



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

July 15, 2025, Agenda Committee Meeting

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. Michael Fackler, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - August 5, 2025

APPROVAL OF AVID COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PROGRAMMING

Dr. Bernier, Superintendent, joined in the discussion on the following:

- An explanation of the Avid program in Elementary Schools was given.
- Financial status of programming with the recent federal impounded funds.

APPROVAL OF FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE TUITION - DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES FOR FALL 2025 AND SPRING 2026 INCLUDING DUAL ENROLLMENT TEXTBOOKS

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

- The increase of 3,000 students was explained.
- Edward Waters College accreditation is resolved, and it is expected to shift some of the increased numbers back to Edward Waters College.
- A request for the financial impact of SY 2023/2024 and 2024/2025.

APPROVAL OF EMBRY RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY - DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES FOR FALL 2025 AND SPRING 2026

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

- Appreciation for the program was expressed.
- A bring back request was made for the number of certified teachers, the number of students enrolled per school and the size of the program.
- A request was made to ensure marketing is correct based on the enrollment by school.

2025-2026 - CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Dr. Bernier and Byron Copeland, Director, School Climate Office, joined in the discussion on the following:

- A request to confirm that cell phone usage section 1.09 complies with state law. It was stated there will be a revision to the wording with regard to elementary, middle and high schools.
- Penalties for athletes. Concern was expressed about the possibility of opposing teams targeting athletes in an attempt to have them removed from the games. High School Athletic Association (HSAA) rules are followed, and it was requested to align the policy to reflect the same. It was stated that the language could stay regarding fights that arise during school times as athletes should be held to a higher standard. A request to keep Principal's overriding authority.
- False information claims.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND RESOURCE ASSOCIATES

Dr. Bernier and Corey Wright, Chief Officer, Accountability & Assessment, joined in the discussion on the following:

- The need for this item is due to the district not having grant writers.
- The supervisor reviews the process for finding available grants.
- Appreciation to Jill Fierle, Director, Career and Technical Education, for her efforts in finding grants.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BIZI, INC. 2025-2026

Dr. Bernier and Eugene Hays, Director, School Choice Pathways, joined in the discussion on the following:

- The number of schools, students who participate, and financial impact will be brought back.
- Previous outcomes and the reduction of referrals.
- Appreciation was shared for the rating score that includes students, teachers and admin.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS, BRIDGE TO SUCCESS 2025-2026

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- Appreciation was expressed for the partners and those in attendance today.
- How partners are being informed of possible funding issues due to the impounded federal funds.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS, STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM 2025-2026

- Funding is part of the impounded federal funds.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS, DUVAL READS 2025-2026

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- A request showing the actual proficiency of this program and the expected outcomes.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS 2025-2026

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- Previous outcomes and an uptick in enrollment of sophomore girls were explained.
- Appreciation for the work of this center was expressed.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE I'M A S.T.A.R FOUNDATION, INC. 2025-2026

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

- Appreciation was expressed for the program and for Betty Burney, a former Board Member, and the work with this program.
- Appreciation was expressed for the peer mentorship program, and the Wednesday Wellness programs.
- Celebrity basketball program.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH EDUCATION ELEMENTS

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

- The length of the contract and what is provided was explained.

APPROVAL OF JACKSONVILLE TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM

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

- Appreciation for the program was expressed.
- Funding is a combination of impounded funds.
- Stipends.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA AND UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA/JEWISH FAMILY COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- Additional support provided for students.

ADDITIONAL PAYMENT TO EXISTING 2024-2025 IMAGINE LEARNING - EDGENUITY FOR DVIA BLENDED LEARNING PROGRAM (BLP)

Dr. Bernier and Mark Ertel, Principal, Duval Virtual Instructional Academy (DVIA) joined in the discussion on the following:

- Previous outcomes.
- Increase in ELA in every grade.
- Number of students serving.

Break at 10:37 a.m.

Return from break at 10:42 a.m.

SETTLEMENT WITH AFSCME FLORIDA COUNCIL 79

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- Settlement consisted of a 1% raise.
- This is for SY 2024-2025.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - MAY 2025

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

- High level overview.
- The 4th calculation from the state has not been received.

DCPS SMART PRINT - COPIERS AND MANAGED PRINT SERVICES

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

- Appreciation for the cost savings of this contract was expressed.
- What is included in the contract was explained.

APPROVE THE LEASE ASSIGNMENT BETWEEN DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE OF HISTORY OF JACKSONVILLE, INC.

Dr. Bernier, Mr. Culbert and Michael Fackler, Office of General Counsel, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Program benefits for students.
- The amount of the lease will be brought back.

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

- Appreciation expressed for adding scope of work to the item.

SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION AND CERTIFICATION OF FINAL INSPECTION OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS OVER \$1,000,000; SAFETY & SECURITY UPGRADES, PHASE 3, GROUP 3 AT ANDREW JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL #35, DINSMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #45, NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #106 AND JEAN RIBAUT MIDDLE SCHOOL #212; PROJECT # P-89500

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

- A request for why these are looped together was made. Explanation will be brought back.
- A request for the expected completion of all schools was made.

CONTRACT PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT SERVICES - TEMPORARY

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

- The goal of the contract was explained.
- Length of contract.

AMENDMENT TO THE 3RD RENEWAL AND AMENDMENT FOR THE ALLIED UNIVERSAL SECURITY SERVICES, LLC CONTRACT

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- This is a one-time renewal.

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR CEDAR HILLS, HIDDEN OAKS, HYDE PARK, HYDE GROVE, JACKSONVILLE HEIGHTS, TIMUCUAN, ROMANA BOULEVARD AND RUTH N. UPSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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

- The process of the meetings for this item.
- Academic and Community Excellence (ACE) process and the possibility of future conversation regarding the process.

INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND DCSB OF GENERAL COUNSEL

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

- An overview of the item was explained and what it consists of.
- History of the Duval County School Board attorney position and why it is needed.
- The possibility of moving forward with a J-Bill, its process and length of time.
- Concerns with some of the wording in this current agreement, such as "term," and "until by mutual consent" as this could bind us to the contract. Mr. Fackler stated he is open to amending the wording and would be happy to assist in representing the district in regard to the J-Bill.
- A second request for the pros and cons of hiring a district-employed attorney versus staying with OGC was made.
- Advice from Mr. Fackler is that the district cannot move forward with hiring a Board attorney until the district obtains the J-Bill. Mr. Fackler has stated that he would like to move forward with retaining an attorney to serve in the OGC role for the district.
- Processes for changing the charter were explained and the timeline.
- This agreement will be for the 3 attorneys dedicated to the DCSB. They will no longer bill for time, but OGC will bill the district for their positions. There are issues that will need to be resolved, such as when conflict arises.
- A request for research to see what other districts our size are spending, as we are the only district in Florida that doesn't have its own attorney. Also, to see if they have a hybrid relationship.

ADULT MEAL PRICE INCREASE FOR DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

STUDENT MEAL PRICE FOR NON-CEP DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

- The amount is not included in the adult meal price due to information not being provided to the district yet. Item will be updated as soon as they are received from the US Department of Agriculture.
- Formula that generates the numbers.
- All students eat free the first thirty (30) days of school. There is free breakfast for all students. There are only 37 schools that will need to apply for free/reduced lunches and only those that do not receive assistance.
- A request for the amount prior to COVID-19 will be brought back.

Comments from Elected Officials

There were no public comments from elected officials.

Public Comment

There was one (1) person who spoke during public comment.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Anthony Ricardo

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