



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

September 2, 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, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

The invocation was given by Bishop John Guns, St. Paul Church of Jacksonville.

Thought of the Day - No speakers.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

JEAN RIBAUT MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Principal Dr. Latoya Brown shared information about Jean Ribault Middle School using a PowerPoint presentation.

She introduced her Assistant Principal, Christopher Mahone.

Board Member Darryl Willie commended Principal Dr. Brown and the Ribault M.S. Team for their work. He also thanked Principal Dr. Brown for her leadership.

He added that he was honored and proud to serve the school.

Communications

ACT-SO OLYMPIANS

Recognitions began with students who are a part of the Jacksonville Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (NAACP ACT-SO). Students from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts and William A. Raines High School participated in a national competition, facing some of the most talented arts students from across the country. Sheila Williams and Tyrone Ponders, members of the Jacksonville Branch NAACP ACT-SO Committee, joined for the recognition.

The following students were celebrated for their success and contributions:

- Haiilee Lawson (Photography) - Douglas Anderson School of the Arts - Silver medalist.
- Isabella Nix (Sculpture) - Douglas Anderson School of the Arts - Silver medalist.
- Journey Spencer (Dance Contemporary) - Douglas Anderson School of the Arts - Bronze medalist.
- Kimara Sapp (Dramatics: Music Vocal Contemporary) - Douglas Anderson School of the Arts - Bronze medalist, who was represented by her mother, Kimberly Sapp.
- Samuel Nelson (Original Essay) - Douglas Anderson School of the Arts - who was also selected to participate in the MJ Musical on Broadway, who was represented by his mother, Leslie Nelson.
- Princess Nealey (Musical Vocal Classical) - William A. Raines High School.
- Destiney Brinson (Painting) - Douglas Anderson School of the Arts.
- Alexa Akpable (Dance Traditional) - William A. Raines High School.
- Eva Samuels (Dance Modern) - William A. Raines High School.
- Fendi Pogue (Poetry Performance) - William A. Raines High School.

~~INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR (ISEF), STANTON COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL~~

STANTON COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL - OUTSTANDING STUDENTS RECOGNITION

We're celebrating three Stanton College Preparatory School students whose original, award-winning projects have gained recognition at the state, national, and international levels. Stanton College of Preparatory School Coordinator, Andrew Malone joined for the recognitions.

Senior, Alan Alwakeel:

- Competed in the International Science and Engineering Fair and earned the Second Grand Award in the Cellular and Molecular Biology Category.
- Name of his project: "The Virtual Cell: Revolutionizing Personalized Cancer Treatment Through AI-Powered Simulation."

Junior, Marco Chua:

- Competed at the International Science and Engineering Fair, winning the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Science Communication Award.
- Name of his project: "Enhancing Coastal Resilience Using Biomimetic Wave Barriers"

Sophomore, Nicole Jiang:

- Earned a top award at the National History Day competition this summer.
- Name of her project: "United States vs. Wong Kim Ark: A Defining Milestone in American Birthright Citizenship."

MASTER ACADEMIES

Last school year, Duval County Public Schools proudly supported 66 thriving Career and Technical Education (CTE) Academies.

We're thrilled to spotlight 18 academies that have met every benchmark required to earn the prestigious designation of Master Accreditation Status.

For several of these academies, achieving this status is a first-time feat...while others are being recertified.

The following joined to celebrate the recognitions: Anna Lebesch, Senior Vice President of Strategy and Talent from JAXUSA Partnership, and Jill Fierle, DCPS Director of Career and Technical Education.

Recognitions are as follows:

- District 1
 - Terry Parker High School /Principal Anthony Scarlett:
 - Academy of Information Technology, and Lead Teacher Steven Charlton.
- District 3
 - Douglas Anderson School of the Arts /Principal Tim Feagins:
 - Literary Arts Academy, with Lead Teacher Michelle Flores
 - Sandalwood High School /Principal Dr. Saryn Hatcher:
 - Engineering Academy, with Lead Teacher Khalida Jihad.
 - Academy of Information Technology, with Lead Teacher Donna Dawson Hernandez.
- District 4
 - First Coast High School / Principal Dr. Ronnie Williams:
 - VyStar Academy of Business, with Lead Teacher Linette Sanders.
 - Culinary Arts Academy, with Lead Teacher Tyesha Hill.
 - Sport Marketing Academy, with Lead Teacher Lindsey Blazek.
 - JEA Academy, with Lead Teacher Jennifer Sibley-Perone.
 - (Re-cert) A. Philip Randolph Career Academies / Principal Mary Flynn - Cosmetology Academy, Lead Teacher Toya Alston.

- District 5
 - Riverside High School /Principal Chris Koek:
 - Engineering Academy, with Lead Teacher Monique Bell.
 - (Re-cert) Frank H. Peterson Academy of Technologies / Principal Jessica Mastromatto:
 - Communications Academy, Lead Teacher Larry Rud.
 - Cosmetology Academy, Lead Teacher Antionette Rowell.
 - Culinary Arts Academy, Lead Teacher Susan Dougherty.
 - Early Childhood Education Academy, Lead Teacher Chelsea Watkins.
- District 6
 - Westside High School /Principal Vincent Foster:
 - Nursing Academy, with Lead Teacher Christopher McNealy.
 - Entrepreneurship Academy, with Lead Teacher Pamela Coleman.
- District 7
 - Mandarin High School /Principal Sara Bravo:
 - Culinary Arts Academy, Lead Teacher Christopher Wilson.
 - (Re-cert) Medical Academy, Lead Teacher Renate Dewberry.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the September 2, 2025, Agenda as submitted on August 26, 2025, with the following changes:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

- **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, AGENDA - Item Amended**

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES - STAFFING

- **HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS - Attachment Updated**

DISCUSSION

OPERATIONS - REAL ESTATE, PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING:

- **APPROVE THE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE THE ACQUISITION OF 8928 PROMINENCE PARKWAY FROM DREAM FINDERS HOMES PROMINENCE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP - Pulled for Discussion - Pearson**
- **APPROVE THE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE THE SALE OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES LOCATED AT 1701 PRUDENTIAL DRIVE - Pulled for Discussion - Pearson**

CHIEF OF STAFF:

- **PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 4 BOARD POLICIES - Item Amended**

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney
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

Chairperson's Report

BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman Joyce shared a PowerPoint Presentation (see attached) highlighting the following:

- DCPS Career & Technical Education (CTE) Data.
- A video was shared of students and former students who have participated in the CTE program.
- Information encouraging people to consider looking at the CTE Programs.
- The CTE Showcase from 2024, and encouraged people to attend the upcoming CTE Showcase for 2025.
- The Upcoming Dates & Items of Interest.

Prior to Chairman Joyce turning things over to the Superintendent, she shared the following with the public regarding LifeWise Academy:

- The district has not received any formal request for their students to participate in the program.
- If a principal receives a formal request from a parent for their child to participate in the program, the district has an obligation to comply with the law. There is a FL Statute and a supreme court ruling that tells the district it must comply with parental rights.
- LifeWise is not a vendor. Not using public funds.
- There is a strict agreement between the parent and the LifeWise Academy. If anyone opposes the program, it does not affect them or their students.
- No funding is taken away from the school; the board will not vote on this item; the item will never come before the board for a vote; it is strictly an agreement that the FL State Statute and Supreme Court have given the right for a parent to have their child participate in this instruction if they choose.

Superintendent's Reports

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

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

- August Recap.
- District Celebrations with Commissioner, Anastasios Kamoutas.
- Florida School Counselor of the Year -Jean Ribault High School - Dr. Brianna Patterson.
- Ribbon Cutting - Jean Ribault High School.
- Ribbon Cutting - Southside Estates Elementary School.
- Ribbon Cutting - Mandarin High School.
- Sale/Purchase of District Building.
- Top 5 Attendance Improvement - Champion Schools.
- Release Time Religious Instruction (RTI) - Florida Statutes 1002.20(2)(c) & 1003.212(2)(b)1.
- Be Safe, Be Seen.

Department Reports

No reports.

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

No report.

Comments from Elected Officials

No comments.

Public Comment

There were 30 members of the public who spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting. They were given 2 minutes each to speak. There were 2 members of the public who waived their time to speak during public comment.

Comments from Parent Organizations

No comments.

Comments from District Student Government Association

No comments.

Comments from Employee Organizations

The following representatives spoke:

- Tammie Brooks-Evans, Duval Teachers United (DTU) President.
- Frank Delong – International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Representative.

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

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

- **August 5, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**
- **August 6, 2025, Special Board Meeting, Shade Meeting - Revised**
- **August 19, 2025, Agenda Committee Meeting**
- **August 19, 2025, Board Workshop**
- **August 26, 2025, Board Workshop**

No discussion.

Vote Results:

Motion: Melody A. Bolduc

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

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: Melody A. Bolduc

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

Dr. Bernier introduced Dr. Anthony Scarlett as the new principal of Terry Parker High School.

Consent Agenda**Academic Services**

1. TURNAROUND OPTION PLANS (TOP) STEP 2: SMART POPE LIVINGSTON ELEMENTARY
2. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS WITH MGT CONSULTING, INC., AND TURNAROUND SOLUTIONS, INC.

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

3. APPROVAL OF SY2025-SY2026, YEAR 5 GEAR UP AGREEMENT (COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS) – GRANT B (CLASS OF 2027)
4. APPROVAL OF SY2025-SY2026, YEAR 5 GEAR UP AGREEMENT (FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE AT JACKSONVILLE) – GRANT B (CLASS OF 2027)
5. APPROVAL OF SY2025-SY2026, YEAR 5 GEAR UP AGREEMENT (I'M A STAR FOUNDATION) – GRANT B (CLASS OF 2027)
6. APPROVAL OF SY2025-SY2026, YEAR 5 GEAR UP AGREEMENT (UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA) – GRANT B (CLASS OF 2027)
7. APPROVAL OF SY2025-SY2026, YEAR 5 GEAR UP AGREEMENT (XCALIBUR, INC.) – GRANT B (CLASS OF 2027)
8. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH BIZI, INC. 2025-2026-Amendment

Human Resource Services - Staffing

9. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

10. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - SUPERVISOR, FTE SUPPORT

11. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – DIRECTOR, MAJOR FACILITIES PROJECTS

12. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

13. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – SUPERVISOR, SCHOOL MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS AND SUPERVISOR, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

14. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – DIRECTOR, FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT

Information Technology

15. LEASE/PURCHASE OF THE HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE SYNERGY SYSTEM IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT DATA CENTER

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

16. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

17. CHANGE ORDER REPORT

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

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

20. ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEM (EMCS) SERVICES

21. INSPECTION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, FIRE PUMPS AND BACKFLOW PREVENTERS

Operations - Transportation

22. UPDATED CONTRACT PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT SERVICES - TEMPORARY

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

23. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

24. JULY 2025 PURCHASE REPORT

School Police

25. AMENDMENT TO THE UNIVERSAL PROTECTION SERVICES, LLC CONTRACT

26. MOTOROLA RADIO N70 CONTRACT

Discussion

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

27. APPROVE THE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE THE ACQUISITION OF 8928 PROMINENCE PARKWAY FROM DREAM FINDERS HOMES PROMINENCE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board authorizes the Superintendent to negotiate all necessary documents for the acquisition of 8928 Prominence Parkway, providing a down payment of \$50,000 and a total purchase price not to exceed \$14,000,000.

Vote Results:

Motion: Anthony Ricardo

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

Discussion involved:

Board Member Pearson provided an explanation for pulling the item for discussion:

- Community to be clear that the agenda items being voted on are different from the agenda items discussed at the Agenda Review Committee meeting.
- She shared information from a conversation she had with Dr. Bernier.
- Expressed concerns regarding the sale/purchase of the administration building.

Chairman Joyce shared the following:

- The Audit Advisory Committee members have also raised questions regarding the sale/purchase of the administration building.
- She is looking forward to the Board Workshop, which will be focusing on just the sale/purchase of the administration building.

Board Member Willie expressed the following:

- Appreciation for Board Member Pearson's questions.
- Looking forward to the upcoming Board Workshop.
- Questions to have answered and things to consider: What are the full transition costs? If budget goes over, where would the contingency come from? Look to see what the independent

appraisals say. Employee transportation. Figure out the way of work (hybrid work). Contractual pieces.

- Closing off part of the community if the office is moved far off.

PASSED 6 - 1

Aye:

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

Nay:

Darryl D. Willie

28. APPROVE THE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE THE SALE OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES LOCATED AT 1701 PRUDENTIAL DRIVE.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board authorize the Superintendent to negotiate documents for selling the central administration building at Real Estate Number 080094-0005 and 080096-415 for the amount of \$20,000,000.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

Discussion involved:

Board Member Pearson:

- Encouraged the other board members to take the time to read an email they should have received from a downtown community who has expressed their concerns regarding the sale of the administration building.

Board Member Willie:

- The connection between the two contracts.

Board Member Blount:

- Concerned about the sale of the building, if it is sitting on what is considered prime real estate.

Chairman Joyce:

- Shared information regarding how long the conversation of selling the building has been going on.
- Waiting to see what the appraisals show that will be shared at the Board Workshop.

Board Member Bolduc:

- Spoke with former board members and looked at the property card of the building.

- Board Member Bolduc expressed interest in the history of the admin building and the other DCPS buildings.

Vice-Chairman Carney:

- Spoke about market conditions.
- The current offer is the better of the 10 offers made.

Board Member Blount:

- Made an inquiry whether the district had to go with the market.

Vice-Chairman Carney:

- Shared that the district is not in a sellers' market, but a buyers' market.
- Marking up and waiting for interests' rates to come down, is not going to happen.
- The district cannot continue to cover the costs of the aging building.

Board Member Willie:

- Accessibility.
- DCSB would be the only elected officials who will not be in the downtown area.

Dr. Bernier:

- Questions are excellent, and staff are working on requests.
- Explanation regarding the difference in the timeline.
- The amount of interest rates.
- If the deal for the sale of the administration building falls through, there are 2 additional bids in excess of the purchase price.
- The board is voting for Dr. Bernier to work along with the real estate organization to work through the particulars, nothing is final until the board approves it.

PASSED 6 - 1

Aye:

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

Nay:

Darryl D. Willie

Chief of Staff

29. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 4 BOARD POLICIES

Chairman Joyce shared:

In accordance to FL statute 120.54, policy 4.30 will be adopted 21 days after the vote and will become effective on September 23rd, 2025.

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the recommended revisions to the following policies in School Board Manual Chapter 4: Policy 4.30 Challenged Materials.

Policy 4.30 is proposed to be amended as follows:

- (1) The Chief Academic Officer and a committee appointed by the School Board shall evaluate the complaint or request,
- (2) The committee, known as the Materials Review committee, will be comprised of one parent or community member from each Board Member's respective District. Each school board member will appoint one community member or one parent of a student representing DCPS traditional schools, for a total of two members per board member district. One member will be appointed, and the other will serve as an alternate.
- (3) Additionally, the district may advertise on the homepage of the DCPS website invitations for three additional community stakeholders to serve as voting participants of this committee. If more than three individuals submit their interest to participate, a publicly noticed lottery will be conducted within 10 school days after the public notice for additional community stakeholders has closed,
- (3) Adds that should the District receive a complaint on the basis of "pornography" or "sexual conduct" as defined by Florida Statute, the material must be made unavailable to students at that school within 5 school days and until the objection is resolved, and
- (4) Adds that after the completion by the committee, the Supervisor of Media Services of Instructional Materials, or designee shall submit a signed written report to the Chief Academic Officer and the Superintendent who will present the report with appropriate comments to the School Board for vote, no more than thirty (30) school days after the committee's review. If more than one title is challenged, each title will be reviewed separately in succession order. and
- ~~(5) Adds a parent notification upon receipt and conclusion of a book challenge.~~

Open public hearing.

Eight members of the public spoke during the public hearing. Each person received 3 minutes to speak.

Closed public hearing.

Vote Results:

Motion: Anthony Ricardo

Second: Reginald Blount

Discussion involved:

Board Member Pearson:

- Expression of uncertainty regarding the number of representatives each board member is appointing, and the process.
- Parliamentary questions were posed to Mr. Poole.

Chairman Joyce:

- Has no problem with the language in the policy as is.
- Her appointee has children currently in school.

- Shared the options for the policy as per conversation with Mr. Poole.

Mr. Poole:

- Amendment to the policy.
- Could not respond at present regarding an effective date. Would need to research.
- Suggested to scrap the current item and start over fresh.

Board Member Willie:

- The purpose of the public hearing is to allow the public to react to the policy that is on the agenda. If changed, the public misses the opportunity to react.
- There are not a lot of books to be reviewed right now.
- There is still work that needs to be done to the policy.

Vice-Chairman Carney:

- Agrees that the grammatical content needs to be corrected.
- There should be parents involved on the committee, not a random community member.

Board Member Bolduc:

- The current policy did not capture with complete fidelity what was discussed at the last meeting, more review and revisions are needed.

Board Member Pearson:

- Made the motion: Move to return policy for further work.

Chairman Joyce requested for Mr. Poole to provide the next date the policy could come back for a public hearing.

Mr. Poole would have to research but suggested for the board to vote the item down.

Board Member Pearson shared that during her election, some of her votes were misrepresented and she didn't want anyone else to go through that. She expressed that she wants the vote to be for the policy to be returned for further work.

Motion by Board Member Pearson to amend the recommendation and send it back for further work.
Second: Vice-Chairman Carney.

Discussion:

Vice-Chairman Carney requested clarification about whether they were amending or scrapping the policy. She inquired about which policy the board would be working on.

Mr. Poole stated the board could use the current policy to work on.

Board Member Willie inquired if the clock started back over.

Chairman Joyce stated that they would work on policy, notice policy, and then vote on policy.

OGC wants to defer to Executive Director of Policy and Compliance, Cami Sams.

Dr. Bernier stated that the script does not align with the policy.

Board Member Willie reminded the board members that they mentioned about the committee being too

big (number of committee members).

Motion: To amend to revisit for further work.

Vote:

PASSED 7 - 0

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

30. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 9 BOARD POLICIES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the recommended revisions to Policy 9.30 Use of Facility and Grounds.

Policy 9.30 is proposed to be amended as follows:

- 1. Amended to add that Sections I – VI applies to the rental and or leasing of school facilities, including school buildings and school property, while Section VII establishes the general provisions for procuring rental space at the Schultz Center for Teaching & Leadership.**
- 2. Amended to permit the use of the for-profit entities, as well as not-for-profits and charities, with priority booking established.**
- 3. Amended to add that events which are primarily social in nature such as weddings, receptions, funerals, family reunions and parties, are prohibited at school facilities. However, the Superintendent may approve the use of Board facilities to conduct memorial services that include students or staff or social functions which may have social or educational relevance.**
- 3. Amended to add a section outlining rental/leasing requirements for the Shultz Center for Teaching and Leadership.**
- 4. Amended to add that when requests for the same space are received simultaneously, the Schultz Center will prioritize commercial and for-profit entities, over charitable community events, or DCPS hosted events**
- 5. Amended to include that the Schultz Center requires a 50% non-refundable deposit, along with the remaining balance are due to the District.**
- 6. Amended to add that alcohol is permitted to be served at the Schultz Center by licensed and insured bar providers, with limitations to include the following: (a) the sale of alcohol is not permitted, but tickets and vouchers may be provided to guests ahead of time, (b) Alcohol service shall cease one (1) hour prior to the event's scheduled end time, (c) JSO and/or the District's School Police is required to be present during any event where alcohol will be served.**
- 7. Amended to add the following prohibitions to the Schultz Center, to include: (a) No decorations with open flames, glitter, confetti, or loose sand; (b) no smoking, (c) no firearms, except those in an official capacity, as expressly permitted by Florida law, (d) and only service**

animals are allowed on property.

8. Amended to add that DCPS may waive fees for internal requestors only, and misuse or abuse of this provision may lead to the appropriate leadership team or the Office of Professional Standards for resolution.

Open public hearing.

Four members of the public spoke during the public hearing. Each person received 3 minutes to speak.

Closed public hearing.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

Discussion involved:

Board Member Bolduc:

- Groups that should be charged.
- Hard copy of the request vs. Filatron.
- Designee and food prep.

Dr. Bernier shared:

- The request for Use of Facility and Grounds may be in writing.
- The individual responsible for the organization or the party responsible is included as the member of that organization.
- Health issues special provisions - school event sponsors or vendors who use the school facilities shall notify the local public health unit 3 days prior to a scheduled event involving the sale or preparation of food or beverages.

Board Member Willie:

- Costs per rental.
- Someone who rents on a regular basis (discount).

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

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 8-10, 2025 – Orlando, Florida – 2025 Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) Board of Directors Leadership Development Training and Meeting - CP.**

Discussion involved:

Board Member Pearson shared that this is required travel and that FSBA would be covering the majority of her costs due to the positions she holds with them.

Vote Results:

Motion: Melody A. Bolduc

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

Superintendent's Travel

SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL

Motion:

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

- **September 22-23, 2025, Fernandina, FL - Florida Network of Youth & Family Services Spring Committee Meeting.**

No discussion.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Reginald Blount

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

Motion:

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

- **September 23-24, 2025, Fort Walton Beach, FL - Florida Department of Education State Board of Education Meeting.**

No discussion.

Vote Results:

Motion: Anthony Ricardo

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL

Motion:

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

- **September 24-26, 2025, Orlando, FL - Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) 2025 Fall Leadership Conference.**

No discussion.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cindy Pearson

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

For The Record

Board Member Willie:

- Thanked Ribault Middle School and Principal Dr. Brown for coming to the meeting.
- Thanked the schools for their Back to School visits. - school visits.
- Thanked everyone for attending the ribbon cutting at Jean Ribault High School.
- Paris, Miss Florida, former student of Jean Ribault High School, was recognized as she will be competing in Miss America.
- Congratulated Dr. Patterson, Counselor of the Year.
- Science Festival held by his wife every year at James Weldon Johnson Park. It is called the Galaxy Festival. It is for girls who are lovers of stem.

Board Member Ricardo:

- School visits - Walking and bus passes.
- Read USA Career Development Program.
- Congratulations on the 2 new schools.

Board Member Pearson:

- Thanked the community and media partners, who covered the incident of the three students who were hit by vehicles since school started.
- Thanked the families who had reached out about transportation concerns. Thanked Chief of Information Technology/Operations, Jim Culbert and Director of Transportation, Chayla Ferguson for their assistance.
- Safety Town Hall Meeting with Councilmember Joe Carlucci for District 3.
- Congratulated the district board office staff for earning Florida School Board Association certification.
- Consortium of State School Boards Association (COSSBA) conference in Washington, DC.
- Encouraged parents to support their seniors with healthy coping strategies for managing stress.
- Shared Philippians 2:3-4, and the thoughts that go through her mind when walking: Student pedestrian accidents and traffic issues. The sale and relocation of the Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) Admin building, and LifeWise.

Board Member Blount:

- New wing at Mandarin High School.
- School visits - Be Safe, Be Seen.

- Shout out to the facilities engineering design and construction departments.

Board Member Bolduc:

- Thanked Dr. Bernier and Chief Ramirez for the visit of Dr. Manny (Freedom Writers), at the Back to School Bash.
- Senior year.
- Expressed appreciation for Board Member Pearson.
- Be Safe, Be Seen.
- Shout out to the Transportation Dept., Mr. Culbert and Ops Supervisor, Tishon Gilbert, and team.
- LifeWise.
- Shout out to Mandarin High School ribbon cutting.
- Congratulated Atlantic Coast and Mandarin High Schools for the games.

Vice-Chairman Carney:

- Fletcher High School beat Terry Parker High School.
- Thanked the Mayors of Jacksonville Beach and Neptune Beach, DCPS Chief Short, and Principal Joseph Mckenzie for working on the potential new crosswalk for Fletcher Middle School students at Seagate and 4th Street in Neptune Beach.
- Thanked Mr. Culbert for being involved with Safety and Security.
- Academic Community and Excellence (ACE) meetings for Anchor Academy and Mayport Elementary School families.
- LifeWise.
- Reminded board members that they can use Governance to share information with one another.

Adjournment

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Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cindy Pearson

Second: April A. Carney

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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