



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

February 18, 2025, Agenda Committee Meeting

Ms. Charlotte D. Joyce, Chairman
Ms. April A. Carney, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Reginald Blount
Ms. Melody A. Bolduc
Ms. Cynthia Pearson
Mr. Anthony Ricardo
Mr. Darryl D. 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 9:02 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - March 4, 2025

AGREEMENT WITH BE G.L.A.D., LLC.

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

- Appreciation was expressed for obtaining this grant. Appreciation was also expressed to the instructors who teach multiple languages.
- Professional development.
- Title 3 funding.
- A proficiency breakdown of what level the students are at in the previous outcomes was requested.
- The relationship between academics and English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) was explained.

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- The attachment of the transaction list was explained.
- Possibility of additional transactions.

EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY - DESTINI HARRIS

Ray Poole, Office of General Counsel joined in the discussion on the following:

- The possibility of grievance or Department of Administrative Hearing (DOAH).
- This discipline is for one (1) item. It was stated there were additional items in the file that were not part of the discipline.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS - JANUARY 2025

Ronald Fagan, Chief Financial Officer, joined in the discussion on the following:

- It was clarified that this item does not reflect the \$100 million deficiency faced by the district.
- The original budget and appropriate monthly changes were explained.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 2024

Mr. Fagan provided an overview of the monthly statements. He and Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- Collection of property taxes.
- General Fund.
- Debt Services.
- Capital Fund.
- An explanation of the health care deficiency.
- Free lunch program.
- Additional construction balances.

LEASE OF LENOVO STUDENT LAPTOPS

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

- The lease option provides the most up-to-date equipment for students, with high school students receiving higher end products.
- This lease will provide 1 device per student in elementary school with an additional 5-10% per school as spare devices.
- Funding is from capital funds, not general.
- Varying policies at middle schools regarding students' ability to take laptops home. There is an effort to make one policy for all schools.
- Lockers at middle schools will be used at elementary schools if middle school students are allowed to take laptops home and the lockers are no longer needed.
- Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) laptops are available to students for their use at home.

DECLARE 10 ACRES OF VACANT LAND IN DINSMORE, LOCATED NEAR PLUMMER ROAD, REAL ESTATE NUMBER 002566-0000, AS SURPLUS PROPERTY UNSUITABLE AND UNNECESSARY FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- This is the first step in the disposition of this property.
- Appreciation was expressed for the example of the district's new posture regarding real estate.

CHANGE ORDER

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

- The difference in the contract amounts between the Atlantic Coast and Baldwin was explained.
- Misuse of student ID badges.
- Restroom renovations at Sandalwood High School. A bring-back for the original scope of work was requested.

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

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- An update on the football field drainage for the Young Men's/Women's Leadership Academy (YMLA/YWLA) was provided.
- The vendor selection process was explained.

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

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

- This is the design phase of the projects.
- If it is over \$50,000, it will be brought to the Board for approval.

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE FOR ADOPTION OF K-4 MATHEMATICS INTERVENTION MATERIALS AND K-3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS INTERVENTION MATERIALS

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

- Who is involved in the review of the curriculum was explained.
- It was stated this item is being field tested and piloted. It was also stated that if the district is looking at reducing it, this would save the district 3 million dollars.

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 4 BOARD POLICIES

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- The difference between a volunteer and a chaperone was explained. The need to watch the definition of "visitors" at the next policy meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 6 BOARD POLICIES

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

- A request to add to the policy "the purpose of this policy is to ensure student safety" as previously requested.
- The monitoring process was explained.
- Changes to the parents' app for Thrillshare will be forthcoming.
- A request for a non-facility coach to have the ability to communicate with students was made to avoid the consequences of not doing so.

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 9 BOARD POLICY

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion of the following:

- Appreciation of the added layers of security in this policy.

- Office of General Counsel guidance and the districts' ownership regarding fingerprinting of individuals who will be alone with students were explained.

Comments from Elected Officials

There were no 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 10:48 a.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

PASSED: 7-0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cynthia Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

None

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Superintendent

Chairman