



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

August 5, 2025, Regular Board 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. Ray Poole, Attorney, were also present. *Vice-Chairman Carney arrived at 6:03 p.m.*

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

The invocation was led by Pastor Rodney Loewen, of Impact Church, which is a faith -based partner that supports Duval County Public Schools (DCPS).

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

PRESENTATION BY BRYAN CAMPBELL FROM U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FOR FLORIDA'S 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AARON BEAN'S OFFICE

Bryan Campbell, shared a video presentation from Representative Aaron Bean, the U.S. Representative for Florida's 4th Congressional District, in which Representative Bean congratulated the on becoming an "A" District. A copy of the congressional record was shared with the Board.

Communications

SCHOOL GRADES RECOGNITION

Recognition of our school grades was shared by Vickie Gutierrez, Coordinator, Communications. The following were shared:

- The recent release of school grades affirms what many of us have always known to be true – Duval Delivers.
- From our first-ever A-grade as a district to many more stories of unprecedented achievement and success, we head into this school year stronger than ever.
- Forty-five (45) schools increased their letter grades, and they were recognized by region.
- Thirty-five (35) schools went up by one letter grade and 10 schools went up by two letter grades.
- Each principal was honored with a superintendent's coin of excellence.

The following Elementary Region 1 schools and principals, led by Dr. Marianne Simon, were congratulated:

- Crown Point Elementary School and Principal Brett Hartley.
- Fort Caroline Elementary School and Principal Faith Roberts-Graham.
- Neptune Beach Elementary School and Principal Elizabeth Kavanagh.
- Pinedale Elementary School and Principal Andrea Willis.
- R.L. Brown Gifted and Talented Academy and Principal Kristi Kincaid.
- S.A. Hull Elementary School and Principal Rashard Willis.
- San Jose Elementary School and Principal Jasmin Gomez.
- Southside Estates Elementary School and Principal Teresa Dowdell-Brown.
- Kings Trail Elementary (closed) and Principal Sanethette Shubert.

The following Elementary Region 2 schools and principals, led by Jud Strickland, were congratulated:

- Abess Park Elementary School and Principal Sabrina Session-Jones.
- Andrew A. Robinson Elementary School and Principal Mychelle Grover.
- Loretto Elementary School and Principal Aaron Walker.
- Mamie Agnes Jones Elementary School and Principal Katherine Kirkland.
- Timucuan Elementary School and Principal Contrina Bolden.
- Twin Lakes Academy Elementary School and Principal Julie Ehrenberg.
- Whitehouse Elementary School and Principal Angela Jordan.

The following Elementary Region 3 schools and principals, led by Latrese Fann, were congratulated:

- Chaffee Trail Elementary School and Principal Casie Doyle.
- Dinsmore Elementary School and Principal Shalane Peterson.
- Highlands Estates Academy and Principal Natalya Richie-Graham.
- Hyde Park Elementary School and Principal Shirley Winfrey.
- Lone Star Elementary School and Principal Cheryl Quarles-Gaston.
- Sallye B. Mathis Elementary School and Principal Latarsha Jones.
- Woodland Acres Elementary School and Principal Shawn Platts.

The following Middle School Region schools and principals, led by Dr. Jennifer Boatwright, were congratulated:

- Duncan U. Fletcher Middle School and Principal Joseph McKenzie.
- John E. Ford K-8 School and Principal Tina Bennett.
- Lake Shore Middle School and Principal Latasha Clark.
- Mandarin Middle School and Principal Julie Humphreys.
- Matthew W. Gilbert Middle School and Principal Latonya Parker.
- Oceanway Middle School and Principal Elizabeth Stansel.

The following Region of Hope/High School, schools and principals, led by Timothy Simmons, were congratulated:

- A. Philip Randolph Academies and Principal Mary Flynn.
- Baldwin Middle-Senior High School and Principal Michael Townsend.
- Edward H. White High School and Principal Traci Battest.
- Englewood High School and Principal Marleny Chirino.
- Frank H. Peterson Academies and Principal Jessica Mastromatto.
- Sandalwood High School and Principal Saryn Hatcher.

Ten (10) Duval County Public Schools increased their letter grade by two (2) grades. The following schools and principals were congratulated and were joined by the Regional Superintendents:

- Andrew Jackson High School and Principal Truitte Moreland, joined by Mr. Simmons, Region Superintendent, Hope Region.
- Holiday Hill Elementary School and Principal Matthew Peterson, joined by Ms. Fann, Region Superintendent, Elementary 3.
- Jean Ribault High School and Principal Dr. Gregory Bostic, joined by Mr. Simmons.
- Landmark Middle School and Principal Vontrena Myers, joined by Dr. Boatwright Region Superintendent, Middle Region.
- Long Branch Elementary School and Principal Wayman Graham, joined by Dr. Simon, Region Superintendent, Elementary 1.
- Northwestern Legends Elementary and Principal Kimberly Brown, joined by Ms. Fann.
- Oceanway Elementary School and Principal Delayna Simpson, joined by Dr. Simon.
- Pickett Elementary School and Principal Violet Stovall, joined by Dr. Simon.
- Rufus E. Payne Elementary School and Principal Weisha Day-Killette, joined by Ms. Fann.
- Annie R. Morgan Elementary School (closed) and Principal Stephanie Manabat, joined by Dr. Simon.

JA EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR - HOPE TEPER, ENGLEWOOD ELEMENTARY

Hope Teper, Principal of Englewood Elementary School, was named by Junior Achievement (JA) of North Florida as the 2025 Educator of the Year. Principal Teper was congratulated and presented a Superintendent's Coin of Excellence. The following was shared about Principal Teper:

- Teper was formally presented with this honor in May at the 26th Annual Junior Achievement, or JA, Hall of Fame event held at the University of North Florida.
- A passionate and dedicated servant leader, Teper has spent over 20 years in education—teaching, coaching, and leading with a steadfast commitment to students and families.
- Since joining the district in 2003, she's worked to bring her vision for inclusive, value-driven education to life.
- As principal of Englewood Elementary, she serves a dynamic and diverse student body with over 40% bilingual learners.
- Teper has been a dedicated partner in JA's mission, ensuring students have access to financial literacy and work readiness programs.
- Englewood has welcomed many JA business volunteers, creating powerful learning experiences that equip students with the skills and confidence to build brighter futures.
- Shannon Italia, President of JA North Florida, says, quote: "Hope leads with heart." "She exemplifies what it means to champion students beyond the classroom." "Her commitment to her students is inspiring, and her partnership with JA has opened doors for hundreds of young learners."

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 5, 2025, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the August 5, 2025, agenda as submitted on July 29, 2025, with the following changes:

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS OF AWARDS:

BOARD MEMBERS:

- PRESENTATION BY BRYAN CAMPBELL FROM U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FOR FLORIDA'S 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AARON BEAN'S OFFICE - ITEM ADDED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA - ITEM AMENDED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - ITEM AMENDED, ITEMS ADDED
- JULY 29, 2025, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SHADE - ITEM ADDED,
- JULY 29, 2025, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - APPROVAL OF 2025 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - REVISED - ITEM ADDED

ACADEMIC SERVICES:

- TURNAROUND OPTION PLAN (TOP): SMART POPE LIVINGSTON - ITEM AMENDED

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES - STAFFING:

- HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS - ATTACHMENT UPDATED

DISCUSSION

BOARD MEMBERS:

- RESOLUTION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF A GENERAL COUNSEL - ATTACHMENT UPDATED
- INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND DCSB OF GENERAL COUNSEL - ATTACHMENT UPDATED

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL:

- BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL - ITEM UPDATED

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Darryl D. Willie

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 a PowerPoint Presentation (see attached) highlighting the following:

- Leadership matters and the District has reached a historic moment.
- Congratulations to Team Duval for being graded as an "A" District.
- Superintendent's Evaluation.
- 7 Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Programs offered within Duval County Public Schools (DCPS).
- Student Opportunities and Partnerships with Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.
- An Overview of the Upcoming Dates and Items of Interest. (There will not be an August 12, 2025, Board Workshop, due to it being the 2nd day of school and the August 13, 2025, Grievance Hearing has been canceled.)

Superintendent's Reports**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

Superintendent, Dr. Bernier shared a PowerPoint Presentation (see attached) to highlight the following:

- July Recap
- Governor Ron DeSantis visited Oceanway Elementary School.
- Duval Delivers - Duval has earned a district grade of an "A".
- Jacksonville Beach Elementary School was named #1 in Florida Elementary Schools.
- Welcome Back, Teachers!
- Back to School Bash!
- Millage at Work in the Athletic Fields.
- Vincent Taylor was named the 2026 Florida Teacher of the Year and was awarded the 2025 Excellence in Service Award for Duval County.
- Genesys Works - Fireside Chat-Executive Speaker Series.
- I'm A Star Foundation and the Celebrity Basketball Game.
- 2025-2026 Volunteer Process.
- 2025-2026 Early Bus Registration.
- 2025-2026 Early Extended Day.
- First Day of School, August 11, 2025.

Department Reports

None.

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

None.

Comments from Elected Officials

None.

Public Comment

Seventeen (17) members of the public signed up to speak. They were given 3 minutes each.

Comments from Parent Organizations

None.

Comments from District Student Government Association

None.

Comments from Employee Organizations

The following spoke and were given 7 minutes each:

- Tammie Brooks-Evans, President, Duval Teacher's Union (DTU).
- Frank Delong, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board minutes:

- July 1, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
- July 15, 2025, Agenda Committee Meeting
- July 15, 2025, Board Workshop
- July 24, 2025, Special Board Meeting - Approval of 2025-2026 TRIM Advertisements - Revised
- July 29, 2025, Special Board Meeting - Litigation Shade - Item Added
- July 29, 2025, Special Board Meeting - Approval of 2025-2026 Tentative Proposed Millage and Tentative Budget - Revised - Item Added

Vote Results:

Motion: Melody A. Bolduc

Second: Reginald Blount

Discussion: None.

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

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Darryl D. Willie

Discussion: None.

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

Dr. Bernier introduced all of the newly appointed employees approved by the Board.

Consent Agenda

Academic Services

1. APPROVAL OF AVID COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PROGRAMMING

2. APPROVAL OF FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE TUITION - DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES FOR FALL 2025 AND SPRING 2026 INCLUDING DUAL ENROLLMENT TEXTBOOKS
3. APPROVAL OF EMBRY RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY - DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES FOR FALL 2025 AND SPRING 2026
4. 2025-2026 CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT
5. APPROVAL OF DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR
6. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND RESOURCE ASSOCIATES
7. APPROVAL OF THE DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
8. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BIZI, INC. 2025-2026
9. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS, BRIDGE TO SUCCESS 2025-2026
10. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS, STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM 2025-2026
11. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS, DUVAL READS 2025-2026
12. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS 2025-2026
13. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE I'M A S.T.A.R. FOUNDATION, INC. 2025-2026
14. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH EDUCATION ELEMENTS
15. APPROVAL OF JACKSONVILLE TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM
16. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA AND UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA/JEWISH FAMILY COMMUNITY SERVICES
17. APPROVAL OF DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PREK-12 COMPREHENSIVE EVIDENCE-BASED READING PLAN FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR
18. TURNAROUND OPTION PLAN (TOP): SMART POPE LIVINGSTON

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

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

20. IMAGINE LEARNING - EDGENUITY FOR DVIA VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM (VIP) AND DVIA BLENDED LEARNING PROGRAM (BLP)

Human Resource Services - Staffing

21. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

22. SETTLEMENT WITH AFSCME FLORIDA COUNCIL 79

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

23. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - MAY 2025

Information Technology

24. DCPS SMART PRINT - COPIERS AND MANAGED PRINT SERVICES

25. CSI SAP SUCCESSFACTORS TESTING MANAGED SERVICES

26. ONSCREEN SOLUTIONS, INC.

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

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

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

28. CHANGE ORDER REPORT

29. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

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

31. SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION AND CERTIFICATION OF FINAL INSPECTION OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS OVER \$1,000,000; ASTRO TURF FIELD AT ATLANTIC COAST HIGH SCHOOL #286, PROJECT #A-10958

32. 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

Operations - Transportation

33. CONTRACT PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT SERVICES - TEMPORARY

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

34. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

35. JUNE 2025 PURCHASE REPORT

36. STUDENT MEAL PRICE NON-CEP DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Police

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

Discussion

Board Members

38. RESOLUTION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF A GENERAL COUNSEL

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the attached resolution requesting Jacksonville City Council's support for the School Board's pursuit of an amendment to the Charter of the City of Jacksonville, Florida.

Vote Results:

Motion: Melody A. Bolduc

Second: April A. Carney

Discussion: The following was shared:

- Background information on how the Board arrived at the Resolution.
- Appreciation was shared for the work done on the resolution.
- A request was made to have a more robust conversation about the resolution during a workshop.
- Concerns were shared regarding the resolution and not having a board discussion.
- Previous General Counsel's suggestion.
- The potential attorney and Florida Retirement System (FRS) options.
- Funding and hiring an outside attorney.

- Concerns were shared regarding the Board managing a third employee.
- The ability of future boards to revert to an attorney from Office of General Counsel (OGC) if desired.
- Some board members shared concerns regarding voting on the resolution without having answers to their questions.
- Fundamental benefits to the Board hiring their own attorney.
- Concerns were shared about efficiency, sustainability and true diligence regarding the financial on this item.
- Conflict possibility.
- Policy to support.
- J-Bill questions.
- Prior Board experiences were shared.
- Attorney clarification regarding the language included in the Resolution.
- Proposed revision to the charter to allow the option to hire counsel.
- An explanation of the City Council meeting cycle and approval.
- The importance of choosing an attorney that the Board can have confidence in.
- The Board needs timely and focused counsel.
- OGC is appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council.
- Process of a J-Bill to get to the Governor's Office.
- When will the Board get answers to their questions.
- Conflict resolution.
- Lawyer on Retainer.
- A request was made by members of the Board to have a workshop so that their questions could be answered and more discussion could be held on this item.

PASSED - 5-2

Aye:

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

Nay:

Cindy Pearson
 Darryl D. Willie

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

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Interagency agreement for the District to make quarterly payments to the City of Jacksonville in an amount equal to the actual cost of the attorneys.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney
Second: Cindy Pearson

Discussion: The following was shared:

- Appreciation for the Superintendent and Mr. Fackler working together on this item.
- Reasoning for hesitation on the J-Bill.
- Confirmation of the address to be used.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Motion to Amend to change the Address: That the address in the agreement be changed to 1701 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32207.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cindy Pearson

Second: Darryl D. Willie

Discussion: None.

Passed: 7-0

Motion: To Approve the Agreement as amended.

Motion: Cindy Pearson

Second: Darryl D. Willie

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

None.

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

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

Public Hearing Opened.

Two (2) members of the public signed up to speak. They were given 3 minutes each.

Public Hearing Closed.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the boundary changes for Cedar Hills, Hidden Oaks, Hyde Park, Hyde Grove, Jacksonville Heights, Timucuan, Ramona, and Ruth Upson Elementary Schools for implementation beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney
Second: Melody A. Bolduc

Discussion:

- Concerns were shared about the district change for Ramona Elementary.
- Concerns were also shared about not being comfortable with the boundary changes.
- Academic and Community Excellence Planning (ACE) Meeting process.
- Boundary impacts were explained and factors that impact the boundaries.
- Policy 8.51 was referenced.
- The ACE process does not fit.
- Suggestion for the ACE process to be a workshop topic.

PASSED - 6-1

Aye:

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

Nay:

Reginald Blount

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:

- **September 17-19, 2025 - Gainesville, FL - Policy Governance Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) Certified Board Member Forum and Bargaining 101 FSBA Certified Board Member Forum - Bolduc.**

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney
Second: Cindy Pearson

Discussion:

Applause was shared regarding this trip as it is good for new board members.

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:

- **September 6-10, 2025 - Washington, D.C. - Consortium of State School Boards Associations (COSSBA) 2025 Federal Advocacy Conference - Bolduc, Ricardo and Blount.**

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

Discussion:

- Concerns were shared regarding 5 board members attending this conference, based upon information researched from other school districts.
- Reasons to attend the conference.

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

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

Nay:
None

Superintendent's Travel

None.

For The Record

Board Member Bolduc shared the following:

- Breakfast sponsored at a school.
- Principal Bravo was recognized.
- Appreciation for Dr. Bernier.
- Thanked the staff for their patience.

Board Member Pearson shared the following:

- Ribbon Cutting reminder for Southside Estates Elementary.
- Other upcoming events.
- Jean Ribault celebration.
- Appreciation shared for U.S. Representative Aaron Bean and Congressman Rutherford.
- Appreciation shared for community members.
- Appreciation shared for NextGen Roofing.
- Genesys Works Mock Interviews.
- Encouraged everyone to be kind.

Board Member Willie shared the following:

- Council of the Great City Schools (CGCS) travel summary.
- The state of education.
- Shout out to Oceanway Church regarding their back-to-school community event.
- Encouraged those in need to take advantage of the community events.
- Appreciation shared for the staff and Dr. Gregory Bostic, Jean Ribault High School Principal.
- Encourage the students to come back to Duval County Public Schools.
- Celebrity Basketball game highlights.
- The I'm A Star Foundation raises funds for unhoused students.
- Congratulations to all students.
- The new school year is a special moment.
- Watch out for all the young people.

Board Member Blount shared the following:

- Visited River City Science Academy Kickstart.
- Appreciation shared for everyone as the district's "A" grade is a big thing.
- Looking forward to attending the ribbon-cutting events.
- Appreciation shared for Dr. Bernier and staff.

Board Member Ricardo shared the following:

- Congratulations to Dr. Bernier and the staff for the work towards the District getting an "A".
- Anticipation of the new year and encouraged teachers that "They've Got This."
- Media Events celebrating the district's first "A."
- Jacksonville's journey forward discussing the violence.
- Community Partners meetings and being able to assist the Rotary Club at Arlington Middle with the Butterfly Garden.
- Shout out to the PACE Center for Girls and their achievements.

- Be Safe and Be Seen. Be Cautious.

Vice-Chairman Carney shared the following:

- School safety.
- Appreciation shared for Neptune Beach Police and their warnings released about speeding and school zones.
- Appreciation shared for Neptune Beach Mayor and Fletcher PTSA for cleaning the Fletcher pool.
- Appreciation was shared for District 2 balloon designs.
- Landmark Middle School's grade increased from a "C" to an "A."
- Appreciation shared for Logan Carmicheal sharing his experience.
- Recognition of the exemplary status of African American Studies within DCPS.
- Writing Program summary.
- Wished everyone a fantastic school year.

Chairman Joyce shared the following:

- Traffic issues.
- Be Patient.
- Partners and churches are supporting our schools.
- The district is fortunate to have the support of the community.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.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

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

None

MA

Superintendent

Chairman