



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

November 13, 2023, Duval County School Board/City Council Joint 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 JOINT MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL: All Board Members were present with the exception of Board Member Hershey. Dr. Dana Kriznar, Superintendent, and Mr. Ray Poole, Office of General Counsel, were also present. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: President Ron Salem, Randy White, Ken Amaro, Mike Gay, Will Lahnen, Rahman Johnson, Kevin Carrico, Joe Carlucci, Michael Boylan, Jimmy Peluso, Reggie Gaffney, Jr., Nick Howland, and Matt Carlucci. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rory Diamond, Terrence Freeman, Raul Arias, Ju'Coby Pittman, Chris Miller (*arrived at 11:27 a.m.*), and Tyrone Clark-Murray.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Board Member Carney arrived at 10:04 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. ISSUES THAT WILL IMPACT GROWTH, FUNDING, QUALITY OF LIFE, AND WORK WITHIN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

Council President Salem convened the meeting and the attendees introduced themselves for the record. President Salem thanked the School Board members for attending the joint meeting. He announced his intention that the two bodies would meet two more times during his term as President. School Board Chair Dr. Kelly Coker thanked the President for extending the invitation to meet with the Council.

A youth quartet from the Cathedral Arts Project gave a performance prior to the agenda items.

KIDS HOPE ALLIANCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Saralyn Grass, Kids Hope Alliance (KHA) CEO, reviewed An Overview of Our Partnerships with DCPS (see attached):

- The Plan - Five Strategic Goals
- The Outcomes - Results-Based Accountability
- The Funding - Budget by Category
- The Approach - Afterschool and Summer
- Proven Success In Multiple Areas
- Read Jax Pilot Schools
- Juvenile Justice Diversion Program
- Literacy Supports - Read Jax
- Workforce Development - Mayor's Youth at Work
- Wrap Around Services - A Wide-Array of Supports

Discussion involved:

- Councilman Howland inquired why the data analysis for the efficacy study is not performed in-house. Dr. Grass responded that KHA doesn't have the appropriate staffing to do it in-house and that an objective analysis prevents any perception of bias.
- Chairman Dr. Coker inquired about expanding the intensive literacy pilot program. Dr. Grass responded that it would require more case managers and funding, as it costs twice as much as their regular programs.
- Board Member Willie inquired about results-based accountability and performance measurements. Dr. Grass responded that data collection is tricky due to the variety of programs and providers, but essential to gauge outcomes.
- Board Member Joyce inquired about programs in collaboration with the school district. Dr. Grass responded that program managers serve on principals' leadership teams.
- Councilman Boylan inquired about staff security evaluations and background screenings. Dr. Grass responded that all staff who work with children undergo a level 2 background check and that programs for those under 13 years old are required to be licensed through DCF.
- Board Member Jones inquired about student absenteeism. Dr. Grass spoke about the impact from COVID and some students who never really returned to school, and how KHA can't provide services to children in school if they are not actually in school.
- Council President Salem inquired about services provided to charter schools. Dr. Grass responded that KHA provides services in several charter schools, including KIPP and the River City Science Academy.

FULL-SERVICE SCHOOLS AND UNITED WAY

Through a PowerPoint presentation, United Way Melanie Patz, Chief Executive Officer and Coretta Hill, Chief Operating Officer reviewed The Power of Collaboration (see attached):

- Improving Economic Mobility for All
- Full Service Schools
- Full Service School Data 2022-23
- Achievers for Life
- Achievers for Life Data 2022-23
- 2-1-1 Service Area
- 211 Total Calls Answered
- 988 Crisis Call Line Volume

Discussion involved:

- Decreasing the wait time for 211 calls.
- The Mission United program that works with veterans in need of assistance and resources

- Parental resistance to consenting to treatment for their children.
- Upcoming innovative programs and other barriers to receiving services.

READ USA

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Paula Renfro, Chief Academic Officer and Dr. Robert Kelly, Chief Executive Officer of READ USA reviewed the following (see attached):

- 1:1 Tutoring: One Program, Dual Outcomes
- Creating Systems to transform Learning
- Program Overview
- Tutor Perspective
 - Wolfson School for Advanced Studies and Leadership student, Nyzair Blake shared his experience.
- Findings and Outcomes

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Through a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Dana Kriznar, Superintendent of Schools and Jim Culbert, Chief Information Officer reviewed the following (see attached):

- Lit Fiber - Major initiatives
- DARK FIBER - Major initiatives

DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL SAFETY

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Dana Kriznar, Superintendent of Schools and Lt. Sean Macmaster, DCPS School Police reviewed the following (see attached):

- CENTEGIX CrisisAlert - Alyssa's Alert
- Alyssa's Law Implementation in DCPS – CENTEGIX
- Introducing CrisisAlert
- ONE BADGE - TWO TYPES OF ALERTS
- Companion App
- Campus Alert Sequence
- Additional Security Measures - DCPS K-9 Unit

Discussion involved:

- Certain breeds of dogs are perceived to be more child friendly.
- Recount of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School facility tour.
- School crossing zones for pedestrian safety.
- Master Facility Plan for capital improvements and whether security was considered when identifying those projects.
- The Master Facility Plan to be reevaluated at next School Board Workshop.
- Security at charter schools.
- Safe passage to and from school, wherein some students must cross through vacant lots and sometimes feel compelled to carry weapons for their own safety.
- Inquiry was made about the federal grant funds, specifically through Stop School Violence Act of 2018.
- Announcement about a community meeting next month to address pedestrian safety near the Cornerstone Classical Academy.

- Inquiry about JSO providing extra school security, which has decreased to just 20 officers.

Additional discussion:

- Update on superintendent search. Dr. Kriznar will continue to serve in the role for the remainder of this school year.
- Chairman Dr. Coker expressed gratitude to Council President Salem for initiating the joint meetings and thanked all of the presenters for taking the time to attend.

Public Comment

The following spoke during public comment:

Carnell Oliver

Mr. Nooney

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman