of Family and Community Engagement Brandon Mack, 5000 Role Models District Supervisor Ernest Almond, and 5000 Role Models Events Coordinator Willie Hall.
- Also joining the students today are their principals, Christopher Begley, Dr. Gregory Bostic, Vincent Hall, Dr. Saryn Hatcher, Vincent Foster, Traci Battest, and Robert Hudson.
- Here are this year's Wilson Scholars, their current schools, and the HBCU that offered them a scholarship:

| NAME               | HIGH SCHOOL       | COLLEGE                    |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Chiyone Simmons    | Jean Ribault      | Benedict College           |
| Joshua Bass        | William M. Raines | Clark-Atlanta University   |
| Trejan Menendez    | William M. Raines | Clark-Atlanta University   |
| Kaleb Motley       | Sandalwood        | Clark-Atlanta University   |
| Arnez Riley        | Jean Ribault      | Clark-Atlanta University   |
| Alijah Robinson    | Wolfson           | Clark-Atlanta University   |
| Jaylen Nightingale | Edward White      | Clark-Atlanta University   |
| Samson Cook        | Terry Parker      | Tennessee State University |
| Adrian Thomas      | Westside          | Tennessee State University |
| Ja'Juan Mallory    | Jean Ribault      | Tennessee State University |

#### SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS NATIONAL MEDALISTS

It is the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and out of over 300,000 art and writing entries nationwide, Team Duval's talented artists were able to bring home 14 national medals! These students are recipients of the gold and silver National Scholastic Art Awards, and they represent four of our schools.

- Students who received a gold medal will have their work on display in New York City at the national exhibitions and portfolio awards. Some may even receive cash prizes.
- Before recognizing these students, we want to welcome their educators and principals:
  - Douglas Anderson - Principal Tina Wilson, Natalie Hyder, Deja Gee, and Ingrid Damiani.

- Fletcher High - Principal Dean Ledford and educators Kristin Grandy and Dustin Schott.
- LaVilla - Principal Lianna Knight and educators Molly Riefler and Nicole DeFeo.
- Paxon High - Principal Royce Turner and educator Mai Keisling.
- Silver medal winners:
  - Camille Faustino of Douglas Anderson.
  - Ava Goode of Douglas Anderson.
  - Kierra Reese of Douglas Anderson.
  - Sophia Waller of Douglas Anderson.
  - Jasmine Martin of Fletcher High.
  - Lena Foster of LaVilla.
  - Matthew Richey of Paxon High.
  - Caroline Askew of Fletcher High, who also won a limited silver medal for their portfolio consisting of six works of art.
  - Femi Fatoki of Douglas Anderson. Fatoki submitted two projects and brought home a gold medal as well.
- Gold medal winners:
  - Taylor Ekern of Douglas Anderson.
  - Catherine Zurcher of Douglas Anderson.
  - Nora Morrow of LaVilla.

#### NEXT GENERATION JAZZ ENSEMBLE: NELSON KEAKOPA AND GIOVANNIE MARTINEZ, DOUGLAS ANDERSON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

The Next Generation Jazz Orchestra is composed of 20 of the most accomplished high school jazz musicians in the country. We are proud to share that two of those musicians are from Douglas Anderson. They are:

- Nelson Keakopa (class of 2024) who will be Lead Trumpet.
- Giovanni Martinez (class of 2023) who will be 2nd trumpet (jazz chair).
- Members of the orchestra are invited to the 66th Monterey Jazz Festival in September under the direction of a GRAMMY-nominated pianist and composer.
- They'll participate in a main stage performance with the 2023 Artist-in-Residence.
- By being a part of this orchestra, Nelson Keakopa and Giovanni Martinez join the ranks of many former members who have gone on to become well-known artists in the jazz world.

They are joined by Douglas Anderson Principal Tina Wilson.

#### NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA ENSEMBLES: NELSON KEAKOPA, LUKE MALOBAY, TJ SHISTLE, AND BECKETT MILES, DOUGLAS ANDERSON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

- We now celebrate students named to two of Carnegie Hall's national youth orchestra ensembles.
- The first is the National Youth Orchestra 2.
- This is an intensive summer training program for outstanding young musicians.
- The program aims to expand the pool of musicians equipped with the tools to succeed, particularly those from communities underserved by and underrepresented in the classical orchestral field.
- Three Douglas Anderson students have been named to the ensemble.

- They are:
  - Nelson Keakopa – trumpet.
  - Luke Malobay – timpani (tim-puh-nee) (like “symphony” or “tiffany”).
  - TJ Shistle – trombone attending.
- Joining another youth ensemble is Douglas Anderson student Beckett Miles, who plays the drums.
- He will be attending the National Youth Orchestra Jazz ensemble where he will train with and perform alongside world-class jazz masters as well as tour internationally.

#### WESTERN INTERNATIONAL BAND CLINIC HONORS BAND: DOUGLAS ANDERSON'S SYMPHONY AND DOUGLAS ANDERSON'S JAZZ ENSEMBLE 1

Another group of Douglas Anderson musicians are taking their talents across the country. We recognize the school’s “Symphony and Jazz Ensemble 1” for their invitation to the Western International Band Clinic hosted in Seattle, WA.

- This clinic only invites four high school honor bands each year!
- Students will perform with international guest conductors and a guest soloist. They’ll also spend time with some of the most respected conductors and educators in the field.
- This group is under the direction of Music Teachers, Ted Shistle and Don Zentz.

#### ROSCOLUSA MUSIC FESTIVAL, NATIONAL COMPOSITION AWARD WINNERS: RALIENNE NACIONAL AND AUDREY HARRELL, DOUGLAS ANDERSON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Not everyone can say they are an award-winning composer, but Douglas Anderson students Ralienne Nacional and Audrey Harrell can make this claim.

- The Roscolusa Music Festival is a professional songwriters’ event where selected individuals are announced to perform.
- Nacional and Harrell both entered original compositions into the Roscolusa Music Festival competition.
- Out of the many pieces submitted, Nacional and Harrell came out on top!
- They are the first high schoolers to be awarded the National Composition Award!

Dr. Kriznar recognized Mr. Shistle for his work, mentioned that he was retiring, and joining the staff at Jacksonville University. He received a Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

### **Approval of Agenda**

#### APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 6, 2023, AGENDA

#### **Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board approve the June 6, 2023, agenda as submitted on May 30, 2023 with the following changes:**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

- **DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES FOR 2023-2024 - Item Withdrawn**

### **HUMAN RESOURCES - STAFFING:**

- **APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH DR. DANA KRIZNAR - Attachment Added**

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:**

- **LIGHTSPEED SYSTEMS - Item Pull for Discussion - Pearson**
- **ACCENTURE AND SAP SERVICES CHANGE ORDERS - Attachment Added**

### **Vote Results:**

**Motion:** April A. Carney

**Second:** Warren A. Jones

Discussion:

Board Member Hershey inquired why the District Membership Fees and Dues had been withdrawn. She added that she did not recall having a conversation at the agenda workshop or anyone pulling it for discussion.

Chairman Dr. Coker explained that it was pulled because it was not workshopped. It will be discussed at the next Board Workshop and appear on the agenda for a vote later.

### **PASSED 6-0**

### **Aye:**

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

### **Nay:**

None

### **Chairperson's Report**

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (See attached)

Chairman Dr. Coker's report focused on the following through a PowerPoint presentation:

- Focus on the Board – Douglas Anderson Updates
- Superintendent - Welcomed Dr. Dana Kriznar
- Recent Board Activities - Board in Review
- Upcoming Dates and Items of Interest

### **Superintendent's Reports**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (See attached)

Dr. Kriznar's report focused on the following through a PowerPoint presentation:

- A Special Thank You! - Dr. Diana Greene
- Journey to Wellness Health Fair
  - Special thanks to H.R., Wellness Team, and the many employees who supported the event.
- High School Sports Safety Awards.
- Signing Day for Early College Teacher's Academy.
- Ceremonies for DCPS Bilingual Students.
- Groundbreaking at Highlands E.S.
- Duval Ready Diplomas.
- Swearing in of Maverick.
- Congratulations, Schools of the Month.
- Commencements.

Chairman Dr. Coker recognized former Board Chairman Paula Wright.

### **Department Reports**

No reports.

### **Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report**

No report.

### **Public Comment**

The following spoke:

- Melissa Bernhardt
- Frank Delong
- Robert Stafford
- Kathleen Murray
- Shannon Shanklin
- Brian Covey
- Jeannina Perez
- Justin Kugler
- Dr. Jennifer Cowart
- Gamble Scott
- John Turner
- Brittany Beimourtrusting

The following waived their right to speak:

- Kathleen Perora
- Joseph Lynne
- Tabitha Byers
- Jeannine Powell

- Scott Pool
- DeAnna Adamson
- Cheryl Virta
- Dan Merkan
- Julia Wicker
- Greg Shelkofski
- Erika d'Amore
- Shyla Jenkins

### **Comments from Parent Organizations**

No comments.

### **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:**

- **May 2, 2023, Emergency Meeting**
- **May 2, 2023, Regular Board Meeting**
- **May 4, 2023, Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting**
- **May 4, 2023, Member to Member Meeting Coker & Joyce**
- **May 9, 2023, Board Workshop**
- **May 10, 2023, Special Board Meeting - Student Expulsion**
- **May 16, 2023, Agenda Committee Meeting**
- **May 16, 2023, Board Workshop**
- **May 18, 2023, Audit Advisory Committee and Duval County School Board Joint Meeting**
- **May 23, 2023, Special Meeting - Litigation Shade**
- **May 23, 2023, Special Board Meeting**
- **May 24, 2023, Policy Handbook Review Committee Meeting**
- **May 24, 2023, Special Board Meeting - Final Order**

#### **Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Darryl Willie

**Second:** Lori Hershey

No discussion.

**PASSED 6-0**

**Aye:**

Lori Hershey  
Warren A. Jones  
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 to move Agreement with Hazel Health, Inc. to Discussion.**

**Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Lori Hershey  
**Second:** April A. Carney

**PASSED 4-2**

**Aye:**

Lori Hershey  
Warren A. Jones  
Cynthia Pearson  
April A. Carney

**Nay:**

Darryl Willie  
Kelly Coker

**Motion:**

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

**Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Lori Hershey  
**Second:** April A. Carney

**PASSED 6-0**

**Aye:**

Lori Hershey  
Warren A. Jones

Darryl Willie  
Kelly Coker  
Cynthia Pearson,  
April A. Carney

**Nay:**  
None

## **Consent Agenda**

### **Board Members**

1. ~~DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES FOR 2023-2024~~

### **Academic Services**

2. POWERSCHOOL ONLINE ASSESSMENT AND DATA ANALYSIS SYSTEM FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR
3. FOCUS SCHOOL SOFTWARE
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH MASTERY PREP FOR SAT AND ACT READING AND MATH CURRICULUM
5. APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH WATERFORD FOR READING ACADEMY, MATH, AND SCIENCE BLENDED LEARNING PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (KINDERGARTEN)
6. FRECKLE MATH, FRECKLE ELA, STAR MATH, AND STAR READING FROM RENAISSANCE LEARNING GRADES 3-5
7. APPROVAL OF DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS K-12 COMPREHENSIVE EVIDENCE-BASED READING PLAN FOR 2023-24
8. APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH KHAN ACADEMY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MATH BLENDED LEARNING RESOURCES
9. APPROVAL OF THE K12 IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PLAN
10. DATA WAREHOUSE AND ANALYTICS
11. APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT WITH READ USA, INC.

### **School Choice and Pupil Assignments**

12. DUVAL CHARTER SCHOLARS ACADEMY - RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER)

Board Member Hershey:

Stated she had reached out to Assistant Superintendent of School Choice, Sharwonda Peek and inquired if there was a way to have a one-year contract due to the school's grade.

Ms. Peek's message to Board Member Hershey was as follows:

"The state requires a 15-year renewal if the school makes a letter grade of an 'A' or 'B'. If the grade is below a 'B', the state requires a 5-year renewal."

Board Member Hershey stated that the school has a grade of a 'D'. She expressed to the public that this is worth a conversation with the community and legislative leaders that the 5-year requirement ought to have some type of caveat pertaining to its school grade. A charter school that has a school grade of a 'D' should not be able to have a 5-year option to renew.

13. RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY INNOVATION - RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER)

14. LONE STAR HIGH SCHOOL - RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER)

**Human Resource Services - Staffing**

15. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

16. APPROVAL OF THIRD CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH ESS SOUTHEAST, LLC FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHING SERVICES

17. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – TEACHER-ESE CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST

18. APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH DR. DANA KRIZNAR

**Human Resource Services - Compensation**

19. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING FOR REFERENDUM PAY

**Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial**

20. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – MARCH 2023

21. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS – APRIL 2023

22. RESOLUTION TO READOPT 2022-2023 BUDGET

## **Information Technology**

23. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH EMTEC, INC.

24. ACCENTURE AND SAP SERVICES CHANGE ORDERS

25. BLOOMZ COMMUNICATION SOLUTION

## **Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance**

26. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

27. CHANGE ORDER REPORT

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

29. PERIODIC REPORT OF PHASE III DRAWING COMPLETIONS FOR MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER \$1,000,000.

30. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICES CONTRACT FOR NEW K-5 PROTOTYPE SOUTHSIDE ESTATES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - RFQ NO. 14-22/LM - PROJECT NO. P-91660

31. AWARD OF DISTRICTWIDE MILLING, PAVING, AND SEALCOATING FOR LARGE ASPHALT AREAS CONTRACT

32. AWARD OF ROOFING REPAIR CONTRACT

33. FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICES CONTRACT FOR NEW JEAN RIBAUT HIGH SCHOOL - PROJECT RFQ NO. 04-23/TW - PROJECT NO. P-91710

34. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICES CONTRACT FOR NEW K-5 PROTOTYPE RUTLEDGE PEARSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - RFQ NO. 25-21/TW - PROJECT NO. P-91650

35. AMENDMENT TO THE HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) SERVICES CONTRACT - RFP 08-19/TW

36. AMENDMENT - CUSTODIAL SERVICES MANAGEMENT CONTRACT, RFP NO. 13-21/TS

37. PHASE III DOCUMENTS APPROVAL – TEAM B PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

## **Operations - Purchasing and Logistics**

38. APRIL 2023 PURCHASE REPORT

39. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

## **Discussion**

### **Board Members**

### **Academic Services**

40. AGREEMENT WITH HAZEL HEALTH INC.

#### **Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board approve an agreement with Hazel Health Inc. to provide telehealth-based professional health care services, therapy, and counseling services in an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000 from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.**

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

#### **Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Warren A. Jones

**Second:** Lori Hershey

#### **Discussion:**

##### **Board Member Hershey:**

- Had the opportunity to observe Hazel Health to see how it works.
- Well received in District 7.
- Expand the opportunity to provide a nurse, like back in the old days. Hazel Health makes that affordable to the District.
- Parents have to opt-in.
- Dr. Kriznar stated that Hazel Health is very popular in District 7 and shared numbers for some of the services that have been provided.
- Observed a mock demonstration of Hazel Health in action. Parent was on the phone throughout the entire consultation.
- Benefit to the District.

##### **Board Member Jones:**

- Number of students and parents that utilize Hazel Health. The number has grown. Dr. Kriznar shared numbers of physicals and mental health services that have been provided up until May 2023.

Board Member Willie:

- Spoke about the number of classroom hours that have been saved due to Hazel Health.
- Students don't have to leave school and parents don't have to leave work.
- Helps to keep students in school to get their education.
- Parents are aware and sign off on whatever documents need to be signed.

Board Member Carney:

- Parents being able to participate virtually is wonderful.
- It's good since it is hard to get a doctor's appointment or families that don't have health insurance.
- The opt-in piece is a big deal.

Chairman Dr. Coker:

- First came on Board, was charged with providing better mental health services, especially by the males at the high school level.
- Telemedicine for certain populations in DCPS is needed, particularly in mental health.
- Full Service Schools does a wonderful job, but reality is they cannot serve all our children or provide all the platform. We need multiple options and Hazel Health provides that.

## **PASSED 6-0**

### **Aye:**

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

### **Nay:**

None

## **Information Technology**

### **41. LIGHTSPEED SYSTEMS**

#### **Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board approve the contract for Lightspeed Solutions, LLC. (dba Lightspeed Systems) in an amount of \$440,000 per year for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.**

**That the Duval County Public 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:** Warren A. Jones

Discussion:

Vice Chairman Pearson shared that someone had reached out to her and inquired about why the change from Gaggle to Lightspeed. Questioned about pricing and the levels of service. She stated that she had a conversation with Chief of Information Technology, Jim Culbert and requested for him to retrace the conversation that they had the day before. She wanted him to focus on the cost, scope of services, and the pros and cons of one over the other.

Mr. Culbert provided the requested information, mentioned the conversations he had, and added that using Lightspeed is in compliance with recent legislation.

Board Member Willie inquired about content filters. Mr. Culbert explained the process using the example of the system monitoring for inappropriate language.

Board Member Willie inquired about a student looking up information themselves, would it be caught by a filter. Mr. Culbert responded that it would not unless it involved self-harm or the harming of others.

### **PASSED 6-0**

#### **Aye:**

Lori Hershey  
Warren A. Jones  
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:

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

No comments from the public.

**Vote Results:****Motion:** Warren A. Jones**Second:** April A. Carney

No discussion.

**PASSED 6-0****Aye:**

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

**Nay:**

None

**Superintendent's Travel**

No travel.

**For The Record**

Board Member Hershey:

- Shared former experience of working at Kids Hope Alliance:
  - Assist with serving summer meals for kids.
  - Explained that this is a service from the state.
  - Expressed that homelessness in Jacksonville is not isolated in one area.
  - A program for children, not adults.
  - Community outreach.
  - Mr. Soares explained that the program is run by the USDA, called the Summer Food Service Program. He shared information regarding the program
- Upon request, Assistant Superintendent, Vicki Schultz explained the improvements that are being made for reporting incidents:
  - Working with the IT Department daily in creating a platform to track incidents and reporting. No costs.
  - Transitioned to provide reports to the state electronically.
  - Project that the new internal system will be ready for next school year.

Board Member Willie:

- Pointed out he sees how dynamic the school district is and has to be to support the communities, schools, and students. With Hazel Health to food programs, and all the other pieces that exist. To make the ultimate intent to make sure the students are academically improving every moment that we can.
- The Board need to look at what policies they have. Clear the air of misinformation. Board Members should be assisting with getting books scanned and ready to go.
- Shout out to the graduations.

- Attended 8th grade promotion ceremonies:
  - Armari Cox from John E. Ford Pre K-8 School, made a statement: "Life comes with speedbumps, but also donuts."
  - Matthew Gilbert Middle School, 8 grade ceremony was tight, organized, spirited.
    - Officer Vincent Robinson has the most impactful and intentional relationship with the students.
    - Shout out to Chief Burton's Police staff for the culture that is being built and permeating the schools.
- Shout out to Dinsmore Elementary School Principal, Wanda Reese, who is retiring.
- Transitioning of schools. Thanked staff for the community and staff for the Town Hall of Highlands E.S.

#### Board Member Jones:

- Former Board Member Stan Jordan - "As a District, we have to educate everyone that comes through the doors."
  - Often forget about the Duval Detention Center graduations, Bridge to Success, Palm Avenue, Pre-Trial Detention Center, PACE Center for Girls. Media does not talk about these schools, they focus on the traditional school graduations.
  - Recognized Tyrone Blue at Grand Park for 30 years of service with former Chairman Willie.
- Attended the All Gateway Awards Ceremony.
- Recognized Thomas Jefferson and Susie Tolbert for each being selected School of the Month by Community First.
- Thanked Community First for supporting public education and all that they do for students and teachers.

#### Board Member Carney:

- Commended Sabal Palm Principal, Linda Graham, on her retirement.
- Thanked Vice Chairman Pearson for allowing her to attend the Alden Road Exceptional graduation.
- Thanked Fletcher High School graduates

#### Vice Chairman Pearson:

- Sandalwood High School Culinary competition victory.
- Douglas Anderson student, Samantha Nelson, repeated her award for the Best Performance by an Actress, Applause Awards. She is moving on to the Jimmy Awards in New York City.
- Two fun interactions with Spring Park Elementary Schools. They have 2 key business partners:
  - San Marco Rotary who held a corn hole fundraiser to help the 5th grade safety patrol visit Washington D.C. She thanked the San Marco Rotary Club.
  - Attended the Kiwanis BUG Program (BUG - Bringing Up Grades).
- Attended the Gateway All Conference.
- Congratulated the Class of 2023.
- Congratulated the team of people who helped to make graduation happen: Wendolyn Dunlap and her team; Corey Wright; guidance counselors, college coaches, administrators, teachers, band and choir instructors, and JROTC.
- Thanked Representative Kian Michael and Representative Kim Daniels, who attended Sandalwood High School's graduation.
- Shout out to Hendricks Avenue Elementary School – there is a group of students who attended Hendricks Avenue together and are now graduating from high school in 2023: a Co-Valedictorian at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts; a Valedictorian at Riverside High School, and a Valedictorian and Salutatorian at Wolfson School for Advanced Studies.

Chairman Dr. Coker:

- Assistant Superintendent of Academics Services, Paula Renfro provided an explanation about the book weeding process at the request of the Chairman.
- Requested for the public not to believe everything that they read online. If they have any questions, ask.
- Expressed gratitude to the Class of 2023 graduates.
- Special programs. PACE is in District 1 - shared what the Valedictorian at the school expressed at the graduation.
- Thanked all K-12 teachers for the work they have done to assist students with graduation.
- Thanked all the leaders and counselors.
- Shout out to Mr. Wright and Ms. Dunlap.
- Non-profit graduation - City Year personnel.
- Thanked and gave a warm welcome to Dr. Dana Kriznar for serving as the Superintendent.

## Adjournment

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn this meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Vote Results:

Motion: Lori Hershey

Second: Cynthia Pearson

PASSED 7-0

Aye: Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay: None

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Superintendent

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Chairman