



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

November 21, 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 10:40 A.M.

Items to be Discussed

1. SOCIAL MEDIA

Wayne Hogan and Alan Pickert from the Law Firm of Terrell-Hogan gave a presentation on The Social Media Epidemic - seeking to hold social media companies accountable for actions contributing to the mental health crisis of students. Discussion was held on the following:

- How many other school districts are included in the class action suit was explained.
- Timing and timeline of suit.
- Adverse effects on students include expulsion, etc.
- Opioid Litigation was also discussed and explained.
- What exactly the lawsuit will ask companies to do was explained.
- A request for the items for Social Media and Opioid be two(2) separate items on the December 5, 2023, agenda as a vote cannot be taken at this workshop.
- Appreciation was expressed for the presentation and the advocacy.

The meeting was recessed at 11:35 A.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:19PM

2. STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SUPPORTS UPDATES

Dr. Anna Dewese, Executive Director, Student Discipline & Support Services presented a PowerPoint

presentation Pulse Check Strategic Plan Guiding Principle 5.

Dr. Kriznar and Sean Macmaster Director, School Police also joined in the discussion on the following:

- The number of teachers that have attended training will be brought back.
- What schools and teachers participated in the October and November training will be brought back.
- A request to separate items that occurred on campus verses those that occurred off campus.
- Warrants are served on campus.
- 90% of Duval County Public School students have no infractions. This needs to be celebrated.
- Possible reasons for the uptick in Class 2 offenses were discussed.
- A request for the top 10 discipline actions of male verses female.
- A request for information by school was also requested.
- The need for the community to be involved.
- Unauthorized absences and the role it plays.
- Exploring issues with cell phones. There was a recent event where the cell phone tower went down, and the students had a great day.

3. INTERNAL BOARD AUDITOR

Vicki Schultz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources joined in the discussion on the following:

- The job description recently emailed to the board members was discussed.
- Organizational chart and chain of command.
- The job description does not change the minimum qualifications.
- Evaluation tool will need to be changed.
- A request to add 2 years managerial experience to minimum qualifications.
- Executive Director position starting salary will be \$100,000.
- A request for information on the other 6 big counties' rate of pay for this position will be brought back. In addition, the responsibilities and org chart for each.
- Will place this item on December agenda.

4. GOVERNANCE

Discussion was held on the following:

- The Sheriff of Pinellas County and Superintendent of Suwanee County are willing to come to Duval and discuss student safety and whether an executive session would be needed. A request to have both open and closed session, so the community could be involved.
- In consideration of unfinished business that needs to be addressed in the next year, and the need to be unified as a Board, Vice-Chairman Pearson removed herself for consideration as Board Chair and placed her support behind Board Member Willie as Chair.
- Appreciation was expressed by Board Member Willie and the thought and consideration Vice-Chairman Pearson had in this regard. He stated he would be happy to take on the role of Chair if the Board desired.
- Board Member Joyce stated that she had previously recommended Board Member Hershey as Chair. She stated that Board Member Hershey had gone through the superintendent search and she would still like to recommend Board Member Hershey.
- Board Member Hershey stated that if the Board chose, she would be willing to lead the Board.
- Board Member Carney agreed with Board Member Joyce to support Board Member Hershey as Chair.
- Board Member Jones stated he has respect for both, but feels Board Member Willie will do a great

job.

- Chairwoman Dr. Coker stated that she originally recommended Board Member Willie and feels that all 3 have supported the Board wonderfully. She stated that given this is Board Member Hershey's last year, and Board Member Willie could stay in the position as Ms. Paula Wright did previously, and see the search through to the end.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 2:08PM.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Warren A. Jones

PASSED: 7-0

Aye:

Kelly Coker

Cindy Pearson

April A. Carney

Lori Hershey

Charlotte D. Joyce

Warren A. Jones

Darryl Willie

Nay:

None

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Superintendent

Chairman