



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

August 15, 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. 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. Board Member Dr. Hershey arrived at 9:07 am.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. MASTER FACILITY PLAN (MFP) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS UPDATE

Dr. Christopher Bernier, Corey Wright, Assistant Superintendent, Accountability & Assessment and Erika Harding, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Operations presented a PowerPoint presentation, Master Facility Plan Update - Centering our Thinking around the Community, and joined in the discussion on the following:

- Operational costs.
- Financial realities.
- Reshaping our thinking.
- Community engagement summary.
- Community survey feedback.
- Community Review Group's session overview, common values, and considerations within Board Policy 5.44 and additional considerations.
- Englewood High School Feeder Pattern.
- Atlantic Coast High School Feeder Pattern.
- Mandarin High School Feeder Pattern.
- Fletcher High School Feeder Pattern.
- Sandalwood High School Feeder Pattern.
- Terry Parker High School Feeder Pattern.
- Baldwin High School Feeder Pattern.
- Ribault High School Feeder Pattern.

- Raines High School Feeder Pattern.
- First Coast High School Feeder Pattern.
- Riverside High School Feeder Pattern.
- Ed White High School Feeder Pattern.
- Westside High School Feeder Pattern.
- Low utilization Magnet Schools.
- Community Review Group initial reactions.
- Focus Group feedback on increasing enrollments.
- Next steps.
- Cost savings for these plans have not been completed.
- Deferred maintenance.
- Facility Condition Index (FCI) Report which was based on parametric standards.
- "Tiger Teams" actually walk the facilities and evaluate. A request for the cost of a Tiger Team review.
- It was stated that if Tiger Team reviews are requested, it will move the date for approval as time will not permit the reviews prior to needed approval.
- A request for common values to be held consistently across all communities. It was stated the report is full of disparities.
- Why are parents leaving at the middle school level?
- Adding 6th grade to elementary schools. Mindful of AP classes for 6th grade students.
- K- 8 possibilities.
- Visibility of schools.
- Micro schools.
- Reimaging buildings.
- Fund balance and the importance of not delaying decisions.
- Financing options.
- School consolidations and school closings.
- Appreciation was expressed to all who worked on this project.

Recessed at 12:43pm

Reconvened at 12:56pm

Chairman Darryl Willie departed at 12:45pm.

2. GOVERNANCE

The following items were discussed:

- Appreciation was expressed for the amount of communication from the Superintendent and staff about other districts.
- A request for the creation of a board policy for board members to be notified if there is a large event at a school.
- A request for a better job of improving the grounds of our schools. Grass at schools needs to be cut. Encouraged PTA's, SAC's and athletic teams to help do campus cleanups.
- Transportation issues and what can be done to soften the blow to families.
- The need for the City Council and Mayor to assist with sidewalks and tree trimmings and the safety of our children.
- Traffic issues.

- Results of the Internal Board Auditor (IBA) Candidate Interviews. 2 candidates, 1 declined. Thomas Alger's rating chart was reviewed and discussion was held regarding the individual interviews. It was decided to offer Mr. Alger the position. Alex Marx, Executive Director of Human Resources, will move forward with processing and onboarding.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 1:15pm.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Lori Hershey

PASSED: 6 - 0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Kelly Coker

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Cindy Pearson

Nay:

None

CRH

Superintendent

Chairman