



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

November 20, 2024, Agenda Committee Meeting

Ms. Charlotte D. Joyce, Chairman
Ms. April A. Carney, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Melody A. Bolduc
Mr. Reginald Blount
Ms. Cynthia Pearson
Mr. Anthony Ricardo
Mr. Darryl Willie
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 9:01a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - DECEMBER 2, 2024

APPROVAL OF SY2024-SY2025, YEAR 8 GEAR UP AGREEMENT (NEW PERSPECTIVES THERAPEUTIC SERVICES) - GRANT A (CLASS OF 2023)

Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent, and Scott Schneider, Chief of Schools joined in the discussion on the following;

- Compensation.
- Grant percentages.
- Financial impact.
- How information is gathered from students was explained.
- A request for a bring back on the number of how many students started in the program and how many are still in cohort.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH NORTHEAST REGIONAL FLORIDA STEM2 HUB

Dr. Bernier and Paula Renfro, Chief Officer, Academic Services joined in the discussion on the following:

- How teachers are selected was explained.
- A multitude of training and professional development is available through this grant.
- The number of courses offered by the district was requested as a bring back.

- Appreciation for the recent showcase experience that highlighted the Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs offered by the district. It is the desire to highlight the CTE programs regularly.

AGREEMENT WITH SMG, A DIVISION OF ASM GLOBAL PARENT, FOR THE JACKSONVILLE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS FOR 2025 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA ARENA FOR 2025 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

AGREEMENT WITH SMG FOR VYSTAR VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA FOR 2025 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Dr. Bernier and Ms. Renfro joined in the discussion on the following:

- Appreciation was expressed for the community support of the costs being charged.
- Increases in costs were explained.
- Appreciation to staff for securing these venues early to allow parents and relatives to plan in advance.
- The number of tickets that each student receives was explained.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH JACKSONVILLE SPORTS MEDICINE PROGRAM (JSMP)

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Scheider joined in the discussion on the following:

- The importance of the program was explained. On-the-field trainers, state-of-the art equipment and follow-up treatments are available immediately.
- The services offered include physicals, heart screenings, mobile EKG's, etc. Based on the heart screenings, there were 4 students that were found to have issues and 3 needed surgery.
- Partners include, Wolfson's Children's Hospital, Nemours, Brooks, Jacksonville Jaguars.
- This is a real highlight for Duval County Public Schools.

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion of the following:

- A complete list will be provided prior to the meeting as updates occur right up to the date of the meeting.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - SUPERVISOR, STUDENT SUPPORTS

Dr. Bernier, Ms. Renfro and Victoria Schultz, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources joined in the discussion on the following:

- This position has been vacant since 2020 due to the resignation of a person and the hiring freeze.
- The current plan is to turn 2 specialists into supervisory positions, who would then supervise the other specialist positions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - CHIEF OF STUDENT ENROLLMENT

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - CHIEF (ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT) OF COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- The starting salary range for positions.

- Financial impact for these positions.
- Financial benefits for new student enrollments.
- Vacant Deputy Superintendent positions.
- New organizational charts will be forthcoming.
- The current plan is not to fill the positions at the present time, but to start the groundwork.
- Appreciation for the addition of the performance metric.

AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL FOR GROUP HEALTH PLAN CONSULTANT SERVICES

Dr. Bernier and Ms. Schultz joined in the discussion on the following:

- Prior year costs.
- The basis for the increase in costs was explained.
- The importance of adding the auditing piece to this contract.

EXCESS MEDICAL LOSS INSURANCE, ITB-005-25/LM

Dr. Bernier and Ms. Schultz joined in the discussion on the following:

- Examples of when the district has used this plan were explained.

APPROVAL OF THE FLORIDA OFFICE OF EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY UPDATE

Dr. Bernier, Ms. Schultz and Mr. Schneider joined in the discussion on the following:

- Male-only sports and female-only sports were explained.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS: OCTOBER 2024

Dr. Bernier and Ron Fagan, Chief Financial Officer joined in the discussion on the following:

- A breakdown of the reports was explained.
- Appreciation for upcoming workshops for Board Members.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: SEPTEMBER 2024

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Fagan joined in the discussion on the following:

- An overview of the information was explained.
- The possibility of the Federal Department of Education being discontinued, and the impacts were explained.
- A request for Board notification when the fund balance is dipped into.

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ULTRA GRANT-EVALUATION AND CONSULTANT CONTRACTS

Dr. Bernier and Jim Culbert, Chief, Information Technology joined in the discussion on the following:

- The grant was explained and the 35 different schools that benefit from this item and how it benefits Science and the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) programs.
- The financial impact of continuing the grant will be brought back to the board members.

REAL ESTATE SERVICES FOR ACQUIRING, SELLING, AND/OR EXCHANGING SITES

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- The steps the district is taking to prepare regarding this contract were explained.
- Importance of being good stewards of the property owned and gaining the best financial outcome for the properties.

PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- A request for a list of the contractors' information to show the community how it benefits from these contracts.

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

Dr. Bernier and Erika Harding, Assistant Superintendent, Chief of Operations joined in the discussion on the following:

- The need for the bidirectional antenna was explained.
- The final phase of Rutledge Pearson was explained.
- A request to add a column to represent the particular item versus project price.

PERIODIC REPORT OF PHASE III DRAWING COMPLETIONS FOR MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER \$1,000,000

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Culbert joined in the discussion on the following:

- Complexity of systems and the need to have all systems the same throughout the district.
- Clarification of auditorium lights, etc. as part of the 1 mill.

THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE NEW JEAN RIBAUT HIGH SCHOOL #96 0 RFQ NO. 04-23/TW PROJECT NO. P-91780

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- The project cost of the project versus the actual costs was explained.
- The need to review the capital plan on an annual basis.
- A review of the completed projects to compare needs versus desires to ensure utilization and costs.
- Community excitement for this project.

ROOF REPLACEMENT AT FLETCHER MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 63/DCSB PROJECT NO. M-83660/ITB-002-25/LM

Dr. Bernier and Ms. Harding joined in the discussion on the following:

- A request for a list of how many schools have had roof replacement and when.
- An explanation of how costs are tracked was given.

ADULT MEAL PRICE INCREASE FOR DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- The need for the increase was explained.

FOOD SERVICE - RELATED EQUIPMENT & INSTALLATION

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- A list of the schools regarding this item was requested.

REQUEST TO CHANGE THE NAME OF SCHOOL NO. 224 TO SAMUEL WOLFSON SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- This will align with Board Policy 8.59(6) and the item shows the supporting documentation needed.
- No financial impact for this item.

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 6 BOARD POLICIES

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- A request for the wording of the policy to reflect "to protect student safety" as requested in the Board Policy Meeting.
- A clean copy of the changes was requested.

Comments from Elected Officials

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 AM.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Darryl Willie

PASSED: 7 - 0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

Darryl Willie

Nay:

None

CRH

Superintendent

Chairman