



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

June 11, 2024, Board Workshop

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. *Chairman Darryl Willie arrived at 10:00 a.m.*

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Joyce.

Items to be Discussed

1. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Corey Wright, Chief of Staff, Paula Renfro, Chief Officer, Academic Officer, Ron Fagan, Chief Officer, Financial, and Erika Harding, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Operations, presented various portions of the 2024 Legislative Overview (see attached). Discussion included the following:

- 2024 Legislative session focus.
- Summaries of the House and Senate Bills, the goals and what is affected by the bills.
- Instruction that depict acts of communism.
- Special observances of veterans in November is an addition to what schools may be doing.
- The effects of House and Senate Bills on education.
- Career opportunities and career days.
- (SB) Senate Bill 7032 and workers' compensation effects as it relates to 16 and 17-year-old students.
- Employer response to student age decrease and making more opportunities accessible.
- SB 46 and student stipends.
- Partnerships and Sponsors.
- Students that receive a stipend are not eligible for the Bright Future Scholarships.
- Music-based Supplemental Consent to Accelerate Learner Engagement and Success (mSCALES) is art centered and currently not available at the elementary level.
- House Bill (HB) 553 shown on the presentation is actually HB 523.

- Parents must consent to the bronchodilators being prescribed in the school's name.
- The "why" behind SB 7002.
- Giving traditional and charter schools the same requirements to level the playing field.
- Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) information summary as it relates to specific Senate Bills.
- A bring back was requested for the creation of a pay band salary schedule as it relates to SB 7002 and the allowance for salary adjustment based upon advanced degrees.
- SB 7002 and several virtual instruction options.
- SB 7004 allows principal discretion regarding collecting funds for damaged materials.
- As it relates to SB 7004, stakeholders will be able to select and suggest books based upon community needs.
- Student communication regarding the difference between General Education Development (GED) and a diploma.
 - Obtaining a GED negatively impacts the district's graduation rate.
- The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and Duval Academy have been taken over by the state.
- The difference in the original language of Senate Bill 7004 versus the language effective July 1, 2024.
- HB 0003 provides clarifying language on what social media is not.
- Enhancing school safety communication.
- HB 1473 - more clarification is needed regarding safe spaces and sporting events as well as after-school programs.
 - A request was made to get clarification on what monitoring is defined as in the HB 1473 goals.
- HB 1285 limits school book challenges to once a month.
 - Most high schools currently offer ASVAB to 11th and 12th graders, and it is based upon principal discretion.
 - The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) expands students' opportunities when they leave high school.
- The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in a helpful way.
 - Rule Making for the use of AI to control and define what can be done with it.
- HB 1403 prohibits double-dipping as it relates to scholarships.
 - Provides transportation scholarships and clarification on how it is supposed to be used.
 - The transportation scholarship funds reduces the district's transportation budget.
- The district reviews their teacher preparation programs to ensure they are not in violation of SB 1291.
 - Teachers are expected to use the curriculum guide.
- HB 931 - Chaplain guidelines that are set in regard to parental rights.
 - Concerned conflict.
 - This Bill is specific to trained chaplains.
 - Chaplain background checks and what constitutes training and certification.
- SB 49- Waivers can be given by parents or superintendents.
 - How can this be monitored?
- SB 994 and the pilot program that has been executed by Student Transportation of America (STA).
 - Ensuring the public is aware.
 - Unit set up.
 - Current pilot data.
 - How to move forward with the program?
 - District in house traffic discussion.
- The Board requested they be given the unsolicited thresholds, and they requested a workshop to

- help them understand them as well.
- School Board voting to increase statutory authority.
- Counties that contribute to school safety.
 - A request was made as a bring back to get information on how many other counties and the amount they are contributing to school safety officers and have it presented during a workshop.
- Legislative platform.

The meeting was recessed at 11:26 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:39 a.m.

2. ONE MILL REFERENDUM UPDATES

Corey Wright, Chief of Staff, Ron Fagan, Chief Officer, Financial, Tammie Talley, Director, District Athletics, and Dr. Laurie Hoppock, Director, Fine Arts, shared a PowerPoint Presentation (see attached) with the Board on the 1-Mill Project and Funding Update. Discussion included the following:

- An overview of the approved plan and the original funding distribution.
- Things the approved plan did not include.
- Charter enrollment increases.
- Budget cuts.
- 2023-2024 actual expenditures for athletic projects.
- Quote price increases versus 3 years ago.
- Defined bleacher work.
- Sand volleyball costs.
- The process for having the public assist with school projects.
 - Policy to govern this.
 - Internal district process for anyone who wants to donate towards school projects.
 - Methods of communicating the internal process to the schools and parents.
 - Other projects that do not meet standards.
- Groups and Organizations with MOU's that have used district facilities.
- Connecting policy to procedure.
- A request was made to confirm if the athletics projects were bided out and, if so, how many vendors were involved in the bidding process.
- Increase gender equity.
- A bring back request was made by the Board to receive a list per project of contractors that are working on the gender equity projects.
- Competitive Bidding.
- The district's purchasing department handles the solicitation process.
- The use of safe school funding explanation.
 - A Board Member request was made to see the information about safe schools.
- A Board Member request was made to see what projects may or may not get done.
- Appreciation was shared for Ms. Talley and for the work being done.
- A suggestion was made to notate projects being funded by the 1-Mill, so the public is aware.
- A summary was given on the Arts projects.
- Ensuring sound equipment software stays within the school that purchased it.
 - Policy to govern this.
 - The district is moving to a standardized sound system.
 - Microphones will be connected to the system.
- Appreciation was shared for Ms. Hoppock and Ms. Talley for their work.

3. GOVERNANCE

Board Members shared various items that included the following:

- The need to look at college prep and middle schools due to demand.
- Logistics of welcoming the new Superintendent based upon the Special Board Meeting vote.
 - Press conference.
 - Dr. Bernier's Special Board Meeting attendance.
 - Celebration communications.
- A request was made for feedback and options for middle school college preparation.
 - A timeline was requested for this.
 - Process review to give directions to district staff.
- Appreciation was shared for Vice-Chair leading the meeting.
- A request was made to get an update on the Internal Board Auditor (IBA) position.
 - A consultant could potentially take on the additional work of the IBA. However, the consultant would not be able to perform all actions that the Board is used to.
 - Coordination of the Audit Advisory and Sales Surtax committees.
 - Checking agenda items for funding proactively.
 - Length of potential contract.
 - Contract cost versus actual person in the position.
 - Contract terms.
 - The need to do something to meet legal requirements.
 - Job posting requirements.
 - Other contractors besides MSL.
 - A possible solicitation bid may be necessary.
 - Position salary range.
 - The scope of how MSL would serve the Board in regard to the IBA duties.
- Appreciation was shared for Mr. Fagan working with the subcommittees.
- IBA managerial duties.
- Stipend for other duties assigned to retain employees.
- Bring MSL contract before the board for consideration.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: Charlotte D. Joyce

Second: April A. Carney

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Lori Hershey

Kelly Coker

Cindy Pearson

Warren A. Jones
Darryl Willie

Nay:
None

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Superintendent

Chairman