May 1, 2024, Policy Handbook Review Committee

Mr. Darryl Willie, Chairman
Ms. Charlotte D. Joyce, Vice-Chairman
Ms. April A. Carney
Dr. Kelly Coker
Dr. 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 9:03 a.m.

Recognition was given to the School Advocacy Members present.

Vice Chairman Charlotte D. Joyce arrived at 9:05 a.m.
Board Member April A. Carney arrived at 9:09 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. BOARD POLICY 8.30 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Cami Sams, Executive Director, Policy & Compliance, Corey Wright, Chief of Staff and Erika Harding, Assistant Superintendent, Chief of Operations joined in the discussion on the following:

- Timeline for this policy for the school year.
- The policy is to change the minimum distance to 2.0 miles for all elementary, middle and high school students.
- Cost comparison.
- The number of students this change will affect.
- Areas identified by the district as a hazardous zone will be exempt from this policy.
- The state process for reimbursement of hazardous zones qualifications.

2. BOARD POLICY 5.38 STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Ms. Sams; Mr. Wright; Ray Poole, Office of General Counsel, and Dr. Anna Dewese, Executive Director, Student Discipline & Support Services, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Orange County's current policy regarding cell phone use was explained.
- Board Member Carney demonstrated the Yondr security device for cell phones.
- A request for other districts' policies and/or changes for review. Mr. Poole stated he emailed Orange County's information to the board members.
- A parent's concern over a student's recent referral for cell phone use during class was discussed.
- The conundrum presented with student cell phones.
- Parents' expectation of being able to communicate with their students in the event of an emergency or lockdowns caused by situations in the area around campuses.
- Principals' implementation of discipline has additional costs that have to be considered.
- The need to effectively manage the classroom is key.
- Students need to use personal cell phones for class research, etc. due to sites that are blocked by the district on their laptops.
- The policy will look different for elementary, middle and high school students.
- A request for principals; parents, students and/or Jacksonville Association of Governing Students (JAGS) feedback.
- Liability of devices that are confiscated by the district.
- The concerning issues of students sending texts and/or videoing fights.
- Last update to this policy was in 2014.

3. BOARD POLICY 9.30 USE OF FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Ms. Sams and Mr. Wright joined in the discussion of the following:

- Non-profit and other facility uses.
- Previous issues with City of Jacksonville usage. It was stated that on multiple occasions the facilities have been left trashed, leaving the district responsible for cleaning. Some games have had to be postponed due to this issue.
- Difficulties with communication between the City of Jacksonville and the district in regard to the use of facilities. This will be discussed at the next joint meeting with the City Council.
- Costs associated with the use of school fields.

4. <u>EMPLOYEE THREAT ASSESSMENT (NEW POLICY)</u>

Tameiko Grant, Executive Director, Office of Equity & Inclusion; Vicki Schultz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources; Mr. Wright; Dr. Kriznar and Mr. Poole joined in the discussion of the following:

- Explanation of assessment team duties and how often they would meet.
- Current discipline policy, process and the person that is responsible for removing individuals.
- Need for immediate response to certain discipline issues.
- Advantages of having Mr. Poole on the assessment team.
- It was stated certain behaviors off campus should call for immediate removal from their position as each employee is an ambassador of the district and should reflect that.
- Superintendent's designee language.
- A request for immediate board notification of infractions.
- A request for end of year transfer lists to be reviewed for incidents and notification be given to the new principals. Ms. Schultz advised that every principal is able to review personnel files electronically.
- A request for Policy 6.84 to be reviewed by the board and put in the Superintendent's contract.
- Florida State Statutes requirement of Superintendent language.
- Timeline of arrest hits reports.

- A request for the collective bargaining process dates and results. It was suggested that Board Members get more involved with what is happening in those meetings.

Recessed at 11:28 a.m.

Board Member Dr. Kelly Coker left at 11:28 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:48 a.m.

5. BOARD POLICY 8.53 CONSOLIDATION IMPACT REVIEW PROCESS

Mr. Wright joined in the discussion of the following:
- Changes include any school closure or consolidation, regardless of funding source.
- Recommendations on how to honor closures or consolidations.
- Determining school numbers.
- Opportunity for the community to honor names and choose school number.
- Process of school grades.
- Recommendations from working groups to allow a building, or wing, to honor the names or legacy of schools.
- Working group versus Review Group.
- Tentative public meeting dates.
- Budget

6. BOARD POLICY 5.44 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES

Ms. Harding presented a PowerPoint presentation "Presentation Overview" on this policy and Board Policy 8.50 Educational Facilities Planning. She, Mr. Wright and Dr. Tracy Pierce, Chief Officer, Communications joined in the discussion of the following:
- Attendance Zone Criteria.
- Attendance Zone Changes.
- Rolling Timeline.
- Policy Recommendations.
- Capacity goals and percentages.
- Consultant's proposal.
- Importance of the Board to place guardrails to prevent current issues with under-utilization.
- Annual Enrollment review report timeline.
- Disadvantages being experienced now from not following policy.
- The annual State of Schools report from the Superintendent is due by July 31st each year.
- Closings have taken place i.e. Brentwood, Martin Luther King, Henry F. Kite. Need to determine the aggressiveness moving forward.
- A request for a report of schools experiencing financial deficits.
- The need for students to be able to attend a school they can walk to.
- Update on website for feeder pattern.
- Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) utilization versus actual utilization. A request for a list of programs by schools on the FISH report.
- The district does not get credit for Pre-K students
- Working group and the need to be thoughtful of the membership.

7. BOARD POLICY 8.50 EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES PLANNING

Discussion was held with Policy 5.44 School Attendance Boundaries.

8. BOARD POLICY 8.59 NAMING OR RENAMING SCHOOLS

There was no discussion on this policy. It will be reviewed at a later date.

9. BOARD POLICY 8.591 NAMING OR RENAMING FACILITIES

There was no discussion on this policy. It will be reviewed at a later date.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:
That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 PM.

Vote Results:
Motion: Charlotte D. Joyce
Second: April A. Carney

PASSED: 6 - 0

Aye:
Darryl Willie
Charlotte D. Joyce
April A. Carney
Dr. Lori Hershey.
Warren A. Jones
Cindy Pearson

Nay:
None

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Superintendent Chairman