



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

October 22, 2024, Policy Handbook Review Committee 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 Dr. Lori Hershey. Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent, and Mr. Ray Poole, Office of General Counsel, were also present. Board Member April A. Carney arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. BOARD POLICY 6.84, FRATERNIZATION WITH STUDENTS

Cami Sams, Executive Director of Policy and Compliance and Vicki Schultz, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources discussed the following.

Ms. Sams first provided an explanation as to why board policy chapter 4 was being broken up for discussion.

- This policy is a continuation from the last policy meeting.
- A recap of the various changes that the Board Members had requested was shared.
- Clarification of the word 'employees' was requested.
- Coaches are not provided with a computer, but the policy still applies to them.
- Working with IT to assign part-time coaches a section in FOCUS so they can have access to Rooms.
- Coaches are currently using TEAMS and outlook.
- Consider creating language about communication with coaches and parents.
- The term 'It is not recommended' is too blurry.
- A new policy would need to be created about coaches and teachers communicating with parents.
- Consider changing the title of the policy and add the language about communication with

- families and parents.
- Board Members using social media.

2. BOARD POLICY 4.10, THE CURRICULUM

Ms. Sams, Paula Renfro, Chief of Academics, and Heather Albritton, Director of Health and Physical Education explained the following:

- Why students are not required to dress-out for PE anymore.
- Schools selling shorts for fundraising purposes. Some schools also provide the shorts to students free of charge.
- The term 'infectious disease' was clarified.
- Request for the exact language of the state regarding what is to be taught versus what is in the policy.

Additional information:

- A request as a bring-back, specifically what is laid out in Section 1003.42, Florida Statute.
- If there has been any deviation from the statute, what changes have the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) brought back.
- How many students have opted-out since the policy has been changed?
- The statutes are on the website. What has changed is the state's allowance for certain topics to be used. Approval process has been completed by the state.
- The district is not allowed to deviate from what the state approves for this instruction. That information has been shared with SHAC.

3. BOARD POLICY 4.11, STUDENT PROGRESSION PLAN

Ms. Sams and Ms. Renfro explained the following:

- Where the student progression plan may be accessed.

4. BOARD POLICY 4.12, EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION

Ms. Sams referred to Ms. Renfro to explain the following:

- The only change to the policy was to correct a typo.

5. BOARD POLICY 4.121, TRANSITION TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Ms. Sams, Ms. Renfro, and Amy Valentine, Executive Director of Exception Education/Student Services:

- An explanation of the transition program was explained.
- Some students participate in programs at University of Florida (UF) Health and University of North Florida (UNF). They go to class for 30 minutes and then go to their internship program.
- There is also a program at Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ).
- Some students go out and do internship or volunteer work with community partners.

6. BOARD POLICY 4.15, ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

Ms. Sams, Ms. Renfro, and Ingrid Carias, Director of ESOL explained the following:

- An explanation of the District's English Language Learners (ELL) Alternative Assessment Graduation Pathways requirement was provided.
- Strategically working with 2 and 3 English teachers in all the high schools to make sure students are receiving the accommodations to be successful.
- Clarification of the phrase "less than two years" was explained.

7. BOARD POLICY 4.18, STUDENT FEES

Ms. Sams deferred this policy to Ms. Renfro and Dr. Laura Hoppock, Director of Fine Arts explained the following:

- Fees being removed for equipment for take-home projects.
- Maintenance of musical equipment.
- Information for Instruments for Change Program is online. This is information about donation of musical equipment.

Returned to Board Policy 4.10 .

8. BOARD POLICY 5.46, ~~MAGNET SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS~~

9. BOARD POLICY 8.53 CLOSING AND CONSOLIDATION IMPACT REVIEW PROCESS

Ms. Sams explained about the addition to the policy regarding historical markers.

- Historical markers for any school that closes and the criteria for a marker.
- If a building is sold, there will need to be an agreement made that the marker is not to be removed.
- Add the language that if a building is sold and nothing is done with it, the district has the right to buy it back.
- The reason for creating the policy was explained, and consideration as to where the marker would be placed.
- Claw back provision.
- Buildings that are left blighted.
- Email about abandoned schools being vandalized.
- Number of people on the committee.
- Having the Jacksonville Historical Society and other area historical societies on the committee.
- Spell out how the committee members are selected. Reference the Facility Naming/Renaming Committee.
- Timeframe on the process.
- Conversation with a real estate agent who would be managing the sale of a building about the advantages and disadvantages of requiring a historical marker placed on the property.
- Having the marker placed on the right-away.
- Cost of the marker and where the funds will come from.
- The Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) Foundation would be another source for raising funds to pay for and maintain the markers.
- Determine the order of how a marker is placed.
- Procedure versus policy.
- Real estate closing versus school closing.

- Placing parameters for the schools on the Master Facility Plan (MFP) or those that have already been closed. How far back should the district go?
- If a property has already been sold and the community wants a marker, they would need to go through the City Council.
- List of schools that have already been sold or transferred prior to the MFP.
- Which schools would qualify for the policy?

10. ~~BOARD POLICY 8.59, NAMING OR RENAMING SCHOOLS~~

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman