



# Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

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## October 17, 2023, Board Workshop

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. 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 9:03 a.m.

### Items to be Discussed

#### 1. PARTNER PRESENTATION - ELEVATE

George E. Maxey, Executive Director, Elevate Jacksonville, showed a video on Elevate Jacksonville and joined in the discussion on the following:

- How a student is chosen for the program and how long they remain in the program was explained.

*Recessed meeting at 9:15 a.m.*

*Reconvened at 11:44 a.m.*

#### 2. FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE DRAFT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Cindy Pearson distributed the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) Legislative Platform Draft; Duval's submission to FSBA, and the FSBA Deregulation Recommendations. Dr. Kriznar joined in the discussion on the following:

- FSBA Platform has several of Duval's platform recommendations.
- What amendments could be made.
- Include teacher allocation for retirement in Duval's platform.
- Schools that use Guardians. In legislation, guardians are not given anything extra to cover additional items such as insurance or the risk they take to be a guardian. Front line accommodations should be added.
- Items placed on the Duval delegation.
- Workforce training to be included in elementary schools in the Duval delegation. Would like to add a

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Diploma.

- Expand the use of concordance scores and Post Secondary Readiness Test (PERT).
- Recognize those attending Pre-K as students. Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten ( VPK) vouchers do not pay for VPK teacher allocations.
- Increase the base student allocation and allow to use as needed.
- The teacher bonus to follow the teacher.
- Add local flexibility to deregulation.
- Agreed to all items on FSBA Platform.
- Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) funding for hurricane shelters.
- Accountability for charter schools and/or private schools using taxpayer dollars and explain why it matters.

### 3. INSURANCE\*

Pursuant to State Statute 447.605(1) the public session of this meeting closed at 12:30 p.m.

The public session of the board workshop re-opened at 1:23 p.m. and there was no further discussion on insurance.

### 4. GOVERNANCE

Discussion was held on the following items:

- Recent tour of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas School and the impact of this visit. Stop the bleed program.
- Crime and safety in our community has to be addressed. This spills into our schools. Appreciation was expressed for the leadership at the schools in these areas to maintain a 90% graduation rate. It was stated that their work is much harder and it is being done at the same rate as schools not faced with these issues.
- These issues need to be communicated to the city as schools are going on lockdown due to neighborhood issues.
- Shared responsibilities of the city to correct issues including school zones; sidewalks placed on the wrong side of the street; tree trimming and public housing.
- Kids Hope Alliance.
- Year round school pilot program. How much will be paid by the state for this was requested.

## Adjournment

### 1. ADJOURNMENT

#### **Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 p.m.**

#### **Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Charlotte D. Joyce

**Second:** Warren A. Jones

**PASSED: 7 - 0**

**Aye:**

Kelly Coker

Cindy Pearson

April A. Carney

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Darryl Willie

**Nay:**

None

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Superintendent

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Chairman