



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

October 10, 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 9:01 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. INTERNAL BOARD AUDITOR (IBA) JOB DESCRIPTION AND NEXT STEPS

Mr. Poole, Dr. Kriznar, and Vicki Schultz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources joined in the discussion on the following:

- A recommendation email from Monique Thompson, Audit Advisory Committee (AAC) was read and discussed.
- The organizational chart of Orange County was reviewed as recommended by the Council of Great City Schools (CGCS).
- Why the CGCS was performing the peer review was discussed.
- Combining the descriptors of Ms. Thompson's email and current job description.
- Recent changes in state statutes added to the responsibility of Ms. Blades in the most recent IBA position and were different than in the previous role held by Michele Begley.
- The current number of district auditors and the amount of audit work currently contracted out.
- Virtual review of CGCS findings.
- A request for the job description for the Internal Board Auditor (IBA) to include guidance to the board on budget and financial items.
- It was noted that the former IBA, Lenia Blades did not have the support that the org chart from Orange County reflects.
- Hesitation was expressed for raising the salary of this position, while direct support was being added to help with the duties.
- Clarification was requested as to what the new duties would be for this position and if it would

include supervision of auditors, as they are employed by the Superintendent. It was noted that currently the IBA is employed by the Board.

- It was noted there is a Director of Auditing and that would be the go to for the IBA. The Director is responsible for the Auditors who are assigned to schools and/or groups and departments.
- Currently there are outside contractors being used to help catch up audits for the schools.
- It was requested that the role of the IBA be made clear enough so that the evaluation may be made at the end of the year.
- Statutory provisions for the duties of IBA was emailed by Mr. Poole to each board member.
- Input from CGCS was requested regarding this item.
- Concern was expressed for the need to hire an IBA.
- It was noted that the City Council approved an Inspector General and they do work for DCPS and we are required to use the City Inspector General. The Inspector General's background was explained.
- Potential changes with this item on the Chief Financial Officer's (CFO) job description.
- Pay ranges request for this position from CGCS and review of other counties.
- Job description for the CFO was requested for the next meeting,

2. TECHNOLOGY UPDATE (INCLUSIVE OF SAP UPGRADE)

Jim Culbert, Chief Officer, Technology Services presented a PowerPoint presentation 2023-2024 Technology Plan. He and Dr. Kriznar joined in the discussion on the following:

- E-Sports and scholarships were explained.
- The University of North Florida President has a vision of building a huge gaming arena.
- Appreciation was expressed to the City of Jacksonville permitting department for their prompt assistance in the permitting process for the completion of the Dark Fiber. This project has benefits for the entire city.
- SAP upgrade was explained.
- Appreciation was expressed for all efforts in regards to the IT team and its leadership.
- Increased internet bandwidth was explained.
- Laptops for Paraprofessionals and students.
- Content filter committee. A request for a student to participate on the committee was made.
- Congratulations was expressed on the above average security audit results

3. BENCHMARKS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORTS / PROGRESS MONITORING AND BLENDED LEARNING

Recessed at 10:38 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Corey Wright, Chief of Schools, and Paul Renfro, Chief Officer, Academic Services presented a PowerPoint presentation Immersed in Education 2023-24 PM1 Reading and Math results. They and Scott Schneider, Chief of Schools joined in the discussion on the following:

- FM1 Testing extended to October 6, 2023, due to a recent hurricane.
- Score changes were explained.
- Professional Development offerings.
- English Language Learners (ELL) update.
- Challenges faced by middle school teachers and students.

- Extended teaching time and extended time after school.
- Moving from remedial instruction back to core instruction. Holding students accountable.
- What role a parent's education plays in student learning and what resources are available to assist parents.
- Requirements for elementary school reading teachers for dyslexia.
- Comparison of Duval and Miami Dade results and what can we implement here to make a difference.
- Chronic absenteeism.
- School leadership.
- Creation of policies that will assist.
- A recommendation for simplification and feedback on what is and is not being used in the classroom.
- It takes parents, teachers and the community to be successful.
- Lead walks are showing encouraging signs.

4. SAFETY AND SECURITY*

Public Session closed at 12:30 p.m. pursuant to Section 281.301 Florida Statutes.

Open Public Session reopened at 1:35 p.m.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 1:36 PM.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cindy Pearson

Second: Warren A. Jones

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

April A. Carney

Kelly Coker

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Cindy Pearson

Darryl Willie

Nay:

None

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Superintendent

Chairman