



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

September 5, 2024, Special 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. Cynthia 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 Charlotte D. Joyce. 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 5:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2024, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the September 5, 2024, agenda as submitted on August 28, 2024, with the following changes:

- ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT INCLUSIVE OF COST REPORT - Attachment Added
- PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 FINAL PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL BUDGET - REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT - Item Amended
- PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 FINAL PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL BUDGET - FINAL BUDGET - Item Amended

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: April A. Carney

No Comments.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Darryl Willie
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

Public Comment

No Public Comments.

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

1. ADOPTION OF FINAL BUDGET RESOLUTIONS 2023-2024

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board adopt the following Budget Resolutions:

- **General Fund - Budget Resolution No. 11**
- **Food Service Fund - Budget Resolution No. 11**
- **Special Revenue Fund Other Fund - Budget Resolution No. 11**
- **Special Revenue Fund Miscellaneous - Budget Resolution No. 11**
- **Cares Fund - Budget Resolution No. 11**
- **Capital Project Fund - Budget Resolution No. 11**
- **Internal Services Fund - Budget Resolution No. 11**
- **Trust Fiduciary Fund - Budget Resolution No. 11**
- **Debt Service Fund - Budget Resolution No. 11**
- **Enterprise Service Fund - Budget Resolution No. 11**

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Cynthia Pearson

No Comments.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Darryl Willie
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

2. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT INCLUSIVE OF COST REPORT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Superintendent's Annual Financial Report (AFR), inclusive of the Cost Report, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, as presented.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Warren A. Jones

No Comments.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Darryl Willie

Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay:

None

3. PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 FINAL PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL BUDGET - REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT

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 no Prior Period Funding Adjustment Millage required to be levied for the Operating Fund.

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

Public Hearing Opened.

Public Hearing Closed.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Cynthia Pearson

Comments:

A number of people have inquired about why the millage rate continues to be rolled back, but it was explained that the District does not control the millage it is controlled by Tallahassee.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Darryl Willie
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

4. PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 FINAL PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL 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.

Public Hearing Opened.

Public Hearing Closed.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Warren A. Jones

No Comments.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Darryl Willie
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:

None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 FINAL PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL 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.

Public Hearing Opened.

Public Hearing Closed.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: Cynthia Pearson

Comments:

An inquiry was made about the difference between the voted-discretionary operating and the non-voted discretionary operating. The voted discretionary is the 1 mill in which a referendum was required, and it had to be voted on by the public, and the non-voted discretionary operating is the discretionary that the district is allowed to vote on.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Darryl Willie

Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay:

None

6. PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 FINAL PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL BUDGET - CAPITAL OUTLAY

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.

Public Hearing Opened.

Public Hearing Closed.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Warren A. Jones

Comments:

An inquiry was made about the difference between the capital outlay and the non-voted and voted-discretionary operating. Capital outlay can only be used for capital budgets versus the non-voted and voted discretionary can be used for discretionary spending.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Darryl Willie

Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay:

None

7. PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 FINAL PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND FINAL BUDGET - FINAL BUDGET

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the final budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

General Operating budget in the amount of	\$1,499,947,473
Special Revenue budget in the amount of	\$ 352,671,900
Debt Service budget in the amount of	\$ 235,878,637
Capital Outlay budget in the amount of	\$1,032,433,645
Trust Fund budget in the amount of	\$ 44,437
Internal Service budget in the amount of	\$ 179,582,130
Enterprise Fund budget in the amount of	\$ 1,956,592
Total Final Budget	\$3,275,514,814

Public Hearing Opened.

Public Hearing Closed.

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren A. Jones

Second: April A. Carney

No Comments.

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Lori Hershey

Warren A. Jones

Darryl Willie

Cynthia Pearson

April A. Carney

Nay:

None

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney
Second: Warren A. Jones

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:
Lori Hershey
Warren A. Jones
Darryl Willie
Cynthia Pearson
April A. Carney

Nay:
None

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Superintendent

Chairman