Meeting Minutes

Duval County Public Schools

October 21, 2025, Board Workshop

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. *Board Member Darryl Willie left the meeting at 1:15 p.m.*

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. QUARTERLY SAFETY & SECURITY UPDATE

Derrick Lewis, School Safety Specialist, School Safety & Threat Management, presented a PowerPoint presentation 2025-2026 Shool Security Risk Assessment Findings (see attached). Dr. Christopher Bernier, Jackson Short, Chief of Police, and Jim Culbert, Chief Operating Officer, joined in the discussion on the following:

- School Security Risk Assessment Requirement.
- An explanation of the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT) was given and its requirements.
- The School Security Risk Assessment 2025-2026 Aggregate Report Summary was explained. It consists of 10 parts and comprises approximately 600 questions for each of the 188 schools that were completed.
- Security Evaluation Assessment Overview was explained.
- FortyFL requirements were explained and met.
- The Active Assailant response plan annual training was completed for all 188 schools.
- Reunification plan/procedure requirements were met.
- Designated safest areas.
- Final Notes-Recommendations and progress of items were explained.

The meeting was recessed at 9:21 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:51 p.m.

2. POLICY 4.30 UPDATE

Dr. Bernier, Cami Sams, Executive Director, Policy & Compliance, and William Spillias, Office of General Counsel joined in the discussion on the following:

- Term of Service.
- Florida State Statutes 847.012, 847.0012(7), 847.012(19) were discussed.
- A request to change "will" to "may appoint" replacement in section E2.
- Concerns were expressed by Dr. Bernier regarding the number of people he appoints and the possibility of it putting him at odds with members of the Board.
- Board Members representatives (1 per district) – voting members, 1 media specialist - nonvoting member, 1- district administrator – nonvoting, will comprise the Material Review Committee.
- District Administrator will be responsible for removing materials under review.

3. SALE/PURCHASE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING UPDATE

Dan O'berski, Partner/Managing Member, Trinity Commercial Group, presented a PowerPoint presentation (see attached) Sale/Purchase of District Admin Building. Dr. Bernier, Michael Ramierz, Chief of Staff and Jim Culbert, Chief Operating Officer, joined Mr. O'berski in the discussion on the following:

- An update of events since the last Regular Board Meeting was given.
- As of 8:55 am today, Fleet Landing has withdrawn their offer.
- Identifying Key Factors was explained.
- Comparison of terms of Chase Properties' offer. (Fleet Landing offer withdrawn).
- Comparison of properties between the current facility, Prominence Parkway and Suddath. Suddath has a height limit of 6'6" in parking garage and possible ADA compliance issues.
- Action Items — next steps.
- Downtown Improvement Authority meetings. Mr. O'berski stated he has met with them, and they have not offered any incentives.
- A request to tour the Suddath building by Board Members. It was also requested that the Board Members contact Dr. Bernier individually once the tour is completed, to advise on their preference.
- Why the Suddath building was not given prior consideration was explained. It was also stated this is a new offer that was submitted.
- A timeline of a potential sale/purchase was explained. Appreciation of the timing of additional days to take place so as loans/security would not be required.
- Finalize the proposed agreement and be ready for a vote on November 4, 2025.
- Deposit requirements were explained.
- Cost savings with Prominence Parkway were explained.
- A request to have a contractor give a rough estimate for the installation of a Board Room at both properties.
- The Schultz Center will be used as a temporary location. It also has full broadcast capabilities.

4. GOVERNANCE

The following items were discussed:

- Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) hotel accommodation for the upcoming conference.

- Comments at the recent City Council Meeting.
- Upcoming Duval Delegation Meeting.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:
That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Vote Results:
Motion: April A. Carney
Second: Anthony Ricardo

PASSED: 6 - 0

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

Nay:
None

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Superintendent	Chairman