



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

February 20, 2024, Board Workshop

Mr. Darryl Willie, Chairman
Ms. Charlotte D. Joyce, Vice-Chairman
Ms. April A. Carney
Dr. Kelly Coker
Ms. Lori Hershey
Mr. Warren A. Jones
Ms. Cindy Pearson
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. Board Member Hershey departed at 11:45 am.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Introduction of elected and special guest attendees.

Items to be Discussed

1. FLORIDA SCHOOL SAFETY PRESENTED BY SHERIFF GUALTIERI

Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, Pinellas County, Commissioner Marjory Stoneman Douglas Commission, presented a PowerPoint presentation Duval School Board Active Assailant Response (see attached), and joined in the discussion on the following:

- The importance of being prepared for the next school shooting and doing so with fidelity. Also, the importance of having trained personnel on the campus to stop the shooting when it occurs.
- Actions to mitigate the possibility of harm.
- The types of Guardian programs were explained.
- The advantages of multiple Forced Multipliers and School Resource Officers (SRO) for each school campus.
- The number of Safe School Officers required as defined by state statutes.
- The required training for the Guardian program was explained.
- Importance of having a number of officers on campus.
- The difference in cost of a police officer, a guardian and security officers.
- Advantages of having uniformed officers.
- Hybrid models were explained.
- Lack of an active assailant response policy and inability to communicate on campus contributed to

- the events of Marjory Stoneman Douglas shootings.
- Importance of accessible hard corner areas.
- Lack of coping skills is a common identifiable trait in school shootings. Importance of available mental health resources was explained.
- Basic security measures were explained.
- Ongoing training requirements were explained.
- A request for principals to see and hear this presentation was made.
- HB 1473 is poised to tighten security guidelines and results for not following them.
- Funding sources from various city agencies in other counties.
- Threat management records process was explained.

Recessed at 10:45 am

Reconvened at 11:02 am

2. GRADUATION RATE UPDATES

Corey Wright, Chief of Schools, introduced Christina Knopf, Director, Research, Evaluation and Data and Rhonda Motley, Director, Accountability & Assessment, who presented a PowerPoint Class of 2023 Graduation Rate and joined in the discussion on the following:

- Graduation rates for Duval County increased by 1.6%, and the state increased by 0.7%. The graduation rate is higher than in the pre-pandemic and dropout rates have decreased.
- The steps being taken to increase the graduation rate were explained.
- Appreciation was expressed for the long range data back to 3rd grade.
- Appreciation was expressed for the work of the principals - even going to students' homes, as well as the Graduation Rate Initiatives Team (GRIT), and the English Language Learners (ELL) Task Force.
- Absenteeism rates for Level 1 English Language Arts (ELA) scores showed 40% of those students were absent 20 or more days.
- Appreciation was expressed for the work and focus of ELL students.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 am.

Vote Results:

Motion: Charlotte D. Joyce

Second: Warren A. Jones

PASSED: 6-0

Aye:

Darryl Willie

Charlotte D. Joyce

Dr. Kelly Coker

April A. Carney
Cindy Pearson
Warren A. Jones

Nay:
None

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Superintendent

Chairman