Meeting Minutes
Duval County Public Schools

November 18, 2025, Agenda Committee 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 9:07 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - DECEMBER 1, 2025

2025 CLASS SIZE COMPLIANCE PLANS

Dr. Christopher Bernier and Corey Wright, Chief Officer, Accountability & Assessment, joined in the discussion on the following:

- The State has not provided the final figures for the current year.
- There is no financial impact nor penalties for not being compliant, but the district is working towards meeting the goal of 100% compliance.
- Additional funding has been added to schools to assist with class size compliance.

AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH MGT CONSULTING IMPACT SOLUTIONS, INC.

Dr. Bernier and Scott Schneider, Chief of Schools, joined in the discussion on the following:

- The timing of bringing this before the Board is due to schools requesting to use Title 1 funding to pay for this.

APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 AGREEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES WITH BOOMING LEARNING CENTER (BLC)

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- A request was made as to what tutoring services are provided by each school.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE 2025-2026 EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY DUAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- A request for a bring back of the schools and the number of students enrolled by year was made.

AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA ARENA FOR THE 2026 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

AGREEMENT WITH SMG, A DIVISION OF ASM GLOBAL PARENT FOR THE JACKSONVILLE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS FOR 2026 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

AGREEMENT WITH SMG FOR VYSTAR VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA FOR 2026 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- Appreciation was expressed for the facilities working with the district.
- An inquiry as to the possibility of extending the contracts to 2 years to lock in the rate was made.
- The cost difference for UNF is approximately $2,000, the Center for Performing Arts is approximately $8,000 and Vystar is approximately $10,000.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH JUST RIGHT READERS TAKE-EVERYWHERE LITERACY PACKS

Dr. Bernier and Paula Renfro, Chief Officer, Academic Services joined in the discussion on the following:

- It was noted that a prior employee of the district is a Vice President of this company. A request was made to notify the Board when former employees are known in an effort to show transparency.
- The item is to purchase specific materials that go home with parent education which is tied to a grant.
- Only 8 school districts were awarded the grant. It was noted that the district received additional resources due to other districts who did not use all of their funding.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT WITH THE I'M A STAR FOUNDATION, INC. 2025-2026

Dr. Bernier and Sharwonda Peek, Assistant Superintendent, School Choice Pathways joined in the discussion on the following:

- The overall goal of the program.
- The amendment is for an additional school.

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY CHANGES TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS: ATLANTIC COAST HIGH SCHOOL, MANDARIN HIGH SCHOOL, ENGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, SANDALWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, TERRY PARKER HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Wright joined in the discussion on the following:

- Staff allocations for the changes.
- A request to make sure enrolling students are aware of the changes.

- Senior preferences were explained.

CONSOLIDATION OF ANCHOR ACADEMY AND MAYPORT ELEMENTARY

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:
- The possible opportunity to receive federal funding from the Department of Defense was explained.
- Appreciation for the due diligence for this item.
- Possible amendment to the item.

CONSOLIDATION OF LONG BRANCH ELEMENTARY INTO R.L. BROWN GIFTED AND ACADEMICALLY TALENTED ACADEMY

Dr. Bernier and Ms. Peek joined in the discussion on the following:
- Concerns were expressed in turning a dedicated magnet to a magnet.
- Concerns were also expressed regarding the new Charter School which will be located on North Main Street and its impact.
- A recommendation to take into consideration all things happening in the landscape and make decisions based on that.
- Concerns expressed about the number of recent consolidations into R.L. Brown.
- Requirements for a purple star school were explained.
- The comprehensive study completed last year and the one from this year, will be distributed to the board.
- Possible future workshop on a district-run charter school.

The meeting was recessed at 10:33 a.m.

The meeting was convened at 10:45 a.m.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - COORDINATOR, FOOD SERVICE

Dr. Bernier and Jim Culbert, Chief of Operations & IT, joined in the discussion on the following:
- Appreciation expressed for the opportunity this allows for experience.
- This position has been vacant since October 3rd.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS - OCTOBER 2025

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - SEPTEMBER 2025

Dr. Bernier and Ron Fagan, Chief Financial Officer, joined in the discussion on the following:
- An overview of the budget.
- Previous trends.

ABNORMAL AI SECURITY

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Culbert joined in the discussion on the following:
- An explanation of the product was given along with how and what it is used for.

EXTREME NETWORK ELECTRONICS

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Culbert joined in the discussion on the following:

- What types of parts are included in the item was explained.

DECLARE THE PHILLIPS INDUSTRIAL PARK WAREHOUSE #7052 AT 11231 PHILLIPS INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD EAST, AS SURPLUS PROPERTY UNSUITABLE AND UNNECESSARY FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Dr. Bernier and Dan O'Berski, Partner Managing Broker, Trinity Commercial Group, joined in the discussion on the following:

- The property is zoned industrial and is one of the last properties in Jacksonville to be zoned as industrial.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENTER AGREEMENTS TO PURCHASE THE PROPWRTIES LOCATED AT US HIGHWAY 90 WEST, BALDWIN FLORIDA 32234 FROM JMC DUVAL COUNTY PROPERTIES, LLC, CHARLES AND JOANN AGIN, AND STOKES LIVING TRUST

Dr. Bernier and Mr. O'Berski joined in the discussion on the following:

- New building will be built above expectation due to the growth in the area. It will be a grade 6-12 school.
- Appreciation to Mr. O'Berski and the Mayor of Baldwin for orchestrating the sale.

PHASE III CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS APPROVAL FOR NEW K-5 PROTOTYPE PICKETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - PROJECT NO. P-9176006

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Culbert joined in the discussion on the following:

- The prototype is the same as Rutledge Pearson.

CORRECTION TO FEE FOR SELECTION AND AWARD OF THE DESIGN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT CONTRACT - NEW K-5 PROTOTYPE HOGAN SPRING GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - RFQ NO. 09-21/TW - PROJECT NO. P-91760

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Culbert joined in the discussion on the following:

- Groundbreaking date.
- Opening date.
- Increase the size of classrooms.

VARIOUS SERVICES TRADES CONTRACT; DCPS ITB-004-26-JR CONTRACT AWARD

Dr. Bernier and Mr. Culbert joined in the discussion on the following:

- The process for evaluating contractors' work was explained.
- Kahula system for tracking and evaluating contractors.
- The process to follow-up on deficiencies was explained.

AMENDMENT TO THE DESIGN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT CONTRACT - RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT DUNCAN U. FLETCHER HIGH SCHOOL #223 - PROJECT RFQ NO. 06-23/TW

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- Easement issues prior to Dr. Bernier's arrival were explained.

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 4 BOARD POLICIES

Dr. Bernier and William Spillias, Office of General Counsel, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Policy and procedures were discussed.
- Indian River policy has been very effective in moving through the book challenges.
- The opinion is that it needs to be voted on in December.

Comments from Elected Officials

No comments.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:
That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

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

PASSED 7-0

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

Nay:
None

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Superintendent

Chairman