



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

November 4, 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 6:01 p.m.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

Invocation provided by:

- Pastor Seth Fisher of Trinity Baptist Church.

Thought of the Day:

- Myles Rukttencutter, sophomore of Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies.
- Lukas Howland, senior of Stanton College Preparatory - Moderator for Student Roundtable Initiative
- Garrett Lawrence, senior of Stanton College Preparatory - Moderator for Student Roundtable Initiative

Recognition was given to LaVilla School of the Arts Chamber Orchestra for their selection to perform at the 2026 American String Teachers Association's National Orchestra Festival in San Francisco in February.

This is one of the most prestigious performance opportunities in the country, and LaVilla's Chamber Orchestra was chosen through a highly competitive national audition process.

Directors, Mrs. Carol Maynard and Mrs. Yelena Dumais, were acknowledged for their work.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT MONTH PROCLAMATION

The proclamation by the School Board of Duval County, Florida for Family Engagement in Education Month 2025 was read during the meeting.

Specialist Christina Perez was present as a representative for Family Engagement.

JOSEPH STILWELL MILITARY ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Tamara Roper, Principal of Joseph Stilwell Military Academy of Leadership School, used a video to share the programs at the school.

Chairman Joyce requested Principal Roper to share her experience about going to China. Principal Roper shared about why China honoring General Joseph Stillwell. China was looking for someone in the United States who honored General Stillwell and came across the school. They paid for Principal Roper to go to China, and she has now partnered with one of the elementary schools in order to do some things together. One of Principal Roper's West Point classmates had also provided her with funds to buy every one of her students a small gift from China.

Chairman Joyce shared her experiences at Stilwell as a former student, being a former teacher and her mother was a paraprofessional at the school as well. She shared additional accolades about the school and the work that is being done.

Communications

PARTNER RECOGNITION: FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Here in Team Duval, partners are pivotal to the success of our students and schools. Recognition was given to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and its role in supporting the All-Pro Dad program in our schools.

- All Pro Dad empowers fathers and male role models to spend quality time with their children.
- The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice has partnered with our after-school programs to support this initiative.
- Thanks to a generous \$30,000 donation, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has facilitated the establishment of 60 All Pro Dad chapters across the district.
- This not only enhances our school communities more positive male role models, but it also aligns with the DJJ's mission to build a stronger, safer Florida.
- Joining us this evening from the Florida DJJ are Deputy Director Lakisha Eustay and Regional Coordinator Johnnie Pennick.
- Also, from the district was After School Programs Director Darrin Williams and Executive Director of Student Discipline and Support Services Dr. Anna Dewese.

PREMIO LIDERAZGO EN EDUCACION (EDUCATOR LEADERSHIP AWARD): MARLENY CHIRINO

Principal Marleny Chirino of Englewood High School was awarded the Educator Leadership Award at the City of Jacksonville's Unidos Jax Dinner.

- Principal Chirino began her career in education by teaching high school Language Arts.
- For the last twelve years, she has served as a Supervisor and School Administrator.
- Ten of those years have been spent at Englewood High School, as Assistant Principal, and now as the principal.
- Under her leadership, Englewood High School earned a "B" for the first time in over 11 years.
- The school also continues to increase its graduation rate, which includes many first-generation graduates, much like herself and her brother.
- Principal Chirino is immensely grateful to the students and staff at Englewood who constantly ignite her passion to lead, love, and serve with heart and balance.
- She is also the proud daughter of two Cuban immigrant parents whose unconditional love and sacrifice allowed her to dream and become who she is today.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH ESSAY WINNERS

Three honorees were named winners of the Hispanic Heritage Essay Contest hosted by the district's Department for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

These students were asked to write about local Hispanic leaders who have made an impact in the Northeast Florida Community.

Elementary school winner, Nathalie Ann Raices of Beauclerc Elementary.

- She wrote about Senora Vanessa López, a teacher at Beauclerc Elementary.
- In her essay, she described a phenomenal teacher of Colombian descent with a commitment to STEM, building leadership skills, and a love for community service.
- Nathalie is joined by Assistant Principal Tobi Brandon.

Middle school winner is Tania Diaz Paredes of Southside Middle School.

- She wrote about Dr. Norberto Benitez, one of the most successful pediatric providers in Jacksonville.
- He is said to have founded the nation's first-ever 24/7 pediatric practice and facilitates medical missions overseas.
- Tania is joined by Principal Talya Taylor.

High school winner is Andrea Navarro of Riverside High School.

- She could not make it this evening, but her Principal, Chris Koek, is here in her place.
- Her essay is about Jacksonville City Councilman Raul E. Arias Junior.
- She wrote about his work to support and grow the community he serves, as well as efforts to rebuild infrastructure, grow small businesses, and ensure public safety.

Ingrid Carias, Director of ESOL, World Languages, and Dual Language joined for the acknowledgement.

MISS FLORIDA 2025 - PARIS RICHARDSON

Recognition of Paris Richardson as the reigning Miss Florida, and most recently as the second runner-up in the Miss America Pageant.

- 2020 graduate of Jean Ribault High School!

- Paris Richardson says her time as a Trojan has prepared her for success in college, career, and competing in pageants. This includes being a varsity cheerleader, starting a health club with her peers, and serving as Miss Ribault.
- This May, Paris graduated from the University of Florida with a Master of Health Administration.
- She is the founder of CROWN of Health, which stands for Community, Research, Outreach, Wellness, and Nutrition and regularly advocates for health and wellness in all communities.
- Paris also works in medical device sales with the hopes of one day becoming the CEO of a hospital.
- No matter where life takes her, Paris says she will always call Ribault “home.”
- She says she can always count on the steadfast support of the school community and is grateful for the educators and leaders who encouraged her every step of the way.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the November 4, 2025, agenda as submitted on October 28, 2025 with the following changes:

RECOGNITIONS - BOARD MEMBERS:

- **FAMILY ENGAGEMENT MONTH PROCLAMATION - ATTACHEMENT ADDED**
- **JOSEPH STILWELL MILITARY ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP SCHOOL PRESENTATION - ITEM AMENDED**

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **PREMIO LIDERAZGO EN EDUCACION (EDUCATOR LEADERSHIP AWARD): MARLENY CHIRINO - ITEM AMENDED**

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025, AGENDA:

- **APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025, AGENDA - ITEM AMENDED**
- **MISS FLORIDA 2025 - PARIS RICHARDSON - ITEM ADDED**

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES - STAFFING

- **HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS - ATTACHMENT UPDATED**

DISCUSSION

BOARD MEMBERS

- **APPROVE THE SALE OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE LOCATED AT 1701 PRUDENTIAL DRIVE TO CHASE PROPERTIES, INC. – PULLED FOR DISCUSSION - PEARSON**
- **APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8928 PROMINENCE PARKWAY, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32256 FROM DFH PROMINENCE LP - PULLED FOR DISCUSSION - PEARSON**

Vote Results:

Motion: Melody A. Bolduc

Second: April A. Carney

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Chairman Joyce shared information about the Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs:

- Government and Public Administration.
- Law, Public Safety and Security.
- The CTE programs that are offered at certain high schools.
- Opportunities and partnerships.
- Two students from A. Philip Randolph Career Academy were invited to share how the CTE programs have helped them: Rashad Brewster and Jet Milee Rosa Perez.
- Jill Fierle, Director of CTE, was thanked for her services with the CTE programs.
- The Duval Delegation visited First Coast High School to view the CTE program at the school.
- Upcoming Dates and Items of Interest.

Chairman Joyce expressed thanks for being able to serve as the Chair and working with the current Board.

Superintendent's Reports

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Bernier shared the following:

- October recap.
- The parent/community created a Bike Bus at Hendricks Avenue Elementary School.
- 2nd Annual CTE Career Academy Showcase at University of North Florida.
- Band competition at Fletcher High School.
- Health and Wellness Awareness.
- Community Meeting - Baldwin Middle/High School.
- Sale/Purchase of district building.

- School Enrollment Expo at Prime Osborn Convention Center.

Dr. Bernier shared that the district will be continuing with magnet transportation.

Department Reports

No reports.

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

No report.

Comments from Elected Officials

District 5 City Councilman, Joe Carlucci during public comment.

Public Comment

44 members of the public signed up to speak, and 27 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

No comments.

Comments from District Student Government Association

No comments.

Comments from Employee Organizations

Tammie Brooks-Evans, President, D

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

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

- **October 1, 2025, Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting**
- **October 7, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**
- **October 17, 2025, Facility Naming Committee Meeting**
- **October 21, 2025, Agenda Committee Meeting**
- **October 21, 2025, Board Workshop**

- **October 23, 2025, Duval County School Board Joint Meeting with Baldwin and Beaches Mayors**

Vote Results:

Motion: Reginald Blount

Second: Anthony Ricardo

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

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

Consent Agenda

Board Members

1. 2025-2026 SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION INSTRUMENT
2. IBA & INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL PLAN 2025-2026

Human Resource Services - Staffing

3. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS
4. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BUDGET SERVICES
5. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – COORDINATOR, BUDGET SERVICES
6. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – VARIOUS POSITIONS IN FINANCE, PAYROLL, AND BUSINESS SERVICES
7. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - DIRECTOR, CONSOLIDATED SERVICES CENTER

Human Resource Services - Compensation

8. SETTLEMENT WITH THE DUVAL TEACHERS UNITED (DTU) FOR THE 2025-2027 TEACHER CONTRACT
9. SETTLEMENT WITH THE DUVAL TEACHERS UNITED (DTU) FOR THE 2025-2026 PARAPROFESSIONALS CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS
10. SETTLEMENT WITH THE DUVAL TEACHERS UNITED (DTU) FOR THE 2025-2026 UNITED OFFICE PERSONNEL OF DUVAL (UOPD) CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

11. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS — SEPTEMBER 2025
12. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - AUGUST 2025

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

13. CASTALDI ANALYSIS OF BUILDINGS FIVE AND SIX FOR THE FORMER MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 220 FOR FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

14. DECLARE THE VACANT RESIDENTIAL PARCEL LOT ONE, BLOCK TWELVE, SHADYSIDE LOCATED ADJACENT TO LONDON MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 31, AS SURPLUS PROPERTY UNSUITABLE AND UNNECESSARY FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

15. CHANGE ORDER REPORT

16. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

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

18. CONTINUING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING SERVICES ON AN ANNUAL BASIS: SELECTION AND CONTRACT AWARD/RFQ NO. 03-26/DB

19. SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN 2025/2026 - 2029/2030

20. AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT CONTRACT – NEW K-5 PROTOTYPE AT SOUTHSIDE ESTATES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #76 - RFQ NO. 06-22/TW

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

21. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

22. SEPTEMBER 2025 PURCHASE REPORT

Chief of Staff

23. DIGITAL MEDIA SERVICES: CONTRACT AWARD

24. APPROVAL OF THE NAME OF MATTHEW W. GILBERT MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

Discussion

Board Members

25. APPROVE THE SALE OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE LOCATED AT 1701 PRUDENTIAL DRIVE TO CHASE PROPERTIES, INC.

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 Chase Properties, INC, and to execute any documents, including deeds, leases, loan documents, and closing documents, required to consummate the sale of the Property to Chase Properties, INC pursuant to the terms of the PSA, subject to prior review and form approval by Staff and the Office of General Counsel.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Reginald Blount

Discussion involved:

- Comments made about Item #29 and Item #30.
- Prominence Parkway item:
 - Does not think it is the right property for Duval County Public Schools' admin building.
 - Grateful for the work that Trinity Commercial Group (TCG) did to align the contracts closing dates.
 - Concerns regarding the purchase.
 - Where board meetings will be held.
 - Concerned about the collaboration with City Council due to the distance.
- Decisions made by former Board Members that the current Board is having to deal with.
- There is a better option for the admin building, it just has not been found yet.
- If the Board votes no, the district should release the hold on Prominence so that it may be placed on the market for a buyer.
- Concern about the monthly cost of Prominence Parkway.
- Concerned with the number of days for closing with Chase.
- New offer from Ashco delivered to the Board at the meeting but had no time to review it.
- The building would be good for the school board but concerned about the long-term effects of making the decision.
- Not comfortable approving the sale until both offers can be looked at together.
- The Ashco proposal had been previously provided to the Board Members in an email.
- Concerns regarding the Ashco proposal were shared.
- The districts need to start disposing of property, or they will not have any leverage with the legislature on changing their minds or repealing the law on Schools of Hope.
- Prominence Parkway allows the district to consolidate the operations into one building.
- What the district can dispose of in property over time can go back into the capitol funds allowing for other projects.
- Explanation about the potential income and reduction of expenses associated with the consolidation.
- Evaluations completed on the offers that were made regarding the district relocation.
- The Board's representation downtown.
- Concern about the annual assessment fee, and the future development of the immediate area about the effect of the value of the property.
- The Audit Advisory Committee (AAC) being able to view the numbers.

- The Board had a better deal the last time but voted it down.
- It is disheartening that the district would have to go to the state to dispose of property to get in a good place to protect our schools.
- The district should be city center and accessible to the people.
- The process for the offers that are continuing to come in.
- The sale and purchase are two separate pieces. They will be voted on separately.
- The sale of 1701 Prudential Drive has been ongoing since former Board Members.
- There has been no discussion as to what is being put into place: meetings and constituents wanting to meet with their Board Member.
- Concerns shared regarding the sale of 1701 Prudential Drive and the purchase of 8928 Prominence Parkway.
- Prominence Parkway being move in ready.
- Possible decrease in the property value due to development around the area.
- Taxable value.
- Effect of taxable value on mixed retail and residential property.
- Tax forgiveness.
- Tax bill on Prominence Parkway.
- Former board members advised against the move to Prominence Parkway.
- Political pressure.
- Concerned with collaborating with all the employees in the same building and creating culture that's collaborative for DCPS.
- The length of time to close on the sale of Prudential Drive.
- Most of the Board Members have concerns about Prominence Parkway.
- The possibility of finding something else within 455 days plus 6 months.
- An explanation about the risks regarding the current deal if the district tries to find something else.
- Mr. O'berski shared what he was confident about, the risk, and what he could not guarantee.
- Travel time to get to the admin building from home.
- Costs to operate an occupied building versus unoccupied.
- Transportation.
- Costs of moving the Board was previously provided to the Board Members.
- Seat counts when talking about consolidation of schools versus moving employees.
- AAC was able to view contracts.

PASSED 4- 3

Aye:

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

Nay:

Cindy Pearson
 Anthony Ricardo
 Darryl D. Willie

26. 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.

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.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

No discussion.

PASSED 4-3

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Nay:

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

Darryl D. Willie

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

27. PUBLIC HEARING: FOR THE PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS: ATLANTIC COAST HIGH SCHOOL, MANDARIN HIGH SCHOOL, ENGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, SANDALWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, TERRY PARKER HIGH SCHOOL, AND DUNCAN U. FLETCHER HIGH SCHOOL

Public hearing opened.

2 members of the public spoke during the hearing.

Public hearing closed.

The Board Members had no comments on this item.

29. PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF ANCHOR ACADEMY AND MAYPORT ELEMENTARY

Public hearing opened.
6 members of the public spoke during the hearing.
Public hearing closed.

Discussion involved:

Vice-Chair Carney stated the following:

- Thanked the community members for attending the meeting and speaking about saving the school.
- Shared that she is working hard with elected officials in Washington DC and Mayport to find funding to save the school. Unfortunately, the government shut down has caused some interference.
- Shared that Anchor Academy and Mayport Elementary are both at less than 50% utilization. A charter school can take over one of the buildings.
- There is hope of getting funding from the Department of Defense to assist with keeping the school open.

30. PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF LONG BRANCH ELEMENTARY AND R.L. BROWN GIFTED AND ACADEMICALLY TALENTED ACADEMY

Public hearing opened.
1 member of the public spoke during the hearing.
Public hearing closed.

Board Member Blount shared the following:

- Concern about the consolidation.
- A concern about how the consolidation would affect the magnet program bringing the other students into the school.
- Inquiry if the school needs to be a magnet school.

Board Member Willie shared the following:

- These are tough conversations that must be had.
- Every situation is different.
- Does not want this cycle to continue to be repeated.
- Appreciation for those who came out to support.

Chief of Staff

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

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the recommended revisions to School Board Manual Chapter 4, Policy 4.10 The Curriculum.

The proposed amendment is consistent with Florida law and district procedures. It requires all middle school students to complete at least one CPR training session during their physical education or health curriculum, including instruction on the use of an automated external defibrillator.

Public hearing opened.
1 member of the public spoke during the hearing.
Public hearing closed.

Vote Results:

Motion: Melody A. Bolduc

Second: April A. Carney

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

32. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 5 BOARD POLICIES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the recommended revisions to Chapter 5, Policy 5.62, Administration of Medication.

The proposed revision aligns with Florida law by requiring authorizations for diabetic students to detail which supplies and equipment they may carry and the activities they can perform independently. The amendment also allows authorized students to carry emergency medication on school buses and specifies that parents are responsible for indemnifying the District, its employees, and volunteers against liability associated with the student's use of diabetic supplies or equipment.

Public hearing opened.
No speakers.
Public hearing closed.

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

33. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 7 BOARD POLICIES**Motion:**

That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing and adopt the recommended revisions to Chapter 7, Policy 7.70 Purchasing.

Policy 7.70 is recommended to align with Florida law and adds the following:

- 1. The definition of “Amendment” now covers any change to School Board-approved contracts, including budget, timeline, contract terms, or scope modifications beyond initial approval.**
- 2. Amendments require legal review before potential Board approval.**
- 3. The definition of “Change Order (Construction)” refers to a written change in a construction contract necessary to fulfill the Board’s award, including price or duration adjustments.**
- 4. Contractor quotes for construction change orders must be approved or denied within 35 days, according to state law. The Superintendent or designee can approve them if needed, and all approvals will be reported at the next Board meeting.**

Public hearing opened.

No speakers.

Public hearing closed.

Vote Results:

Motion: Cindy Pearson

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

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:

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

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

Superintendent's Travel

SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL

Motion:

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

- **November 20, 2025, Tallahassee, Florida — Superintendent and School Board Members Meetings with Duval Delegation at the State Capitol.**

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

For The Record

Board Member Blount spoke about the following:

- Visit to First Coast High School and its programs.

Board Member Pearson spoke about the following:

- Congratulated the Fall Athletes and wished luck to the athletes who were still competing in the post-season.
- The Douglas Anderson School of the Arts fall musical On the Town event.
- Thanked the individuals, faith-based groups, and community organizations that collected food for families who needed help bridging the gap during the federal government shutdown:
 - Feeding Northeast Florida is accepting cash donations.
 - United Community Outreach Ministry (UCOM) is accepting food donations.
 - United Way.
- Concerns regarding the Schools of Hope.
- Encouraged parents to email their Board Members three concerns to be presented to the elected officials.
- Concern about protesters making derogatory posters using the faces of Board Members.

Board Member Ricardo spoke about the following:

- School Safety Walk at Ft. Caroline Elementary School.
- ACE meetings at Long Branch and Mandarin High School Redistricting.
- Duval Delegation.
- District CTE program.
- School clubs and afterschool organizations.

Board Member Willie spoke about the following:

- National Epilepsy (EPI) Month.
- Thanked the Board for conversation regarding the Sale of the building.
- SNAP benefits.
- Congratulated Board Member Blount on his first Town Hall.

- Will be having a Town Hall in December.
- Thanked the Board and the Delegation for visiting First Coast High School.
- CTE Showcase.
- Congratulated Principal Brown at Northwestern Legends and Principal Mooreland at Andrew Jackson for being nominated for Principal of the Year.
- Congratulated Assistant Principal Brianna Jefferson at Highlands and Assistant Principal Phillip Mitchell at Grand Park for being nominated Assistant Principal of the Year.
- Safety is the foundation.

Chairman Joyce spoke about the following:

- Commented on the First Coast High School Band.

Vice-Chair Carney spoke about the following:

- Fletcher High School's band doing a send-off at the stadium on Friday night for the State Championship at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami.
- Congratulated the Fletcher swimmers and golfers at the Gateway championship.
- Thanked Jim Culbert, Chief Officer of Operations and Technology Services, for getting the security vestibule at Seabreeze Elementary School.
- Anchor Academy and Mayport's final ACE meeting.
- Diversity of clubs in the schools.

Board Member Bolduc spoke about the following:

- Conversation with the legislature regarding the Schools of Hope.
- School Health Advisory Committee and partners.
- Met Jennifer Smith from the Giving Closet at Northwestern Legends. Thanked Dr. Bernier for attending.
- Communities in School and Mr. Leon Baxton.
- DTU's Paint, Chat, and Chew.
- National Junior Honor Society Induction at Mandarin.
- Mandarin High School football team.
- Mandarin High School series of One X. Shared times and costs.
- November is a month for men's health and prostate cancer awareness.
- Honored Mr. Culbert for beating cancer. He rang the bell.
- Thanked Chairman Joyce for her service.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

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

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Cindy Pearson

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

GC

Superintendent

Chairman