



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

July 30, 2024, Special Board Meeting - Approval of 2024-2025 Tentative Millage and Tentative Budget - REVISED

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. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present except Board Members Dr. Kelly Coker and Darryl Willie. Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent, and Mr. Ray Poole, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF JULY 30, 2024, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the July 30, 2024, Special Board Meeting Agenda as submitted on July 23, 2024, with the following changes:

- **Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial - Public Hearing - 2024-2025 Tentative Proposed Millage Rates and Tentative Budget - Required Local Effort - Attachment Added**

Vote Results:

Motion: Lori Hershey

Second: April A. Carney

No discussion.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:
None

Public Comment

One speaker signed up to speak during public comment. The speaker was allowed 3 minutes to speak.

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

1. PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT

Public Hearing Opened.
No Public Comments.
Public Hearing Closed.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the 2024–2025 Required Local Effort Millage Levy of 3.0920 for the Operating Fund. According to the Florida Department of Education, there was a prior period funding adjustment Millage to be levied for the Operating Fund.

The proposed amount to be raised is \$350,875,688.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Lori Hershey

Comments:

A board member request was made to the Superintendent to provide clarity about whether property taxes were decreasing or increasing, who sets the millage rates and what happens to the district's funding if the district does not levy the required local effort. Clarification was shared that the millage rate is decreasing, therefore resulting in the taxpayer paying less. The millage rates are determined by the state and if the required local effort is not levied, then the district does not receive property income and will not be able to participate in the collection of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) revenue.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

2. PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - NON-VOTED DISCRETIONARY OPERATING

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the 2024–2025 Non-Voted Discretionary Operating Millage Levy of 0.7480 Mills for the Operating Fund.

The proposed amount to be raised is \$84,881,959.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: Warren A. Jones

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay:

None

3. PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET-VOTED DISCRETIONARY OPERATING

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the 2024- 2025 Voted Discretionary Operating Millage Levy of 1.0000 Mills for the Operating Fund.

The proposed amount to be raised is \$113,478,554.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Warren A. Jones

Public Hearing Opened.

No Public Comment.

Public Hearing Closed.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

4. PUBLIC HEARING – 2024-2025 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET- CAPITAL OUTLAY

Public Hearing Opened.
No Public Comment.
Public Hearing Closed.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the 2024- 2025 Capital Outlay Millage Levy of 1.5000 Mills for the Capital Projects Fund.

The proposed amount to be raised is \$170,217,831.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Lori Hershey

No Comment.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-01

Public Hearing Opened.
No Public Comment.
Public Hearing Closed.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board adopt the Tentative Millage Rates Resolution Number 2024-01 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

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

No Comment.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:
Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:
None

6. PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - TENTATIVE BUDGET

Public Hearing Opened.
No Public Comment.
Public Hearing Closed.

Motion:
That the Duval County School Board adopt the tentative budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

General Operating budget in the amount of	\$1,509,891,529
Special Revenue budget in the amount of	\$ 297,897,070
Debt Service budget in the amount of	\$ 235,812,109
Capital Outlay budget in the amount of	\$1,042,090,816
Trust Fund budget in the amount of	\$ 43,437
Internal Service budget in the amount of	\$ 192,135,100
Enterprise Fund budget in the amount of	\$ 1,928,204
Total Tentative Budget	\$3,279,798,265

Vote Results:
Motion: Warren A. Jones
Second: Lori Hershey

No Comment.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:
Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay:

None

7. MOTION TO RECONSIDER ITEM # 2 - PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - NON-VOTED DISCRETIONARY OPERATING

Motion: That the Duval County School Board reconsider item #2.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Lori Hershey

Public Hearing Opened.

No Public Comment.

Public Hearing Closed.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay:

None

8. MOTION TO APPROVE - AFTER PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED ITEM # 2 - PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - NON-VOTED DISCRETIONARY OPERATING

Motion: To approve - after public hearing conducted item #2.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Cynthia Pearson

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay:

None

9. PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-02

Public Hearing Opened.
No Public Comment.
Public Hearing Closed.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board adopt the Tentative Budget Resolution Number 2025-02 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson
Second: April A. Carney

No Comment.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

10. PUBLIC HEARING – 2024-2025 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET- FINAL MILLAGE LEVY AND FINAL BUDGET HEARING

Public Hearing Opened.
No Public Comment.
Public Hearing Closed.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board schedule a Public Hearing on the Final Millage Levy and Final Budget Hearing for the 2024-2025 school year for Thursday, September 5, 2024, 5:05 p.m., at the School Board Administration Building, Dr. Charles H. Cline Auditorium.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson
Second: Warren A. Jones

No Comment.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones,
Charlotte D. Joyce
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

11. PUBLIC HEARING – 2024-2025 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET-CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL TAXABLE VALUE

Public Hearing Opened.
No Public Comment.
Public Hearing Closed.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board accept the 2024 Certification of School Taxable Value for Duval County, form DR 420S, from the Duval County Property Appraiser and authorize the Superintendent to complete and execute the form.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson
Second: Warren A. Jones

No Comment.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Charlotte D. Joyce
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

The Public Hearing on Budget was formally closed.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: Warren A. Jones

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay:

None

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Superintendent

Chairman