



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

August 6, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

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. 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 6:01 p.m.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

LOUIS SHEFFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Louis Sheffield Elementary School Principal, Cassandra Delay shared information about the school. She also used a video.

Board Member Dr. Coker introduced the Assistant Principal, Amy Nazworth, who accompanied the principal at the meeting. Board Member Dr. Coker expressed her thoughts regarding Principal Delay, shared accolades about the school and the teachers. She also gave kudos to the front office staff for their customer service.

Communications

I'M A STAR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNHOUSED STUDENTS

First, we begin by recognizing an inspiring group of scholarship recipients.

Those scholarships were awarded by the I'm A STAR Foundation, which has been a partner of this district since 2010.

- STAR stands for "Smart, Talented, and Resilient."
- Recently, students in the I'm A STAR leadership program raised \$62,000 to provide resources to unhoused students enrolled in Duval County Public Schools.
- In addition to purchasing items for those students, I'm A STAR student leaders established two goals:
 - Hosting a job fair for parents of unhoused students, and for unhoused students ages 16 and older.
 - Providing scholarships to financially assist with college or trade school.
- Students who applied for the scholarship had to submit an essay addressing their academic and career goals and also describing a time when they were a Smart, Talented, and Resilient, or STAR, student.
- I'm A Star is proud to announce that four students were chosen as scholarship recipients.
- They are:

NAME	2024 GRADUATE OF:	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATTENDING	AMOUNT
Jayden Taylor	William M. Raines High School	Webber International University	\$4,000
Iy'ronni (I-Ronnie) Jones	Darnell Cookman School of the Medical Arts	Florida State College of Jacksonville	\$5,000
Jessica Sims	William M. Raines High School	University of North Florida	\$5,000
Aarionna Jacobs	Riverside High School	Florida State University	\$5,000

- Two additional students received book awards for \$500. They submitted compelling applications but were not unhoused students.

Joining this group today is Betty Burney, I'm A Star Foundation Founder and Executive Director.

PARENTS WHO LEAD GRADUATES

Parents Who Lead is an initiative designed for civic-minded parents who over an intensive 20-week journey are empowered with advanced skills in advocacy, partnership building, and an in-depth understanding of governmental institutions.

- This program was created through the strategic partnership of Duval County Public Schools, the Jacksonville Public Education Fund, and the Kids Hope Alliance.
- Since its launch in 2018, Parents Who Lead has graduated five cohorts, producing over 60 dynamic change agents.
- These leaders have spearheaded significant community improvements, including enhancing pedestrian safety at First Coast High School, developing implicit bias training for educators, and aiding parents of special needs children in navigating the education system.
- Today, we proudly celebrate the members of Cohort Five. They are:

- Alma Arreola
- Robin Bird
- Devin Coleman
- Charshus Davis
- Anna Douglas
- Mable Gant
- Melvia Rouse
- Kaydia Sardine
- Alicia Scarver
- Seneshia Stewart
- Katrina Walker
- Yasmina White
- We also recognize Mickee Brown, a distinguished facilitator who has participated in all five cohorts with unwavering dedication.
- She is joined by fellow facilitators of Cohort five, Tiffany Clark, Monique Tookes, and Marcus Smothers.
- This community-changing program is led by Site Coordinator, Latrice Carmichael under the leadership of Duval Schools' Family Engagement Supervisor Regan Copeland. Family Engagement Specialist Ashley VanDenmeiracker is here tonight in Copeland's absence.

5000 ROLE MODELS OF EXCELLENCE - WILSON SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES

Next, we recognize a group of young men who've earned scholarships with a combined value well into the six figures all based on their academic achievement and participation in the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project.

- Nine of the program's graduating seniors were identified as Wilson Scholars for the 2023–24 school year and were offered scholarships ranging in value from \$20,000 to \$60,000 to various colleges and universities including Florida State, Florida A&M, and Clark-Atlanta.
- Students had to be college-bound seniors, active participants in the program, and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher to qualify.
- Representing the 5000 Role Models of Excellence is Team Duval's Director of After School Programs Darrin Williams, 5000 Role Models District Supervisor Ernest Almond, and Events Coordinator Willie Hall.
- Joining the students today are their principals, Christopher Begley, Dr. Gregory Bostic, Vincent Hall, Dr. Saryn Hatcher, Mike Townsend, and Paul Davis.
- This year's Wilson Scholars from Duval County Public Schools are:
 - Raquez Bacon – William M. Raines High School
 - Sean Baldwin – Baldwin Middle-High School
 - Nyzair Blake – Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies and Leadership
 - Ian Diaz – Sandalwood High School
 - Jemari Dickerson – Darnell-Cookman School of the Medical Arts
 - Joshua Francis – Jean Ribault High School
 - Julius Graham – Riverside High School
 - Rodrick Guyton – Jean Ribault High School
 - Caleb Williams – Jean Ribault High School

The 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project would like to formally welcome our new Superintendent, Dr. Christopher Bernier, to Duval County Public Schools by presenting him with a 5000 Role Models signature tie.

- Designed with the goals of the program in mind, the red in the tie signifies power and authority in the workplace.
- The large hand represents the adult role model, and the small hand represents the student role models who participate in the program.
- The hands are connected as a symbol of how a heavy load is made lighter when we work together.
- We acknowledge Dr. Bernier's commitment to the success of our students and thank him as we acknowledge him as an adult role model for our 5000 boys!

NAACP ACT-SO OLYMPIANS

Continuing with these outstanding honors, we'll now recognize 13 students who took their talent to the national level for the NAACP Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics, or "ACT-SO".

- ACT-SO was founded in 1978 and provides recognition to young people who demonstrate academic, scientific, and artistic achievements.
- This year, the Jacksonville Branch of the NAACP ACT-SO competed against some of the most talented arts students across the nation.
- Students from Williams M. Raines, Duncan U Fletcher, and Douglas Anderson were present.
- From each school, the following students competed.
 - William M. Raines High
 - Princess Nealey – Music: Vocal Contemporary
 - Duncan Fletcher High
 - Geovanna Suber – Poetry- Written
 - Douglas Anderson School of the Arts
 - Alexa Akpabie – Dance: Traditional
 - Antwan Harrison – Dance: Modern (Graduate)
 - Ayviana Singh – Dramatic Arts: Acting (Graduate)
 - Brea Carbert – Dance: Ballet (Graduate)
 - Jahneen Alexander – Music: Instrumental Classical
 - Kierra Reese – Drawing and Painting
 - Kobie Dawes – Sculpture (Graduate)
 - Micah Webster-Bass – Poetry-Performance (Graduate)
 - Samuel Nelson – Music: Vocal Classical
 - Zaneta Lockwood – Original Essay (Graduate)
 - Zoie Fullwood – Dance: Contemporary (Graduate)
- Students who placed at the competitions include Kobie Dawes who earned bronze... Alexa Akpabie and Brea Carbert who earned silver...and Ayviana Singh and Jahneen Alexander who earned gold.

Joining the students are principals Timothy Feagins of Douglas Anderson, Dean Ledford of Fletcher High, and Vincent Hall of William M. Raines.

As well as the Jacksonville NAACP ACT-SO chair Sandra Thompson and co-chair Ty Ponder.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Item Amended**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Item Amended**
 - **July 23, 2024, Special Board Meeting - Shade Meeting - Item Added**
 - **July 23, 2024, Special Board Meeting - Approval of 2024-2025 TRIM Advertisements - Item Added**
 - **July 30, 2024, Special Board Meeting - Approval of the 2024-2025 Tentative Millage and Tentative Budget - Item Added**

ACADEMIC SERVICES:

- **EDWARD WATERS UNIVERSITY - DUAL ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2025 AND SPRING 2025 - Item Removed**

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES - STAFFING

- **HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTION - Attachment Updated**

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Lori Hershey

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

Chairperson's Report

BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

Through a PPP, Chairman Willie reviewed the following:

- Focus of the Board
- Master Facility Plan Update

- Events
- Upcoming Dates and Items of Interest

Superintendent's Reports

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Superintendent Bernier reviewed the following:

- EKG Training
- 2024 School Grades
- Pre-Planning 2024-2
- MFP Update
- Storm Preparations
- August 3rd Back to School Event
- First Day of School

Department Reports

No reports.

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

No report.

Comments from Elected Officials

No comments.

Public Comment

- 25 people from the public spoke during public comment.
- 2 people from the public waived to speak during public comment.

Comments from Parent Organizations

No comments.

Comments from District Student Government Association

No comments.

Comments from Employee Organizations

- Tammie Brooks-Evans, President, DTU

- Elton Brown, President, AFSCME
- Frank Delong, IBEW

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following minutes:

- **July 2, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**
- **July 16, 2024, Agenda Committee Meeting**
- **July 16, 2024, Board Workshop**
- **July 23, 2024, Special Board Meeting - Shade Meeting**
- **July 23, 2024, Special Board Meeting - Approval of 2024-2025 TRIM Advertisements**
- **July 30, 2024, Special Board Meeting - Approval of the 2024-2025 Tentative Millage and Tentative Budget**

Vote Results:

Motion: Kelly Coker

Second: Lori Hershey

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

Board Member Carney requested for Item #2 MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE: AUGUST 13, 2024, BOARD WORKSHOP AND AUGUST 20, 2024, AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETING AND BOARD WORKSHOP, to be pulled for discussion.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: Warren A. Jones

PASSED - 7 - 0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Charlotte D. Joyce

Darryl Willie

Kelly Coker

Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay:

None

Superintendent Bernier introduced Delayna Simpson as the new principal of Oceanway Elementary School.

Consent Agenda

Board Members

1. MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE: NOVEMBER 5, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING
2. MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE: NOVEMBER 12, 2024, AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETING AND BOARD WORKSHOP

Academic Services

3. REVISIONS TO THE 2024-2025 CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT
4. APPROVAL OF THE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT FOR PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS, JACKSONVILLE, 2024-2025
5. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS, STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (SEP) 2024-2025
6.
APPROVE CONTRACT FOR DAY CARE SERVICES FOR BABIES ENROLLED IN THE TEEN PARENT PROGRAM 2024-2026
7. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA AND UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA/FAMILY FOUNDATIONS (2024-25)

8. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH UNITED WAY (ACHIEVERS FOR LIFE) 2024-2025
9. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH CITY YEAR, INC. 2024-2025
10. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS, BRIDGE TO SUCCESS (BTS) PROGRAM 2024-2025
11. IMAGINE LEARNING - EDGENUITY FOR DVIA VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM (VIP) AND DVIA BLENDED LEARNING PROGRAM (BLP).
12. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS (DUVAL READS) 2024-2025
13. EDWARD WATERS UNIVERSITY – DUAL ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2024 AND SPRING 2025
14. FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE TUITION - DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES FOR FALL 2024 AND SPRING 2025 AND DUAL ENROLLMENT TEXTBOOKS
15. EMBRY RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY - DUAL ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2024 AND SPRING 2025
16. ADVANCED VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID) COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS
17. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH HAZELDEN BETTY FORD FOUNDATION/HAZELDEN PUBLISHING 2024-2025
18. APPROVAL OF THE EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION (ESE) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (SP&P) DOCUMENT
19. APPROVAL AGREEMENT WITH READ USA, INC.

Human Resource Services - Staffing

20. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

Human Resource Services - Compensation

21. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR REFERENDUM PAY – 2024-2025

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

22. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - MAY 2024

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

23. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

24. CHANGE ORDER REPORT

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

26. AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN AMENDMENT PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT CONTRACT - RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT RICHARD L. BROWN GIFTED AND TALENTED ACADEMY #58 - PROJECT RFQ NO. 09-23/TW.

27. CONTINUING CONTRACT FOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONSULTANT SELECTION AND CONTRACT AWARD - RFQ NO. 14-24/DB

Operations - Transportation

28. FIELD TRIP AMENDMENT FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTRACTS, GSA 4 – STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF AMERICA

29. FIELD TRIP AMENDMENT FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTRACTS, GSA 5 – STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF AMERICA

30. STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, GSA 3 – CONTRACT RENEWAL
FIELD TRIP AMENDMENT FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTRACTS, GSA 3 – DURHAM STUDENT SERVICES

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

31. JUNE 2024 PURCHASE REPORT

32. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

Discussion

Board Members

33. MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE: AUGUST 13, 2024, BOARD WORKSHOP AND AUGUST 20, 2024, AGENDA COMMITTEE MEETING & BOARD WORKSHOP

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the meeting schedule change of the August 13,

2024, Board Workshop and the August 20, 2024, Agenda Committee Meeting and Board Workshop to August 15, 2024.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Warren A. Jones

Discussion:

- Board Member Carney requested that the order of the meeting be switched, allowing the discussion about the MFP to be first, since she would have to leave for personal reasons.
- Chairman Willie provided an explanation for the change in the meeting dates.

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

34. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 5 BOARD POLICIES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the recommended revisions to the following policy in School Board Manual Chapter 5:

Policy 5.44, School Attendance Boundaries

Opened public hearing.

No speakers.

Closed public hearing.

Vote Results:

Motion: Charlotte D. Joyce

Second: Kelly Coker

Discussion:

- An explanation was provided about the 85% threshold.
- A reminder was shared with the Board Members to keep in mind what happens to communities

when schools are taken out of the neighborhood; what kind of vacuum is being created in the community due to magnetizing schools.

- There is a need to be creative to fill the void of the schools with low student enrollment.

PASSED - 7 - 0

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Board Member Travel

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board confirm the travel listed is for official Board business and that it complies with the rules of the State Board of Education:

- **October 16-20, 2024 - Dallas, TX - Council of the Great City Schools (CGCS) 68th Annual Fall Conference - Willie**

Vote Results:

Motion: Charlotte D. Joyce

Second: Kelly Coker

Discussion:

- Board Member Jones and Vice-Chairman Joyce wanted to make sure that Board Office staff is aware that they want to attend the conference.

PASSED - 7 - 0

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Superintendent's Travel

No travel.

For The Record

Board Member Dr. Hershey:

- Welcome back to school.
- Welcome, Principal Walker, new to Loretto Elementary School.
- Thanked community members who serve on the Master Facility Plan that represent District 7.
- Workshop on absenteeism with Read USA.

Board Member Dr. Coker:

- First day of school.
- Thanked the superintendent and team for pivoting work due to the weather.
- Partnerships - Communities in Schools, City Year, Read USA, etc.
- School grades.
- Congratulated Dr. Kriznar and team from last year for the increased ELA scores.

Board Member Jones:

- Congratulated Principal Vincent Hall, teachers, staff, students, and parents of Raines High School for becoming a 'B' school.
- Principals meeting.
- Read USA recognized former Raines High School student, Ronnie Gadio.

Board Member Carney:

- Read USA.
- Welcomed the 3 new principals in District 2:
 - Principal Lakatos at Mayport Middle School.
 - Principal Session-Jones at Abess Park Elementary School.
 - Principal Tally at Landmark Middle School.
- Tour Naval Station Mayport with Dr. Bernier.
- Thanked MFP Focus Group for District 2.
- Wished the best for the new school year.

Board Member Pearson:

- Happy Back to School.
- Encouraged commuters to watch for students walking/riding to and from school.
- Thanked the community members and staff who served on the MFP Focus Groups.
- Shout out to PTA/PTSA state awards:
 - Douglas Anderson School of the Arts - Trail Blazer Award and Footprint Award.
 - Bartram Springs Elementary School - Communications Award.
 - Julia Landon College Preparatory School - Friends of Environment; President's Membership; Local Unit Achievement; and Program Award.
 - Duval County Council - Literacy and Safety.
 - Mandarin Oaks Elementary - Mentor of PTA and Special Needs in Students with Unique Abilities.
 - Stanton - Mentor or PTA; Local Unit Achievement; and Program Student Community Service.
 - Wolfson School for Advanced Studies - Advocacy Award.

- Principal Dr. Royce Turner at Paxon School for Advanced Studies - Outstanding Administrator.
- Students Isabella Wilson and Landon Diaz - Student Advocate Award.
- Encouraged parents and family members to join PTA/PTSA.
- Athletics - Electro Cardiogram Machines in high schools.
- Incubate Debate - Reyaansh Desai, student of Julia Landon - Ernest Hemmingway Award.

Vice-Chair Joyce:

- Ribbon cutting ceremony at Chaffee Trail Elementary School.
- MFP Focus Groups.
- Happy back to school.
- Encouraged student attendance especially during the first week of school.
- Expressed thoughts and prayers to Frank Delong and his family.

Chairman Willie:

- First day of school.
- New principals:
 - Ribault Middle School - Principal Latoya Brown.
 - First Coast High School - Principal Ronnie Williams Jr.
 - Garden City Elementary School- Principal Elisha Carr.
- Parents Who Lead.
- Reminder of why we are here - Student Achievement.
- MFP.
- Word of the year - 'Lean'

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman