



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

February 4, 2025, Regular Board Meeting - REVISED

Prior to the meeting, the Pine Forest Elite Dance Program put on a wonderful performance. They are directed by Pine Forest Elementary School teacher, Ms. Kendra Daly.

Ms. Charlotte D. Joyce, Chairman
Ms. April A. Carney, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Melody A. Bolduc
Mr. Reginald Blount
Ms. Cindy Pearson
Mr. Anthony Ricardo
Mr. Darryl D. Willie
Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

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.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

Jackson Sullivan, Senior of Sandalwood High School shared the Thought of the Day with everyone. He shared his experience as a student and thanked those educators who have made an impression on him.

The other students that were scheduled to provide the invocation and additional Thoughts of the Day were not able to make it and will be featured at the next meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

TWIN LAKES MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Principal Aurelia Williams shared information about Twin Lakes Academy Middle School (TLAMS).

- She spoke highly about two Career Technical Education (CTE) teachers: Ms. Wynnette Brown and Ms. Avis Collier, who had accompanied Principal Williams to the meeting. Principal Williams shared a video about the CTE programs at TLAMS.
- Ms. Brown and Ms. Collier shared their experiences, their roles in the students' lives, and what the students are learning at TLAMS.
- There were also a few students from TLAMS, and they shared their experience as students at the school and what they accomplished.
- Principal Williams thanked Board Member Bolduc and the administrators who assisted her in the role of principal.
- Board Member Bolduc thanked the principal and the teachers for coming to the meeting. She then shared why she wanted to showcase TLAMS and expressed how proud she was of everyone.

Communications

2024-27 PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS

- In November, Governor DeSantis and the Florida Department of Education announced the recipients of the 2024 Purple Star Schools of Distinction.
- This included 19 of our schools, all recognized for the unwavering support they provide to our military students and families.
- These schools truly understand the unique needs of military families...going above and beyond to establish programs to welcome students trying to navigate moves to new cities, new states, and sometimes new countries, all in new school systems.
- The newest Purple Star School of Distinction schools will each maintain its designation for three school years.
- Joining them for acknowledgement are Assistant Superintendent of School Choice Sharwonda Peek; Commanding Officer of NAS Jacksonville CAPT Gregory deWindt; School Liaison, NAS Jacksonville Teri Wanamaker; Commanding Officer, Naval Station Mayport CAPT Brian Binder; and School Liaison, Naval Station Mayport Sharon Kasica.
- District 1 Purple Star Schools of Distinction:
 1. New Berlin Elementary School
 2. San Mateo Elementary School
- District 2 Purple Star Schools of Distinction:
 1. Chets Creek Elementary School
 2. Kernan Trail Elementary School
 3. Landmark Middle School
- District 3 Purple Star Schools of Distinction:
 1. Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies
- District 4 Purple Star Schools of Distinction:
 1. Biscayne Elementary Leadership Academy
 2. First Coast High School
 3. Jean Ribault High School

4. Oceanway Middle School
- District 5 Purple Star Schools of Distinction:
 1. John E. Ford PreK-8 English/Spanish Montessori School
 2. Paxon School for Advanced Studies
 3. Riverside High School
 4. Springfield Middle School
 5. Stanton College Preparatory School
 6. And Thomas Jefferson Elementary School
 - District 6 Purple Star Schools of Distinction:
 1. Joseph Stilwell Military Academy of Leadership
 - District 7 Purple Star Schools of Distinction:
 1. Greenland Pines Elementary School
 2. Mandarin Oaks Elementary School

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE COMPETITION WINNERS, J. ALLEN AXSON

- Team Duval is home to some of the most remarkable students in STEM.
- Among them are two robotics teams from J. Allen Axson Montessori School – the Rising Robo Rockers and the Robo Rockers.
- On November 23, both teams competed in the FIRST LEGO League Challenge with hopes of qualifying for regionals and they succeeded.
- The fourth grade Rising Robo Rockers received a high score of 260 points. Students in the Rising Robo Rockers include:
 1. Pratyush Agrawal
 2. Anghel Allmond-Pickett
 3. Camden Cummings
 4. Prim Fox
 5. Delilah Hopcraft
 6. Maxwell Knapp
 7. Alain Patel
 8. Myna Snodgrass
 9. And Kaiden Watkins
- The fifth grade Robo Rockers earned a high score of 245 points. Students in the Robo Rockers include:
 1. Aiden Abraham
 2. Ethan Abraham
 3. Matthew Dugan
 4. William Hargrave
 5. Liam Nunley
 6. Violet Ondish
 7. Arabella Reilly
 8. Eden Ryland
 9. And Noelle Stovall

- Students went on to compete in the regional competition where they placed third out of 64 teams, and third in core values, respectively.
- Both teams won a bid to compete at the state competition, which they will be attending this weekend in Orlando, FL!
- We wish them well as they compete for the state title.
- Joining them is Principal Cecilia Robinson-Vanhoy and coaches Stacy Avera and Erica Hooten.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

We believe Team Duval has some of the best teachers in the nation. We are proud to recognize our Teacher of the Year finalists, and our Teacher of the Year.

- Each will be receiving a Superintendent Coin of Excellence.
- Joining for the recognition is Rachel Tutwiler-Fortune, president for Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF).
- 1st Teacher of the Year finalist, Aubrey Albaracin of Greenland Pines Elementary.
- Ms. Albaracin teaches with a focus on inclusive education.
- As an international teacher, she resonates with the challenges students can face as they adapt to their learning environment.
- In the end, she wants students to know that they are the future... and they are the architects of tomorrow's world.
- Joining her today is Principal Hinkley.
- 2nd Teacher of the Year finalist, Stephanie Weathington from San Jose Elementary School.
- Ms. Weathington believes educators exist to encourage and empower students, families, and communities.
- She strives to ensure that all students see themselves as contributors to their own learning, and to the overall classroom environment.
- Her aim is that students believe that they're awesome and are confident in their strengths.
- Joining her is Principal Jasmin Gomez.
- 3rd Teacher of the Year finalist, Michael Steinhart from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts.
- The history teacher lives by the philosophy that teaching is not about just transferring information about the past, it's also about fostering critical thinking to understand the world.
- His desire is that students learn to interpret and analyze events from the past to understand the world in which we live, and to shape the world that we will build.
- He is a big supporter of the district's African American History Summer Writing Institute, believing that it empowers students to celebrate the rich contributions of local African Americans.
- Joining him today is Principal Timothy Feagins.
- While she was unable to join, we want to acknowledge our 4th Teacher of the Year finalist, Kimberly Niebauer of Loretto Elementary.
- Ms. Niebauer believes education should be student-centered.
- She designs her lessons to prioritize exploration, critical thinking, and collaboration.
- She is a proponent of having a growth mindset and encouraging students to view challenges as opportunities to grow.

- Our Teacher of the Year, Vincent Taylor from Cedar Hills Elementary School.
- He says his job as an educator isn't complete until his students fall in love with learning.
- Taylor cares about students' academic achievement and their social and emotional wellbeing.
- His advice to other teachers is to always give students much more than the curriculum.
- He says, "Pour yourself into a lesson so that students get an opportunity to see and witness your personality through the lesson. When this is done, it allows you to build a rapport with your students which will support their academic growth, as well as your growth as a teacher."
- Joining him today is Principal Marva McKinney.

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK PROCLAMATION

We want to honor the fact that this week, February 3-7, 2025, is National School Counseling Week. Proclamation was read (see attached).

RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL COUNSELOR AND SCHOOL COUNSELOR ADMINISTRATIVE ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

Each year, the First Coast Counselor Association presents the Lucille Crysell School Counselor Award and the Laurel Kaden Anderson Administrator Award to a deserving School Counselor and School Administrator.

In honor of National School Counseling Week, we want to recognize an extraordinary counselor and assistant principal who are leading the work to prepare students to be successful throughout their educational journey.

- They're both joined by the President of First Coast Counselor Association, Kimberlae Williams, Executive Director of High School Acceleration Programs and Student Support Services, Wendy Dunlap, and High School Counselor Specialist, Laconya Conner.
- This year's Lucille Crysell winner is Dr. Brianna Patterson, School Counselor at Jean Ribault High School.
- For Dr. Patterson, Ribault is special – she attended Ribault during her high school years and was valedictorian of her graduating class.
- She now serves as the accelerated coordinator for Early College students.
- She is committed to ensuring that her students not only apply to and get accepted into college but also receive money for college.
- In fact, she charts initiatives like the "March Madness Scholarship Challenge" and "Stuff the Trunk" to help provide scholarships, materials, supplies, and enthusiasm for her students.
- She is joined by Principal Dr. Bostic.
- This year's recipient of the Laurel Anderson award is Ms. Cassie Solliday, Assistant Principal of Sandalwood High School.
- Solliday encourages collaboration between the counseling team, teachers, and administrators at her school to develop a supportive and engaging community where students learn and thrive.
- With her former experience as a high school counselor, she understands the unique expertise that school counselors provide and is committed to empowering them to contribute to the decision-making process at Sandalwood.

- She supports their professional growth and allows them to focus on graduating students and helping them identify a post-secondary pathway.
She is joined by Principal Dr. Hatcher.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH PARENT LEADER PINNING

February is Florida's Parent Leadership month – making it the perfect time to recognize seven parents who have not only distinguished themselves as leaders, but who are also supporting the success of our students.

- They are our Parent Academy's newest Parent Leaders – a unique group of caregivers, community members, and parents who have committed themselves to learning, growing, and supporting this initiative.
- To become a Parent Leader, these individuals had to complete at least four Parent Academy courses, demonstrate leadership, acquire a letter of recommendation from a community leader, and commit to support Duval County Public Schools' Parent Academy.
- With this designation, these Parent Leaders are now advocates.
- Joining us from the Department of Family Engagement to celebrate these new Parent Leaders and to present them with pins is Supervisor of Parent Academy Regan Copeland, and Specialists Ashley VanDenMeiracker and Christina Riquelme.
- The new Parent Leaders are:
 - Monique Hernandez
 - Rocky Montour
 - Malinda Aguilar
 - Tracye Hill
 - Ryan Tomblin
 - Monalisa McKinney-Young
 - Elizabeth Sizler
 - Chelsea Lewis
 - LaShanda Hilliard

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the agenda as submitted on January 28, 2025, with the following changes:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - ITEM AMENDED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ITEM AMENDED**

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES - PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- **EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY - DESTINI HARRIS - ITEM REMOVED**

CHIEF OF STAFF:

- **2025 CLASS SIZE COMPLIANCE PLANS - ITEM ADDED, ATTACHMENT UPDATED**

BOARD TRAVEL:

- **BOARD TRAVEL - ITEM AMENDED**
- **BOARD TRAVEL - ITEM REMOVED**

No discussion.

Vote Results:

Motion: Melody A. Bolduc

Second: April A. Carney

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce
April A. Carney
Reginald Blount
Melody A. Bolduc
Cindy Pearson
Anthony Ricardo
Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

None

Chairperson's Report

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairman Joyce shared public awareness about the 2024-2025 Career Technical Education (CTE) Month. She then introduced the following teachers:

- Englewood High School Culinary Arts Academy Chef Devin Norris. He shared information about the culinary program, what skills the students can acquire, and how the students can benefit from being in the program.
- Frank H. Peterson Academy Veterinarian teacher, Mr. James Jones, shared how he came to be employed at the school, what he has learned, how the students did not know what it meant to be winners, the students were introduced to competitions at fairs which they ended up winning.
- Mr. Jones shared about his experience growing up; how the agricultural programs at the school have increased, and the changes that have taken place in the agricultural scene for Duval.

Chairman Joyce shared the following:

- Her experience at the CTE Fair and expressed accolades about the CTE program.
- A video celebrating CTE.
- Acknowledgement for Frank H. Peterson Principal Jessica Mastromatto and Englewood High School Principal Marleny Chirino. She thanked them for their support.

A review of the Upcoming Dates and Items of Interest.

Superintendent's Reports

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Superintendent Dr. Bernier reviewed the following:

- January Recap.
- 2025 Teacher of the Year - EDDY Awards.
- Grad Rate.
- Areas of Excellence.
- How Far We've Come.
- Events from January 2025.
- House Bill 733 - Middle and High School Start Times.
- Chaffee Trail Middle School.
- Happy National School Counseling Week.
- Celebrating Black History Month.

Department Reports

Accountability and Assessment Assistant Superintendent Corey Wright provided a brief report on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP):

- The purpose of the assessment.
- Grade 4 Math - All Students.
- Grade 8 Math - All Students.
- Grade 4 Reading - All Students.
- Grade 8 Reading - All Students.
- Identify the next steps.

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

The following representative(s) spoke at the meeting:

- Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Chairman, Lawrence Dennis.

Designated Committee Reports

The following representative(s) spoke at the meeting:

- School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) President, Jenifer Finegan

Comments from Elected Officials

No comments.

Public Comment

50 members of the public signed up to speak. They were given 1 minute each. 6 members of the public waived their speaking time.

Comments from Parent Organizations

The following representative(s) spoke at the meeting:

- District Advisory Committee President, Michael Hawk

Comments from District Student Government Association

No comments.

Comments from Employee Organizations

The following representative(s) spoke at the meeting:

- DTU Vice-President, Jessica Reyst
- IBEW, Frank Delong

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following minutes:

- January 7, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
- January 7, 2025, Special Board Meeting - Leasing Corporation
- January 14, 2025, Board Workshop
- January 14, 2025, Special Board Meeting - Shade Meeting
- January 21, 2025, Agenda Committee Meeting
- January 21, 2025, Board Workshop
- January 29, 2025, Policy Handbook Review Committee Meeting - Item Added
- January 29, 2025, Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting - Item Added

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Darryl D. Willie

No discussion.

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount
Melody A. Bolduc
Cindy Pearson
Anthony Ricardo
Darryl D. Willie

Nay:
None

Approval of Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Board Member Bolduc pulled Item #2 - Approval of Agreement with READ USA, Inc. for consent with comment.

Motion:
That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote Results:
Motion: Melody A. Bolduc
Second: Reginald Blount

No discussion.

PASSED 7-0

Aye:
Charlotte D Joyce
April A. Carney
Reginald Blount
Melody A. Bolduc
Cindy Pearson
Anthony Ricardo
Darryl D. Willie

Nay:
None

Consent Agenda

Academic Services

1. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH NORTHEAST REGIONAL FLORIDA STEM2 HUB
2. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH READ USA, INC.

Item pulled by Board Member Bolduc.
Discussion involved:

- Funding contributed by READ USA.
- Discounts on books.
- Volunteers to work at the Book Fairs.
- Host community workshops for families to promote literacy.
- High school students work with the younger students.

3. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

4. CHARTER CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR CORNERSTONE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

5. CHARTER CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

6. CHARTER CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR KIPP V.O.I.C.E. ACADEMY

7. CHARTER CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR SAN JOSE PRIMARY

Item pulled by Board Member Pearson.
Discussion involved:

- Renewing the contract of a charter school that has a 'D', 'F', and 'D' rating.
- Language in legislation limits the district's ability to not renew a contract of a charter school that is not doing well. There is legislative language that provides certain requirements for not renewing the contract of a charter school.
- There is not a level playing field when it comes to what charters have to do versus traditional schools.
- Concern about charter school's contract being renewed and not doing well.
- This is doing a dis-service to the high-performing charter schools.
- Schools that are not performing well regarding their grad rate are pulling down the grad rate of the schools that are doing well.

8. CHARTER CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR SOMERSET ELEMENTARY

9. CHARTER CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR SOMERSET MIDDLE

Human Resource Services - Staffing

10. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

11. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHERS

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

- 12. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY – CHRISTOPHER FOREMAN
- 13. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY – DESTINI HARRIS
- 14. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY – EDDIE THOMPkins
- 15. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY – KEITH JOHNSON
- 16. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY – QUINTIN CRUM

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

- 17. GENERAL BANKING SERVICES RFP NO.01-17/TW AMENDMENT RENEWAL
- 18. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS - DECEMBER 2024
- 19. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NOVEMBER 2024

Information Technology

- 20. HIGH-SPEED BANDWIDTH SD-WAN 5G WIRELESS SERVICES
- 21. IT HARDWARE RFP (EMTEC INC. d.b.a BRIDGENEXT)
- 22. QUADRANT SECURITY AND INFORMATION AND EVENT MANAGEMENT (SIEM)

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

- 23. APPROVE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DUVAL COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ATLANTIC BEACH FOR A NEW WATER MAIN AT THE ANCHOR ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL No. 247.

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

- 24. CHANGE ORDER REPORT
- 25. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

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

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

28. CONTINUING CONTRACT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONSULTANT SELECTION AND CONTRACT AWARD - RFQ NO. 06-25/DB

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

29. DECEMBER 2024 PURCHASE REPORT

30. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

Chief of Staff

31. 2025 CLASS SIZE COMPLIANCE PLANS

Item pulled for comment by Board Member Pearson.
Discussion involved:

- Information pertaining to this item was received from the State Department of Education after the Agenda Review Meeting, with a deadline for making sure it was submitted on February 1, 2025, or at first convenience once the Board has approved.
- The district was given an extension to the deadline because it needs to be approved by the Board.
- Made decisions as a district to balance budgets, and not impact magnet transportation, block scheduling, and other things that should be done by increasing class size.
- A correction action plan is being submitted to the state.
- The Superintendent is working with the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and budget team to prepare next year's budget. Will be looking at the law and the constitutional amendment to confirm what the language is for a district of this size to meet class-size requirement.
- Rules for a Choice District are different from a district that is not a Choice District.

Dr. Bernier introduced Vontrena Myers as the new principal assigned to Landmark Middle School.

Chairman Joyce shared information about Ms. Myers being the former Assistant Principal at Stillwell Middle School.

Dr. Bernier shared a quick speech with Ms. Myers regarding her new role as a principal.

Discussion

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:

- **February 26-28, 2025 - Orlando, FL - Florida's National Summit on School Safety - Joyce, Bolduc, Ricardo and Willie.**
- ~~**March 21-24, 2025 - Washington, D.C. - Council of the Great City Schools Executive Committee and Board of Directors' Meeting - Willie.**~~
- ~~**July 17-20, 2025 - Newark, NJ - Council of the Great City Schools Executive Committee Meeting - Willie.**~~
- ~~**October 22-25, 2025 - Philadelphia, PA - Council of the Great City Schools Executive Committee and Board of Directors' Meeting - Willie.**~~
- ~~**February 20-21, 2025 - Tallahassee, FL - Legislative Session - Pearson.**~~

Vote Results:

Motion: Melody A. Bolduc

Second: April A. Carney

No discussion.

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce
April A. Carney
Reginald Blount
Melody A. Bolduc
Cindy Pearson
Anthony Ricardo
Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

None

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:

- **March 21-24, 2025 - Washington, D.C. - Council of the Great City Schools Executive Committee and Board of Directors' Meeting - Willie.**

Vote Results:

Motion: Cindy Pearson

Second: Reginald Blount

Discussion involved:

- The Board is very diverse, and Board Members attend conferences that benefit them as professionals.
- Board Members should share information about the conferences they attend.
- Board Member Willie shared information about being appointed to the Executive Board of the Council of Great City Schools (CGCS).
- The dates of the three conferences are over eight months.
- Chairman Joyce requested for the travel to be placed on the agenda individually instead of grouped together as usual to allow for discussion of each trip.
- Concern about the expense of Board Member travel.
- The comments that Board Member Willie made at the December Board Meeting were shared.
- Chairman Joyce shared why she would be voting down the travel for the CGCS conference.
- The new Board Members need professional development to be brought up to speed on the issues that are going on.
- The CGCS fee for membership is high and the costs for travel to their conferences are extra. Also, there were additional fees paid for the CGCS to come in to provide services to the district.
- The other organizations and fees are associated with them. The organization(s) that don't have a fee.
- Consider not renewing the contract for CGCS when it is time for the contract to come up for renewal.
- Organizations and whether they are partisan or non-partisan.
- Concern was expressed about the topics that the CGCS presented at the conference being of a political nature.
- The School Boards for Academic Excellence (SBAE) conference was very informative.
- There is no virtual option for any of the CGCS conferences.
- A recommendation was made to withdraw the last two conferences until after the future discussion about the contract renewal for the CGCS and just vote on the one trip.
- The fee that is paid for CGCS is for the entire district, not just the Board.
- Board Member Willie shared his reasoning around his thoughts about Board Members attending the SBAE conference.
- A suggestion was made about considering how much is spent on each Board Member for travel in general.
- The fee of CGCS is for the entire district and the services that are provided for the entire district.
- The Board will decide whether to renew the contract or not.
- A brief explanation of the role of the CGCS Executive Board was provided, and the benefit of being a part of the organization was explained.
- Clarification was provided about the trip request not being for a conference, but an Executive Board Meeting, which Board Member Willie is a part of.

PASSED 4-3

Aye:

Melody A. Bolduc
Cindy Pearson
Anthony Ricardo

Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

Charlotte D. Joyce
April A. Carney
Reginald Blount

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:

- **July 17-20, 2025 - Newark, NJ - Council of the Great City Schools Executive Committee Meeting - Willie.**

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

Discussion involved:

- It was repeated that depending on the annual membership, the Board may not be a member at the end of the contract.
- Board Member Willie would no longer be able to be a member of the Executive Board if the School Board is not a member of CGCS.
- A request to bring the contract back before the Board when it ends.

FAILED - 1-6

Aye:

Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

Charlotte D. Joyce
April A. Carney
Reginald Blount
Melody A. Bolduc
Cindy Pearson
Anthony Ricardo

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 22-25, 2025 - Philadelphia, PA - Council of the Great City Schools Executive Committee and Board of Directors' Meeting - Willie.**

Vote Results:

Motion: Cynthia Pearson

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

Discussion involved:

- If voted down, it may be brought back later.

FAILED - 1-6

Aye:

Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

~~BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL~~

Superintendent's Travel

~~SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL~~

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Superintendent's travel:

- **February 11-12, 2025, Washington, D.C. - Superintendent's Roundtable.**
- **February 19-21, 2025, Orlando, FL - Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) Spring Leadership Conference.**

Vote Results:

Motion: Darryl D. Willie

Second: Reginald Blount

Discussion involved:

- An inquiry was made about the financial impact not being on the agenda.
- If the costs of the Board Members travel is on the agenda, then it should be the same for the superintendent's travel. This can be discussed later.
- The superintendent's travel was not separated on the agenda because the Chairman did not request for it.

PASSED 7-0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce
April A. Carney
Reginald Blount
Melody A. Bolduc
Cindy Pearson
Anthony Ricardo
Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

None

For The Record

Board Member Bolduc:

- Experience at the SBAE conference.
- EDDY Awards.
- District Science Fair.
- Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Extravaganza.
- Spelling Bee.
- Be Safe, Be Seen Campaign. Encouraged people to be more watchful when driving.

Board Member Pearson:

- Congratulations were given to the athletes who are winners and moving into district and regional competitions.
- Thanks was given to City Year for organizing the Service Day at San Jose. Acknowledgement was given to the sponsors and thanks was given to all the volunteers.
- Thanks were given to all those who attended the District 3 Town Hall at duPont Middle School. Thanks were given to Principal Barnwell and staff for hosting the Town Hall at the school.
- Parents Who Lead Kickoff Session.
- Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Extravaganza.
- Thanks was given to Vice-Chairman Carney for organizing the tour of Mayport. Thanks was given to the staff for maintaining the relationship with the military-based liaison.
- Legislative items.

Board Member Blount:

- Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Extravaganza.
- Experience at the SBAE conference.
- School visits and the concerns.
- Non-profit organization, Pearls at R.L. Brown E.S.
- Equipment for the medical program at Darnell-Cookman.

Board Member Ricardo:

- Showcase over the weekend.
- School visits.
- Experience at the SBAE conference.
- District 1 Town Hall. Thanks was given to Dr. Bernier for the activity he provided at the Town Hall, and acknowledgement was given with regards to the attendance of former Board Member Stan Jordan.
- Be Safe, Be Seen Campaign.

Board Member Willie:

- Acknowledgement was given for Black History month.
- Acknowledgement was given to the students from Wolfson High School who came to speak at the meeting.
- James Weldon Johnson events.
- The grad rate of 100% for Andrew Jackson High School.
- The start time for schools.
- Dinsmore Elementary School - Literacy Week.
- Thanks was given to Dr. Bernier for providing a Coin of Excellence to former employee Miss Williams who turned 100 years old.
- Be Safe, Be Seen Campaign.
- Encouraged the Board to consider anticipating what could happen if funding is lost due to changing times.
- Made a statement that the Board has a duty to educate every student regardless of their status. Families need to know that the board cares and will educate the students.

Vice-Chairman Carney:

- Legislature and the school start time.
- Be Safe, Be Seen Campaign. Thanks was given to the Neptune Beach Chief of Police Michael Key for having speed cameras installed at school crosswalks.
- Neptune Beach Elementary School is raising money for a new track at the school.
- Thanks was given to Captain Bender from Naval Station Mayport for the tour.
- Thanks were given to the City of Jackson Parks Department for pool upgrades at Fletcher.
- Welcomed Vontrena Myers as the new principal of Landmark Middle School.
- Change in landscape, the fear of families in schools. The immigration protest that took place.

Office of General Counsel Ray Poole explained what could happen if not compliant with the Executive Order and shared the information that has been provided to the principals regarding ICE coming into their schools.

Chairman Joyce:

- Experience at the SBAE conference.
- Looks forward to the conversations with the Board on the work that the School Board should be doing.
- Jacksonville Public Education Fund - Teacher of the Year.
- Thanks was given to Dr. Bernier for hosting the Town Halls and how he handled them.
- Made a request for everyone to remember the victims of the airline accident that had occurred.

- Made mention of the upcoming Board Workshop.

Adjournment

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Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

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Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

None

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Superintendent

Chairman