



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

July 29, 2025, Special Board Meeting - Approval of 2025-2026 Tentative Proposed Millages and Tentative Budget - REVISED

Ms. Charlotte D. Joyce, Chairman
Ms. April A. Carney, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Reginald Blount
Ms. Melody A. Bolduc
Ms. Cindy 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, Attorney, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 29, 2025, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the July 29, 2025, agenda as submitted on July 22, 2025, with the following changes:

- ADMINISTRATION AND BUSINESS SERVICES - BUDGET AND FINANCIAL - PUBLIC HEARING - 2025-2026 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT - ITEM AMENDED
- ADMINISTRATION AND BUSINESS SERVICES - BUDGET AND FINANCIAL - PUBLIC HEARING - 2025-2026 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - TENTATIVE BUDGET - ATTACHMENT ADDED
- ADMINISTRATION AND BUSINESS SERVICES - BUDGET AND FINANCIAL - PUBLIC HEARING - 2025-2026 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-01 - ATTACHMENT UPDATED.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

Comments:

A series of questions were presented to the Superintendent by Board Members to provide clarity to the public regarding what the Board was voting on. The questions were regarding millage rates to assist with making the public aware of what the millage rate is, clarifying that the millage rate is provided by the House and Senate and can differ across different counties. An explanation of the Required Local Effort was shared and how that funding works, as well as an explanation regarding the funding for Family Empowerment Scholarships was shared. Clarification was shared with everyone that the Board was only voting on the funds that are in the District's budget and though the public may see an increase in their property tax, the District has no control. Millage rates are controlled by the state.

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Public Comment

None.

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

1. PUBLIC HEARING - 2025-2026 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT

Opened Public Hearing.
No Public Comments.
Closed Public Hearing.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the 2025- 2026 Required Local Effort Millage Levy of 3.0950 for the Operating Fund. According to the Florida Department of Education, ~~there was a prior period funding adjustment~~ Millage to be levied for the Operating Fund.

The proposed amount to be raised is \$375,536,881.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney
Second: Darryl D. Willie

No Comments.

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

2. PUBLIC HEARING - 2025-2026 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - NON-VOTED DISCRETIONARY OPERATING

Opened Public Hearing.

No Public Comments.

Closed Public Hearing.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the 2025- 2026 Non-Voted Discretionary Operating Millage Levy of 0.7480 Mills for the Operating Fund.

The proposed amount to be raised is \$90,759,802.

Vote Results:

Motion: Melody A. Bolduc

Second: Reginald Blount

No Comments.

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

3. PUBLIC HEARING - 2025-2026 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET-VOTED DISCRETIONARY OPERATING

Opened Public Hearing.
No Public Comments.
Closed Public Hearing.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the 2025–2026 Voted Discretionary Operating Millage Levy of 1.0000 Mills for the Operating Fund.

The proposed amount to be raised is \$121,336,634.

Vote Results:

Motion: Darryl D. Willie

Second: Cindy Pearson

No Comments.

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

4. PUBLIC HEARING – 2025-2026 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET- CAPITAL OUTLAY

Opened Public Hearing.
No Public Comments.
Closed Public Hearing.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the 2025- 2026 Capital Outlay Millage Levy of 1.5000 Mills for the Capital Projects Fund.

The proposed amount to be raised is \$182,004,951.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A.Carney

Second: Darryl D. Willie

No Comments.

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - 2025-2026 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-01

Opened Public Hearing.
No Public Comments.
Closed Public Hearing.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board adopt the Tentative Millage Rates Resolution Number 2026-01 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Vote Results:

Motion: Melody A. Bolduc

Second: Anthony Ricardo

No Comments.

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

6. PUBLIC HEARING - 2025-2026 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - TENTATIVE BUDGET

Opened Public Hearing.
No Public Comments.
Closed Public Hearing.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board adopt the tentative budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

General Operating budget in the amount of	\$1,599,769,427
Special Revenue budget in the amount of	\$ 251,881,807
Debt Service budget in the amount of	\$ 237,440,743
Capital Outlay budget in the amount of	\$ 940,688,654
Trust Fund budget in the amount of	\$ 73,290
Internal Service budget in the amount of	\$ 205,933,218
Enterprise Fund budget in the amount of	<u>\$ 1,983,262</u>
Total Tentative Budget	\$3,237,770,401

Vote Results:

Motion: Darryl D. Willie

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

No Comments.

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

7. PUBLIC HEARING - 2025-2026 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-02

Opened Public Hearing.
No Public Comments.
Closed Public Hearing.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board adopt the Tentative Budget Resolution Number 2026-02 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

No Comments.

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

None

8. PUBLIC HEARING – 2025-2026 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET-FINAL MILLAGE LEVY AND FINAL BUDGET HEARING

Opened Public Hearing.

No Public Comments.

Closed Public Hearing.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board schedule a Public Hearing on the Final Millage Levy and Final Budget Hearing for the 2025-2026 school year for Thursday, September 11, 2025, 5:05 p.m., at the School Board Administration Building, Dr. Charles H. Cline Auditorium.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Darryl D. Willie

No Comments.

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

Darryl D. Willie

Nay:
None

9. PUBLIC HEARING – 2025-2026 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET-CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL TAXABLE VALUE

Opened Public Hearing.
No Public Comments.
Closed Public Hearing.

Motion:
That the Duval County School Board accept the 2025 Certification of School Taxable Value for Duval County, form DR 420S, from the Duval County Property Appraiser and authorize the Superintendent to complete and execute the form.

Vote Results:
Motion: Cindy Pearson
Second: April A. Carney

No Comments.

PASSED - 7-0

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

Nay:
None

The Public Hearing was formally closed.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:
That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Vote Results:
Motion: April A. Carney
Second: Cindy Pearson

PASSED - 7-0

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