



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

October 7, 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. William Spillias, 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

Pastor Phillip Short, Southside United Methodist Church, led the invocation. After the invocation, there was a pause for a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

BE SAFE BE SEEN

Before the Be Safe. Be Seen. Initiative was highlighted; space was given to Board Member Willie to share the purpose of the Board wearing pink and tennis shoes. Board Member Willie shared with everyone that they were wearing pink for breast cancer awareness and tennis shoes for "kick cancer" in dedication to all cancer survivors and those who lost their lives to cancer. He also shared that his mother is a cancer survivor. Chairman Joyce shared appreciation for this moment of recognizing breast cancer awareness.

Chairman Joyce highlighted The Be Safe. Be Seen. Initiative sharing that the Board Members signed

the banner prior to the meeting, but all staff were invited to sign the banner. Everyone was made aware of the available safety pledge and invited to sign one in demonstration of their commitment to safer streets. The Board Members signed their pledges on the diocese. The following were shared:

- This is a multi-tiered effort designed to keep our students, families, and community safe.
- Education for students. Helping students learn safe pedestrian and bicycle practices in grades K-12.
- Awareness of families and the community. Raising visibility and building a culture of safety across Jacksonville.
- Shared responsibility. Everyone is responsible for safety and plays a role in keeping the roads safe.
- Each school received a banner to display, and all students, staff and community members were invited to sign it.

FRANK H. PETERSON HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Principal Jessica Mastromatto, Frank H. Peterson High School, shared highlights on the incredible work at the school, including her appreciation for the opportunity to highlight the school. The following was shared about Frank H. Peterson in a video presentation:

- The place where students can activate their careers.
- The mission and vision.
- Dedicated magnet school.
- Peterson is a strong "B" school, maintaining a consistent graduation rate.
- Student life at the school.

Chairman Joyce shared her Frank H. experience, then Board Member Blount shared his appreciation for Principal Mastromatto accepting the invite to highlight the school and his appreciation for the wonderful presentation.

Communications

I'M A STAR FOUNDATION CHECK PRESENTATION

Vickie Gutierrez, Strategic Communications Coordinator, led our recognitions/presentations and awards for the evening. The following were shared:

The I'm A Star Foundation, a Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) long-time partner, presented a \$40,000 check to the School Board. The I'm A Star Foundation raises funds for unhoused students and has been a district partner since 2010. The following Star Leaders spoke on the importance of the partnership:

- Raegan Lee.
- Jhi'Nema Philyaw.
- Myles McLaughlin.

Appreciation was shared for the foundation's generous donation as well as all the sponsors, donators, Superintendent Bernier, and Team DCPS. Celebrity basketball players, cheerleaders, and Councilman Johnson joined the students as they were photographed. Ms. Betty Burney, Founder and Executive Director of the I'm A Star Foundation, also joined the students as they were photographed, sharing with everyone that they are going to do whatever they can to ensure every student thrives.

MAYPORT COASTAL SCIENCES MIDDLE ROBOTICS CHAMPIONS

The Mayport Sharks Robotics Club was recognized and congratulated for their amazing accomplishments. The club consisted of a group of students who design, build, and test underwater robots, also known as remotely operated vehicles (ROV) were recognized for making a huge splash on the international STEM scene. Over the past 8 years, the club has been a top performing program, winning over 50 trophies against teams from around the world. This past June, the club achieved excellence at the Seaperch international competition at the University of Maryland by winning numerous awards against 175 teams from around the world, to include an Overall Championship prize. Three teams of students competed, such as the 8th grade team (Stingrays), who won 1st place Overall Open Class, 1st place Mission Course-Open, and 2nd place Obstacle Course-Open. The students on the 8th grade team included the following:

- Amelia Domondon.
- Asher Simon.
- Cooper Caraway.
- Daniel Shelton.
- Darrell Shelton.
- Fazal Rehman.
- Raphael Ruiz.

The 7th grade team, or the Anglerfish, earned 2nd place Tech Report - Open: and 4th place Overall-Open. The students on the 7th grade team included the following:

- Emily Olson.
- Gabriel Epps.
- Logan Schmucker.
- Owen Collins.
- Noah Smith.

The 6th grade team, the Flying Fish, earned 1st place Obstacle Course - Middle School Stock: and 2nd Place Tech Report - Middle School Stock. The students on the 6th grade team included the following:

- Aiden Moland.
- Alisha Patel.
- Carly Dockins.
- Ethyn Dills.
- Tenatda Souraphol.

Additionally, recent alumni – now 9th and 10th graders – collected water samples from their community and analyzed the samples with the help of UNF's Biology department. They recently traveled to Los Angeles to present their research results at a global summit and will travel in December to New Orleans to participate in a conference.

RECOGNIZING CERTIFIED SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

Three Team Duval staff members were recognized for the vital role they play in the district, and for the school board. The staff members were recognized and congratulated for reaching a remarkable benchmark as they took steps to enhance their skillset and knowledge as support professionals. Through Florida School Boards Association's Certified Support Professional, or CSP, program that aims to elevate the competence and professionalism of school board staff, staff members had to earn 12 training points to become certified by attending mandated training, completing electives, and completing

CSP forms. The following staff members were commended for taking important steps in their professional journey:

- Gail Collins.
- Connie Ricks-Henley.
- Monica Adams.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2025, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the October 7, 2025, agenda as submitted on September 30, 2025, with the following changes:

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2025, AGENDA:

- APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2025 AGENDA - Item Amended

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES - STAFFING

- HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS - Attachment Updated

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Item Amended

DISCUSSION:

OPERATIONS - REAL ESTATE, PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING

- APPROVE THE SALE OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE LOCATED AT 1701 PRUDENTIAL DRIVE TO SMLPC, LLC - Item Reordered
- APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8928 PROMINENCE PARKWAY, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32256 FROM DFH PROMINENCE LP - Item Reordered

BOARD TRAVEL

- BOARD TRAVEL - Item Amended

Vote Results:

Motion: Melody A. Bolduc

Second: April A. Carney

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

Chairperson's Report

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairman Charlotte D. Joyce, Board Chairman, shared a PowerPoint presentation (see attached) with everyone on Career and Technical Education (CTE). The presentation included the following:

- Human Services, Hospitality and Tourism programs give students hands-on training.
- Students learn valuable technical skills, business knowledge and customer service.
- Learned crafts such as hairstyling, skincare, cooking and restaurant management.
- The programs help to build students' leadership, teamwork, and entrepreneurship skills.
- The academies help students graduate ready for success in the workforce or advanced training.
- Eight (8) high schools offer opportunities within career clusters.
- The programs offer several industry certifications to prepare students for real-world work.
- Human Services, Hospitality and Tourism Opportunities and Partnerships.
- Upcoming dates and items of interest.
- Pictures of CTE students utilizing actual equipment and technology in classroom labs.
- QR code to the Duval County Public School CTE website.
- A reminder to grab a CTE brochure from the lobby.

The report concluded by encouraging the public to use our culinary programs and students sharing their experiences at Frank H. Peterson and why they chose the program.

Superintendent's Reports

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bernier began his report by encouraging everyone, emphasis on males, to take their health seriously. After which he shared a PowerPoint presentation with everyone on the following:

- Principal's meetings.
- 4 schools were highlighted for perfect attendance.
- September recap.
- Dedication of the new Amp theater.
- Recognition of the new Hispanic essay winners.
- Another student death.
- Appreciation to the school police.
- New agriculture center at Frank H. Peterson.
- Two proposals submitted to support civics education awarded by the federal government.
- Social Security numbers were removed from student records.
- Use of student numbers.
- A 2008 Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) student was recognized as one of the 100 most influential.

- Englewood Reserved Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) performed at the Jaguars game on October 6, 2025.
- Thanked the Board for their diligence regarding the sale of the building.
- Acknowledgment of the temporary reassignment due to the social media posts was shared and the board policy pertaining to the situation was read. Dr. Bernier also assured the members of the public that the district is working as quickly as possible to resolve the issues.
- An improved School Expo is returning to the district.
- DCPS students do amazing work.

Department Reports

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

None.

Comments from Elected Officials

None.

Public Comment

76 members of the public signed up to speak, and 15 members of the public waived their speaking time. The members of the public that signed up to speak were given 1 minute each.

Comments from Parent Organizations

The following were allotted seven (7) minutes each to speak during this time:

- Jennifer Gubat, Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

Comments from District Student Government Association

None.

Comments from Employee Organizations

The following was given 7 minutes to speak during this time:

- Jessica Reyst, Executive Vice-President, Duval Teachers United (DTU).
- David Bryant, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

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

- September 2, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
- September 3, 2025, Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting
- September 3, 2025, Special Board Meeting - Shade Meeting - REVISED
- September 5, 2025, Facility Naming Committee Meeting - REVISED
- September 11, 2025, Special Board Meeting - Budget - REVISED
- September 16, 2025, Agenda Committee Meeting
- September 16, 2025, Board Workshop
- September 17, 2025, Special Board Meeting - Student Expulsion
- September 17, 2025, Board Workshop
- September 24, 2025, Policy Handbook Review Committee Meeting - REVISED
- October 1, 2025, Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

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: 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

Dr. Bernier introduced the new appointees as follows:

- Jerrime Shells, Assistant Principal, Pinedale Elementary.
- Terri Webb, Executive Director, Facilities Major Projects.
- Deborah Kootsouradis, Assistant Principal, Darnell Cookman Middle/High School.
- Norman Ritz, Assistant Principal, San Jose Elementary.

Consent Agenda**Board Members**

1. APPROVAL OF THE 2026 DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Academic Services

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH AMIRA LEARNING FOR AMIRA TUTORING
3. APPROVAL PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CATALOG
4. APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 AGREEMENT WITH IMAGINE LEARNING, LLC.
5. APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 AGREEMENT WITH JACKSONVILLE SPORTS MEDICINE PROGRAM
6. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH EPISCOPAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES, INC.
7. APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS
8. APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 AGREEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL SOFTWARE SERVICES WITH BRANCHING MINDS

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

9. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH ACCELERATION ACADEMIES, LLC.

Human Resource Services - Staffing

10. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS

11. APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHERS

12. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – SUPERVISOR, FLEET AND MOVE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Human Resource Services - Compensation

13. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING FOR REFERENDUM PAY – 2025-2026

Human Resource Services - Labor Relations

14. SETTLEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 630, LIUNA, AFL-CIO

15. SETTLEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' LOCAL 630, LIUNA, AFL-CIO, FOR HEALTH SERVICES

16. SETTLEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, JACKSONVILLE CONSOLIDATED LODGE NO. 5-30

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

17. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY - ALICE DAVIS

18. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY - JOSEPH DIAZ

19. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY - GEORGE HAAKE

20. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY – RYAN HAHN

21. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY – EBONY VALENTINE

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

22. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS - AUGUST 2025

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

23. DECLARE KINGS TRAIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 203, LOCATED AT 7401 OLD KINGS ROAD SOUTH, AS SURPLUS PROPERTY UNSUITABLE AND UNNECESSARY FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

24. DECLARE R.V. DANIELS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 162, LOCATED AT 1951 WEST 15TH STREET, AS SURPLUS PROPERTY UNSUITABLE AND UNNECESSARY FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

25. DECLARE SUSIE E. TOLBERT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 128, LOCATED AT 1925 WEST 13TH STREET, AS SURPLUS PROPERTY UNSUITABLE AND UNNECESSARY FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

26. DECLARE ANNIE R. MORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 21, LOCATED AT 964 ST. CLAIR STREET, AS SURPLUS PROPERTY UNSUITABLE AND UNNECESSARY FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

27. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

28. CHANGE ORDER REPORT

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

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

Operations - Transportation

31. INSTALLATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL BUS STOP ARM CAMERA VIOLATION PROGRAM

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

32. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

33. ADULT MEAL PRICE INCREASE FOR DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

34. AUGUST 2025 PURCHASE REPORT

School Police

35. COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED OPENGATE WEAPONS DETECTION SYSTEM

Chief of Staff

36. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – TC v. DCSB

37. APPROVAL OF THE NAME OF DUNCAN U. FLETCHER HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD

Discussion

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

38. APPROVE THE SALE OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE LOCATED AT 1701 PRUDENTIAL DRIVE TO SMLPC, LLC

Motion:

Approval for Board Chair or Vice Chair and Superintendent to execute Purchase and Sale Agreement ("PSA") to sell the real property and central administration building located at 1701 Prudential Drive (R.E. Nos: 080094-0005 & 080096-0415) (the "Property") to SMLPC, LLC, and to execute any documents, including deeds, leases, loan documents, and closing documents, required to consummate the sale of the Property to SMLPC, LLC pursuant to the terms of the PSA, subject to prior review and form approval by the Office of General Counsel.

Vote Results:

Motion: Reginald Blount

Second: Anthony Ricardo

Discussion:

Board Member Pearson expressed appreciation to the staff and contractual realty group for the work done on this item. She also expressed appreciation for the community's feedback, but she doesn't think the deal makes sense for DCPS. Concerns were shared regarding the structure of the contract for the sale of the Prudential Drive property and the Prominence property, such as the split nature of the payment, the closing date, the price for the Prominence building and furniture. She continued sharing her concerns regarding having meetings at the Schultz Center, the closing dates for each building, clarity on staff assignments and just feels the deal is risky and more than she is willing to vote on with taxpayers' money.

Board Member Bolduc expressed concerns about the project as well, sharing that the Board has received a lot of advice from the Chief of Operations, but she is still concerned regarding the renovations exceeding the cost. She continued sharing that the new building will make employees feel more valued, as she has toured the current admin building, and has seen how employees are doing different things in their workspaces to beautify it. She also shared her personal experience of working in other DCPS buildings and believes that the District Office should be updated just as schools are being

updated. Other concerns shared regarding the sale included concerns about the twenty-million-dollar deal, owning two properties at one time, and the other deal offered to the district.

Vice-Chairman Carney thanked her fellow board members for their comments and then shared her concerns regarding the offers that were not presented to the Board. In addition to that, she shared that it is important for the Board to consider the future of Jacksonville, what will be placed on the property, the tax implications for what will be built on the Prudential property, as well as how much money will be put back into Jacksonville's economy. She also shared that the Board should have a say regarding what is placed on the property, and she does not feel that putting a retirement community on this property is in the best interest of Jacksonville. She continued sharing that she does not agree with the twenty-million-dollar deal and feels the deal is dangerous. She feels the Board should be afforded the opportunity to see the other offers and suggested that the offer be tabled.

Dan O'Berski, owner and broker at Trinity Commercial Group, presented information on offers that were compared based upon financials and stability and shared the potential risk of a failed transaction. He shared with the Board that he was tasked with considering all assets and shared the components of the process procedure as well as the market process. The board was informed that if the approach is changed, then it raises questions about whether the deal will be done later.

Vice-Chairman Carney shared she wished the Board would have the opportunity to see all the products presented, so the Board would have had an option to see all the offers, as she felt this put the board at a disadvantage by not seeing all the offers in order to make the right decision not just for the district but for the city as well.

Chairman Joyce shared the value of being on the river and said that the Board has a duty and financial obligation to make the right deal. She continued, sharing that she does not feel all the options have been exhausted. She also shared strong feelings concerning the Audit Advisory Committee (AAC) not getting the chance to discuss this, so she inquired about the opportunity to present this to the AAC so they could discuss it, if the item is tabled to the next meeting.

Board Member Blount shared that the Prudential property is undervalued, and he is concerned about the traffic and location of the Prominence building as there will be townhomes built in the Prominence Parkway area. He shared concerns surrounding other options discussed with Mr. O'Berski that were not feasible. Board Member Blount shared that he wants to ensure that the district gets the best offer for the property. Therefore, he has concerns regarding the financial offer, and he is not comfortable with where the district is now and feels there should be more discussion surrounding this item and thinks the Board should look at the deal more carefully.

Board Member Willie opposes the move due to proximity and expressed appreciation for the work done on this item. He inquired about what happens if the board delays, how the process will be controlled, regarding the price and cut off. Dr. Bernier chimed in explaining the process to the Board, including that the deals that did not come before the Board were because they were low offers. As it relates to the technicalities, if the Board delays, the Prominence building will not have a tenant, resulting in the building being repositioned, which would eliminate the kitchen, and the furniture will be moved as well.

Board Member Pearson feels that this is not the right property for the district and suggested the Board vote up or down and not table this item to avoid damaging integrity.

Vice-Chairman Carney is not comfortable and felt as if the Board was being pressured to make a decision.

Dr. Bernier shared with the Board that he did not ask Mr. O'Berski to speak with the Board to put pressure on them. Mr. O'Berski shared more details to provide clarity to the Board.

Board Member Willie shared that whatever the Board decides, the next process is going to be different, and the Board needs to be careful about how they move as it will determine the rules of engagement moving forward. Mr. O'Berski was questioned about determining the surest outcome without knowing the market.

Board Member Bolduc shared that she had not received a lot of good feedback from the constituents, and if the item needs to be voted down to start fresh, then it should be voted down so that the district can get the right deal.

Mr. O'Berski inquired about the intent of the transaction, the number one goal of the sale, and the things to be considered in the closing price.

An inquiry was made regarding the difference in the closing dates as well as the difference in closing on a property for move-in and a demo property.

Vice-Chairman Carney shared her struggle is regarding the offers on the Prudential property.

Chairman Joyce suggested tabling the item until November to give the Board more time to ask questions and let the AAC review it.

Mr. O'Berski shared he did not have clarity on the Board's priorities.

Board Member Pearson shared that she was not okay discussing an offer that came in via email and suggested if it is to be considered, then the process should be opened up again, resulting in the current item being voted down.

FAILED - 0-7

Aye:

None

Nay:

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

39. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8928 PROMINENCE PARKWAY, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32256 FROM DFH PROMINENCE LP

Motion:

Approval for the Board Chair or Vice Chair and Superintendent to execute a Purchase and Sale

Agreement("PSA") to purchase real property, improvements, and certain personal property located at 87928 Prominence Parkway (the "Property") from DFH Prominence LP. Staff and Office General Counsel have approved the PSA and certain property information materials to include Phase 1 environmental report, survey, and title commitment.

That Duval County School Board authorize the Chair or Vice Chair and the Superintendent to execute the PSA and any documents necessary to consummate the purchase of the Property, subject to prior review and form approval by the Office of General Counsel, and to proceed with the purchase and final acquisition of the Property, including making any final payments and deposits required under the PSA, subject to satisfactory completion of due diligence.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cindy Pearson

Second: April A. Carney

Discussion:

Board Member Pearson shared this item should be a simple up or down vote.

Vice-Chairman Carney asked Mr. O'Berski if he could go back to Dream Finders to renegotiate. Dr. Bernier shared the best option would be to vote the item up or down. Negotiations can still take place even if the Board votes the item up or down.

FAILED - 0-7

Aye:

None

Nay:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

Darryl D. Willie

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 22–26, 2025 – Philadelphia, PA – Council of the Great City Schools (CGCS) 69th Annual Fall Conference - DW.**

Vote Results:

Motion: Melody A. Bolduc

Second: Reginald Blount

Discussion:

None.

PASSED - 6-1

Aye:

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

Charlotte D. Joyce

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

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Anthony Ricardo

Discussion:

Board Member Pearson spoke regarding this item. However, her travel was approved during the September Regular Board Meeting. Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) took care of most of her expenses because she is an executive member.

Note: Board Member Bolduc was placed on the agenda for approval to attend as she is the FSBA Advocacy Committee Representative.

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson
Anthony Ricardo
Darryl 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:

- **December 2–5, 2025 – Tampa Bay, Florida – Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) / Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) 80th Annual Joint Conference — CP, AC, AR, CP CJ, and MB.**

Vote Results:

Motion: Cindy Pearson

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

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

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 16, 2025 – Jacksonville, Florida – Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida - 2025 Nonprofit Works Conference — CP.**

Vote Results:

Motion: Melody A. Bolduc

Second: Darryl D. Willie

Discussion:

Board Member Pearson shared with the Board that this conference is beneficial in building knowledge on foundations, since the Board desires to launch a foundation.

Chairman Joyce inquired about the cost of the conference in which it was determined that the cost is \$250.00 for the conference registration.

A hand vote was taken due to technical difficulties.

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:

- **October 8, 2025, Tallahassee, Florida — Superintendent and School Board Members Meetings with Duval Delegation at the State Capitol.**

Vote Results:

Motion: Reginald Blount

Second: April A. Carney

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

For The Record

Board Member Willie shared the following:

- Appreciation expressed to everyone for recognition of breast cancer awareness.
- Recognition of Raines for their win.
- Student safety awareness.

Board member Ricardo shared the following:

- Travel report for the Consortium of State School Boards Association (COSSBA) conference attended, which included Artificial Intelligence (AI) use and teaching, as well as advocating for federal policy.
- Special thanks to Board Member Pearson for being an excellent guide in Washington, D.C.
- Attendance at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Frank H. Peterson's wonderful facility.
- Shout out to the FFA Club.
- Increased student attendance.
- ACE Impact Review meetings at R.L. Brown.
- Community concerns were heard.
- Student round table at Stanton and the incredible amount of communication.

Board Member Pearson shared the following:

- Shout out to Englewood Color Guard for being at the Jags game.
- Jags Foundation partnership with the district.
- Hispanic Heritage Luncheon.
- COSSBA travel report.
- Civics grant received.
- Upcoming travel.
- Be Safe. Be Seen. Initiative will be on the legislative agenda.
- School visit reports.
- Students are rising above.

Board Member Blount shared the following:

- Consolidation impacts.
- Appreciation expressed to Mr. Wright for a job well done with consolidation discussions.
- Appreciation shared for Dr. Bernier and the staff for the work done.
- School visit updates.
- Acknowledged some things said by the public during the meeting were not true and encouraged the public to please contact the board members to discuss anything that needed to be discussed.

Board Member Bolduc shared the following:

- Travel update.
- Ribbon cutting update.
- Board discussions on a lot of heavy subjects.
- Conversations are not easy.
- Allow the district to do what they need to do based upon policy regarding teacher discipline.
- Appreciation shared for Mr. Leon Baxton, CEO of Communities In Schools of Jacksonville, and the Communities In Schools partnership with the district.
- Be Safe. Be Seen. Initiative.
- Upcoming City Council meeting.
- Safety complaints received.
- Acknowledged the principal messages from Mandarin High regarding safety.
- Pleaded with everyone to be mindful of student pedestrians and for the public to come out to talk with city leaders on November 6, 2025.

Vice-Chairman Carney shared the following:

- One student's life loss is one too many.
- An email from a DCPS parent who could not attend the meeting was read to everyone.
- Since she became a board member, she has taken every phone call, responded to every email, had lunch and dinner with constituents to extend her hand to assist, but DCPS is still losing students.
- A better example needs to be set within the country.
- Traveling to Tallahassee to fight for DCPS students and asked that the public join her in fighting for what is right.

Chairman Joyce shared the following:

- Reflections from Charlie Kirk's memorial led to the question of what we are doing and what are we coming to.
- The idea behind wearing pink shirts.
- The reason why she chose "this is the turning point" to wear on the pink shirts.
- Things need to change.
- Encouraged everyone to try to be better humans.

Adjournment

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Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cindy Pearson

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

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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