



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

February 6, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Revised

The meeting started with a performance by the Samuel W. Wolfson School for Advanced Studies and Leadership Bell Voce Vocal Group, directed by Cyriac Adjevi, a former graduate of Douglas Anderson School of the Arts.

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.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

A. INVOCATION OR THOUGHT OF THE DAY

John Lowney - student of Andrew Jackson High School of Advanced Technology
Noah Thompson - student of Andrew Jackson High School of Advanced Technology

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

North Shore Principal, Felicia Hardaway and Assistant Principal, Toni Daniels-Lee shared highlights of North Shore Elementary School through a PowerPoint presentation. Principal Hardaway shared the

history about North Shore and the programs that are available at the school.

Chairman Willie shared his experience when he visits the school and gave accolades about the principal and the school.

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK PROCLAMATION (See attached)

Communications

CONGRESSMAN AARON BEAN CONGRESSIONAL APP COMPETITION WINNERS, STANTON COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

On December 21st, U.S. Congressman Aaron Bean visited Stanton College Preparatory School in Jacksonville to announce the winners of the 2023 Congressional App Competition, or CAC, in Florida's Fourth District.

- The CAC highlights the importance of STEM education, giving students an opportunity to hone their coding and technology skills.
- The Congressman presented the news to students Victor Zhang, Aryan Thakur, Prithish Shan, and Alan Alwakeel in a surprise ceremony with school administrators, teachers, and Team Duval leadership.
- These students created an app called "GeoBlend."
- The inspiration IS from a team member's experience of moving to Jacksonville and wanting to learn more about the city's history. But with this app, that history is easily accessible.
- According to team members, GeoBlend "harnesses the power of generative AI and spatial computing."
- Users can use the app to move through a city and explore its historical sites through an immersive, augmented reality experience.
- This year's winners will have their apps displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building and featured on the House of Representative's website.
- They're also invited to a celebratory reception on Capitol Hill in honor of their achievement.

While Congressman Bean was not able to be here due to obligations in D.C., he had this to say: "the Fourth District has so many innovative and talented students, and I am amazed by the ingenuity displayed in this year's competition. Victor, Aryan, Prithish and Alan channeled their creativity using sophisticated coding software and technology."

PARTNER RECOGNITION: MAYO CLINIC

We want to highlight our partners at Mayo Clinic in Florida. They recognize the importance of career readiness and have invested directly in students at Darnell-Cookman School of the Medical Arts and at Atlantic Coast High School.

- Mayo Clinic partners with Darnell-Cookman through "NextGenMed."
- This is a career mentorship program supporting under represented high school students aspiring to have careers in healthcare.
- Mayo Clinic pairs students with a practicing healthcare professional beginning their sophomore year.

- Students receive support and advice on their short-term and long-term educational, career, and professional development goals.
- They also participate in activities exposing them to different career paths in healthcare.
- The goal is that by the time they graduate, they will have fostered a strong relationship with Mayo Clinic mentors as they continue in their pursuits.
- Mayo Clinic has also piloted the Mayo Clinic Nursing Academy at Atlantic Coast.
- The program is in its first year of implementation.
- Students receive instruction from four registered nurses on rotation and are given the opportunity to earn their Certified Nursing Assistant License.
- Students also have the chance to participate in authentic, hands-on training through on-site clinicals at the Mayo Clinic campus off San Pablo.

Joining from Mayo are leaders representing both programs. They are:

- Chief Nursing Officer of Mayo Clinic in Florida, Dr. Tera Gross
- Director of Nursing Academic Affairs, Rebecca Monteau
- Nurse Administrator for Nursing Academics, Jennifer Crews
- Teachers of Record for the CNA program, Stephanie Broughton and Nikki Fox
- Next Gen Med Program Managers Andrew Austin and Valerie Fernandez
- Education Operations Manager, David Ausejo

Joining from DCPS, the Director of Career and Technical Education Jill Fierle and Coordinator of Career and Technical Education, Nyree Bowen-Tennant.

There are also other Mayo Clinic changemakers in the audience.

THRIVE SCHOLARS

We now want to recognize a special group of students who have exhibited hard work, dedication, and drive. They are Jacksonville's Thrive Scholars, our community's next generation of corporate, civic, and academic leaders.

- Thrive Scholars is a college-to-career accelerator.
- It's a unique, comprehensive program that prepares and supports high-achieving, low-income students of color with the following:
 - More than 350 hours of rigorous, college-level instruction.
 - Selective college admissions guidance.
 - Personal mentoring.
 - Hard and soft skills development.
 - Career coaching.
 - A professional network that opens doors to opportunity.
- These tailored supports begin their junior year of high school and continue through college and into their first jobs.
- The aim is to ensure scholars achieve lifelong economic mobility and financial security.
- Thrive Scholars Jacksonville officially launched in 2022, welcoming its first cohort of Scholars in April 2023.
- Our inaugural Jacksonville Thrive Scholars are:
 - Janel Neil-Blake
 - Liano (L.J.) Valenzuela
 - John Ferreira
 - Deja Lee

- Chaleyah Genisus
- Aniya Martinez
- Ashley Awet
- Mariah Campbell
- Jose Toledo
- Lucy Gueye

Thrive Scholars Executive Director, Hannah Oberholtzer joined for the recognition of the students.

2023 PURPLE STAR DISTINCTION SCHOOL, OCEANWAY ELEMENTARY

Last month we recognized seven of our schools for the unwavering support they provide our military students and families. Tonight, the celebration continues as we recognize an eighth school – Oceanway Elementary – for also being named a 2023 Purple Star School of Distinction.

- This is a state-issued award created to honor schools that go above and beyond in supporting the unique needs of military families and students.
- Just like the schools we recognized in January, Oceanway Elementary provides student-led programs that have been established to welcome newly enrolled military families.
- These tools are essential to families who are trying to navigate transitions from other cities, states, and in some cases, other countries...all while learning how to navigate a new school system.

Principal Jennifer Gray of Oceanway Elementary was presented with a banner commemorating this distinction.

RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL COUNSELOR AND SCHOOL COUNSELOR ADMINISTRATIVE ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

In honor of National School Counseling Week, we want to celebrate an extraordinary counselor and principal. Each year, the First Coast Counselor Association presents the Laurel Kaden Anderson Administrator Award and Lucille Crysell School Counselor Award to a deserving School Administrator and School Counselor.

Joining these recipients for the recognition are Wendy Dunlap, Executive Director of High School Acceleration Programs & Student Support Services, School Counseling Specialist Natoria Campbell, and First Coast Counseling Association President Dr. Shana Baird.

The recipients will both receive a Superintendent's Coin of Excellence.

We begin with Jasmin Gomez, Principal of San Jose Elementary School, and this year's recipient of the Laurel Kaden Anderson Administrator Award.

- Principal Gomez was nominated by her school counselor, Marian Ocana.
- Marian Ocana attributes her ability to thrive and facilitate a program tailored to students' needs to her principal's support.
- She says, quote: "Principal Gomez empowers me, allowing me to blossom with innovative initiatives. Her support translates into a vibrant, impactful program that touches many."

This year's Lucille Crysell School Counselor Award winner is Alexandria Fields of Lake Shore Middle School.

- Although Alexandria Fields is new to the faculty at Lake Shore Middle, she's not new to the school counseling profession.
- To name some of her accomplishments: Ms. Fields has set up support plans for students in crisis and is often in the classroom teaching counseling lessons.
- She runs small groups, leads Professional Learning Communities for faculty and because of her ability to speak two languages, she's able to connect with parents who don't speak English as their first language.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR WINNER & FINALISTS

We can strongly argue that Team Duval has some of the best teachers in the nation. We're recognizing five of them. Our teacher of the year finalists, and our 2024 VyStar Duval County Teacher of the Year.

Here to help honor this group are Rachel Tutwiler-Fortune, President of the Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF) and Patricia 'Patti' McElroy, Senior Vice President at VyStar Credit Union, and President of the VyStar Foundation.

Each teacher will be receiving a Superintendent Coin of Excellence.

- Our first Teacher of the Year finalist is Jazline Clark of Arlington Middle School.
 - Clark is an 8th grade English Language Arts teacher and has been teaching for four years.
 - She encourages students to be facilitators of their own learning, sharing with them the metrics and data on how they're doing — not just as individuals, but also as a class and as a grade level.
 - She says quote: "This creates healthy academic competition amongst my students and drives their hunger to outperform peers!"
- Katrice Shorter, a biology teacher at Atlantic Coast High School, is our next finalist.
 - She is the lead instructor for the school's new Nursing Academy in partnership with Mayo Clinic.
 - In her 18 years of teaching, she's taught many subjects including math, science, chemistry, anatomy, and physiology.
 - Shorter fosters an environment of academic excellence, instilling in students that failure is not an option and that they can achieve whatever they work hard towards.
- Jenifer Straley of Lake Lucina Elementary is our next Teacher of the Year finalist.
 - This is the fourth straight year the third-grade teacher has been nominated by her peers.
 - Straley firmly believes that we all have both a teacher and a student within ourselves and is grateful to be surrounded by so many sources of guidance and inspiration.
 - She says quote: "I feel that the moment in life that we stop being open to learning from others is when we become stagnant and immobile."
 - Joining Ms. Straley is Lake Lucina Elementary Principal, Michelle Walsh.
- First-grade teacher Ana Andenmatten of Mandarin Oaks Elementary School is our last finalist.
 - She's in her 17th year as a teacher and is inspired by the caring nature of her students.
 - She brings special needs foster animals into the classroom, allowing students to care for them and prepare them for a forever family.
 - She also created two free after-school clubs for students: the Lego club, as well as the Animal Lovers Club, which has since become a 4-H charter through the University of Florida.

- Joining Ms. Andenmatten is Mandarin Oaks Elementary Principal Leigh Butterfield.
- Our 2024 VyStar Duval County Teacher of the Year, Gustavo Guzman.
 - Mr. Guzman is an educator at Terry Parker High School and is also the son of Mexican Americans who spoke little English.
 - Because of his background, he gained an early appreciation for education.
 - Today he is a biology teacher, serving as a role model for his students, school, and community.
 - One of his leadership roles includes being the Site Director for the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project at Terry Parker...where he gets to introduce minority students to leaders and opportunities in Jacksonville.
 - Guzman says, "I love to empower students with positive affirmations based on character development, academic growth, and athletic accomplishments."
 - He'll go on to represent Duval at the state-level Teacher of the Year competition.
 - Joining him this evening is Terry Parker Principal Robert Hudson.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2024, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the February 6, 2024, agenda as submitted on January 30, 2024, with the following changes:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Item Amended**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **DECEMBER 12, 2023, BOARD WORKSHOP (REVISED) - Item Added**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

- **LEASED LIT AND LEASED DARK FIBER WIDE AREA NETWORK (WAN) AMENDMENT - Attachment Added**

CHIEF OF STAFF:

- **DIRECT SUPPORT ORGANIZATION - Pulled for Discussion - Hershey, Pearson**

Vote Results:

Motion: Charlotte D. Joyce

Second: Warren A. Jones

Vice-Chairman Joyce stated that Item #7 RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR DUVAL CHARTER SCHOOL AT SOUTSIDE needed to be amended.

It was noted that Board Member Hershey had pull Item #7 for discussion.

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:
None

Chairperson's Report

Through a PowerPoint presentation, the Chairman reviewed the following items(see attached):

- Black History Month
- Superintendent Search
- Master Facility Plan - Feb. Board Updates
- ITN Building Relocation
- Graduation Rates
- 2024 Mayor Deegan's Literacy Challenge Kick Off
- Duval County Teacher of the Year - Congratulations, Gustavo Guzman
- February Events
- Upcoming Dates & Items of Interest

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Superintendent's Reports

Through a PowerPoint presentation, the Superintendent reviewed the following items(see attached):

- Career & Technical Ed Month - New for 23-24
- 22-23 Graduation Rate
- Accreditation
- Stingray Parkway Unveiling
- 37th Annual MLK Jr. Breakfast
- 2024 EDDY Awards - Duval County Teacher of the Year
- City Year MLK Day - Woodland Acres E.S.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Department Reports

No reports.

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

Dr. Donald Green, Chairman

Public Comment

The following spoke during public comment:

- Frank Delong
- Carlos Perera
- Kathleen Perera
- Robert Stafford
- Carnell Oliver
- Shannon Shanklin (N/A)
- Travis Akers
- Rev. Scott Brooks-Cope
- Michael Anderson
- Ed Williams
- Lara Ragunas
- Amber Ocharan
- LJ Valenzuela
- Rachael Tutwiler Fortune
- Tim Szendel
- Joseph Lynne
- Jacqueline Smith
- Brigitte Luckett
- Thom McGuire
- Tabitha Byers
- Jennifer Cowart
- Katie Hathaway
- Jessie Willson
- Erin Sharer
- Justin Kugler
- Mandy Rubin
- Kathleen Murray

The following waived to speak during public comment:

- Shyla Jenkins

Comments from Parent Organizations

Michael Hawk, President, District Advisory Council (DAC), through Chairman Willie gave thanks to Dr. Kriznar and Board Member Jones for attending the DAC meeting, and that he was looking forward to Board Member Dr. Coker and Mr. Poole attending the next meeting. Mr. Hawk also wanted to thank Ms. Renfro and Ms. Rivera for information they provided at the meeting.

Comments from District Student Government Association

Cameron Marshall, student of Riverside High School

Comments from Employee Organizations

Tammie Brooks-Evans, President, DTU

David Bryant, IBEW

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following minutes:

- December 12, 2023, Board Workshop (Revised) - Item Added
- January 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
- January 10, 2024, Board Workshop
- January 23, 2024, Agenda Committee Meeting
- January 23, 2024, Board Workshop

Vote Results:

Motion: Kelly Coker

Second: Warren A. Jones

No discussion.

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote Results:

Motion: Kelly Coker

Second: Cynthia Pearson

No discussion

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

Consent Agenda**Academic Services**

1. APPROVAL OF 2024-2028 CONTRACT WITH TRINSIC LLC D/B/A CIC PLANNING GROUP FOR THE EDUCATION, INNOVATION, AND RESEARCH (DUVAL IDEAS) GRANT PROJECT
2. APPROVAL OF 2024-2028 CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA (UNF) FOR THE EDUCATION, INNOVATION, AND RESEARCH (DUVAL IDEAS) GRANT PROJECT
3. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL STEM2 HUB
4. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH STEMFUSE
5. 2024 CLASS SIZE COMPLIANCE PLANS

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

6. RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR DUVAL CHARTER SCHOOL AT MANDARIN
7. RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR GLOBAL OUTREACH CHARTER ACADEMY
8. RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR SEACOAST CHARTER ACADEMY
9. RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR SEASIDE CHARTER NORTH
10. RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR SCHOOL OF SUCCESS (SOS)

ACADEMY

11. RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR TIGER ACADEMY

Human Resource Services - Staffing

12. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

13. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – TEACHER, GENERIC

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

14. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - NOVEMBER 2023

15. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS - DECEMBER 2023

Information Technology

16. LEASED LIT OR LEASED DARK FIBER WIDE AREA NETWORK (WAN) AMENDMENT

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

17. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

18. REPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS AND FINAL INSPECTIONS OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER \$1,000,000.

19. CHANGE ORDER REPORT

20. PHASE III CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS APPROVAL FOR DUNCAN FLETCHER HIGH SCHOOL #223 ADDITION AND RENOVATION SCHOOL - PROJECT NO. P-8951003

21. CASTALDI ANALYSIS FOR FOUR (4) ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

22. AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT CONTRACT - RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT DUNCAN U. FLETCHER HIGH SCHOOL #223 - PROJECT RFQ NO. 06-23/TW

23. SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION AND CERTIFICATION OF FINAL INSPECTION OF CULINARY ARTS PROJECT OVER \$1,000,000, CULINARY ARTS RENOVATIONS AT ENGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL #3090 - DCSB PROJECT NO. C-99530

24. PHASE III CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS APPROVAL NEW K-5 PROTOTYPE ENGLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - PROJECT NO. P-91750

25. PHASE III CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS APPROVAL NEW K-5 PROTOTYPE PICKETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - PROJECT NO. P-91730

26. PHASE III CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS APPROVAL FOR RICHARD LEWIS BROWN GIFTED AND TALENTED ACADEMY #058 ADDITION AND RENOVATION SCHOOL - PROJECT NO. P-8951007

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

27. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

28. DECEMBER 2023 PURCHASE REPORT

Discussion

Board Members

Academic Services

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

29. RENEWAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT (CHARTER) FOR DUVAL CHARTER SCHOOL AT SOUTHSIDE

Motion:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve the request of Duval Charter School at Southside to renew its contract with Duval County School Board; and,
2. That the Duval County School Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to negotiate a five-year contract.

Vote Results:

Motion: Lori Hershey

Second: April A. Carney

Discussion involved:

Per state statute the item needs to be amended from 5 years to 15 years.

Motion:

Motion to Amend - Contract Time Renewal to 15 years

Vote Results:

Motion: Lori Hershey
Second: Cynthia Pearson

PASSED 7-0

Aye:
Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:
None

Motion:
Motion as Amended

PASSED 7-0

Aye:
Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:
None

Chief of Staff

30. DIRECT SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

Motion:
That the board direct the superintendent to take necessary steps to create a direct support organization.

Vote Results:
Motion: Warren A. Jones
Second: Cynthia Pearson

Discussion involved:

- Concerns were expressed regarding the timing and order of how the district is going about the Direct Support Organization.

- Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF) Board Members are confused about what is going on as to who is going to do what.
- A request had been made for staff to pull this item and delay until a meeting is held with JPEF.
- This is not a new conversation. It started in 2016 when Dr. Vitti was the Superintendent.
- Demonstrates the will of the Board.
- Does not prohibit any conversation with JPEF.
- It signals to the community, and lets the community know that the Board recognizes a need for a direct support foundation which in its definition, functions differently than JPEF.
- It is possible to work in concert and not in competition.
- The passing of the item does not prohibit conversation in defining what a direct support looks like for DCPS.
- Board Member Jones motioned to postpone until a time certain for Tuesday, March 5, 2025. He shared that he has seen the pluses and minuses with JPEF and the Board, and at that time the relationship was not good.
- Provide time for DCPS and JPEF to get together to make sure they are not competing against each other but working together for the best of the students.
- Time to determine if there are any conflicts in competition for grants and scholarships.
- Evaluate how cost effective creating our own foundation would be vs continuing with JPEF and amending how much they take out when they collect dollars for the district.
- JPEF has been a very good, valuable partner, and has assisted the district with many things.

Motion:

To postpone to time certain, March 5, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Cindy Pearson

Discussion involved:

- A robust conversation took place regarding the work that JPEF does at the last Board Workshop.
- This foundation provides a funding source for the district to do projects outside of what JPEF does. Projects that the district can control and have oversight.
- JPEF should not feel threatened by a direct support foundation.
- People give out of different pockets. There are organizations that may not give to JPEF, but want to give to another foundation.
- Email received from Mary Chance of Consortium of Florida Education Foundations, who has offered to lead a discussion between DCSB and JPEF.
- It is owed to JPEF to have a discussion. There are some gaps as seen in some finances and abilities to capture certain dollars. Can inquire about being able to make up the gaps.
- The vote mentions about taking the steps to create, not to explore, and that is what needs to be done with JPEF.
- There are schools in Arlington that have needs and things going on in Arlington that are in need of direct resources.
- The differences between JPEF and direct support organization was explained.
- Dr. Tracy Pierce, Assistant Superintendent of Communications and Marketing, shared his knowledge, brief explanation, and examples regarding a direct support organization.
- The ability to apply for grants if DCPS had their own foundation.
- Conversations have happened before, but nothing has happened.
- Can there be 2 foundations in the city?

- Discussions have been within, not with the partner. If a true partner, they need to hear the discussion and work through any concerns they may have and not injure the partnership that has been in existence.
- Board Member Pearson shared her experience with "Friends of" organizations.
- Vice-Chairman Joyce shared her experience with a 501(c)(3) (a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income tax).
- Concern about postponement was shared.
- This is all about the kids and about improving student outcome.
- Confidence in staff being able to get this foundation off the ground was expressed.
- There are people who want to give directly to the district, they don't want to give to a conduit.
- The district needs as many resources as possible due to Tallahassee cutting funds.
- The Board workshops everything, but this item has not been workshopped.
- Concern about why the Board can't wait for 30-days to answer questions about what this means.
- JPEF holds a spot with the state of Florida with the foundation. The foundation the district is talking about is not competing for that spot.

FAILED 3-4

Aye:

Warren A. Jones
Darryl Willie
Cynthia Pearson

Nay:

Lori Hershey
Charlotte D. Joyce
Kelly Coker
April A. Carney

Motion:

That the board direct the superintendent to take necessary steps to create a direct support organization.

Vote Results:

Motion: Kelly Coker

Second: April A. Carney

Discussion involved:

- A request to meet with JPEF to discuss any concerns within the next 30-days.
- Guardrails as to whom is doing what from each entity.

PASSED 5-2

Aye:

Lori Hershy
Charlotte D. Joyce
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

Warren A. Jones
Darryl Willie

General

Emergency Agenda Items

Board Member Travel

No travel.

Superintendent's Travel

SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Superintendent's travel:

- **January 15-16, 2024 - Tallahassee, FL - Duval Day at the Capitol**

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Lori Hershey

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Darryl Willie
Kelly Coker
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

For The Record

Board Member Pearson:

- Looks forward to the conversation with JPEF.
- Thanked Jim Culbert, Chief Officer of IT for meeting with the students at the Technology Town Hall at Wolfson High School on January 31st.
- Congratulated the student athletes who participated in the winter sports.
- Highlighted Englewood High School Boys Soccer Team, who beat the Beachside Team. Englewood High School is now the District Champs and will be hosting the Regional Game.
- Shared that Wolfson High School Girls Soccer Team lost to Episcopal Girls Soccer Team.

- Shared that Wolfson High School Boys Soccer Team was playing against Bolles Boys Soccer Team tonight.
- ~~Shared that SB1414 did not move through the Senate. Encouraged people to reach out to Senator Davis to encourage her to refile.~~
- Shared that she supports SB 294, Instructional Hours for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program.

Board Member Carney:

- Expressed congrats to Fletcher Cheer Team - Placed 4th in the Semi Finals.
- Looks forward to conversation with JPEF.
- Addressed the Fletcher community regarding the increased school threats. Encouraged people to watch the Board Workshop on February 20th, which Sheriff Gualtieri will be a guest speaker.

Board Member Jones:

- Shout out to the 3 young ladies who read their speeches at the MLK Breakfast.
- Shared his experience at the Incubate Debate. Spoke highly about Landon Middle School.
- EDDY Awards put on by JPEF.
- Thanked the ACE Committee for the Pickett/ S.A. Hull/and Reynolds Lane Elementary Schools community meetings.
- Commended Sharwonda Peek, Assistant Superintendent of School Choice, and her Team for the wonderful job they did at the Showcase.
- Expressed congrats to Paxon School for Advanced Studies Girls Basketball Team winning their 1st Gateway Championship.
- Paxon School for Advanced Studies was selected for their 2nd consecutive year as the Magnet Schools of America National Merit School of Excellence.

Board Member Hershey:

- Crown Point Community Readers Day.
- Twin Lakes Academy Middle School - CSX Partnership celebration.
- Shout out to Paula Renfro, Chief of Academics regarding Incubate Debate.
- Visited Office of Safe Schools while in Tally for FSBA Conference.
- Thanked Board Member Carney for inviting Sheriff Gualtieri to DCPS and her focus on school safety.
- Expressed that the district can work in concert and not in competition with JPEF.
- Applauded Vice-Chair Joyce for reminding everyone that the work and conversation is about children; this should not been seen as a threat because it is about improving the work and giving students the support they need in order to be successful and move the school district forward.

Board Member Dr. Coker:

- Thanked Chairman Willie and Dr. Kriznar for highlighting the work of City Year and CSX for the Day of Work at Woodland Acres Elementary School.
 - Thanked City Year, CXS, and Principal Shawn Platts.
- Congratulated all the Teachers of the Year and Mr. Guzman.
- Interview with INCOGNIA. Congratulated the Cabinet for their work and especially Paula Renfro for being the Queen of accreditation.
- Thanked Meg Folds, Florida Forum Chair and the Florida Forum Committee.
- Congratulated Corey Wright, Chief of Staff regarding the graduation rate.
- Congratulated Wendy Dunlap, Executive Director of High School Programs for the work that she does.
 - Thanked the GRIT Team from Accountability & Assessment: Rhonda Motley, Director; Tabatha Bennett, Specialist; Marvin Brown, Specialist; and Kimberly Grubbs.

- Thanked all the high school principals for their part in the graduation rate.
- Thanked all the teachers for their work. They are a part of the graduation rate.

Vice-Chairman Joyce:

- Spoke about the upcoming Board Workshops.
- Spoke about the Tour of the Parkland H.S. shooting and the upcoming anniversary.
- Thanked Dr. Kriznar for pulling Ortega Elementary School item (Castaldi) off the agenda.
- Shout out to Scott Schneider, Chief of Schools, for the work he and his staff are doing.

Chairman Willie:

- Recognized presentations from:
 - North Shore Elementary School.
 - Andrew Jackson High School.
- Teacher of the year.
- Encouraged all to thank a counselor each day.
- Thanked Board Member Carney and Vice-Chair Joyce for being bold enough to go on the Marjory Stoneman tour. Shared that he wants the Board to be leaders in safety, not just in Duval but around the Region. Wants Duval to be seen as being a leader when it comes to keeping our kids safe.
- Expressed Happy Birthday to Board Member Pearson.
- Spoke about the accreditation.
- Shout out to Corey Wright, Chief of Staff and Brandon Mack, Executive Director, Family and Community Engagement, for presentation at the Chamber.
- Thanked the Board Office Staff for their hard work and support.

Adjournment

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Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting 9:32 p.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: Charlotte D. Joyce

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
 Warren A. Jones
 Charlotte D. Joyce
 Darryl Willie
 Kelly Coker
 Cynthia Pearson
 April A. Carney

Nay:

None

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Superintendent

Chairman