



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

February 17, 2026, 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 except for Board Member Ricardo. *Board Member Willie arrived at 9:33 a.m.* Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent, and Mr. William Spillias, Office of General Counsel, were also present. Michael Ramirez, Chief of Staff, was present for Dr. Bernier, who left at 9:57 a.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

The meeting was recessed at 9:05 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - March 3, 2026

RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD TO ASK VOTERS TO APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT ONE MILL AD VALOREM TAXES

Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent, Ronald Fagan, Chief Financial Officer and Jacqueline Watkins, Chief Officer, Human Resources joined in the discussion on the following:

- A recommendation for the millage amount to be the same for safety officers was made.
- An explanation of what is included in the current millage.
- A request for a list of the completed arts and athletic projects and what projects are still outstanding was made.
- Importance of the arts and athletic programs for students.
- Proposed legislation to reduce property taxes for homeowners.
- The tax implications of a one-time amount versus equal payment disbursements for employees were explained. Cautions about how to distribute or collect from employees who leave the district within the year.
- The timeline for the resolution was explained.

- A ministerial vote was explained.

SUMMER SUPPORT SERVICES FOR CSI CONSOLIDATION SCHOOLS (MGT IMPACT SOLUTIONS AND TURNAROUND SOLUTIONS)

Michael Ramirez, Chief of Staff, and Scott Schneider, Chief of Schools, joined in the discussion on the following:

- An explanation of why Don Brewer is listed in this item.

ADJUSTMENT TO THE NAME OF YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY / YOUNG MEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AT EUGENE BUTLER (SCHOOL NO. 156)

Mr. Ramirez, Paula Renfro, Chief Academics Officer, and Principal Leon Mungin, joined in the discussion on the following:

- The financial impact was explained.
- How the district can support the enrollment process for this change.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH NORTHEAST REGIONAL FLORIDA STEM2 HUB

Mr. Ramirez and Ms. Renfro joined in the discussion on the following:

- How teachers are selected and recruited.
- The grant is from the State to assist with expanding certifications.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH READ USA, INC.

Mr. Ramirez and Ms. Renfro joined in the discussion on the following:

- An explanation of the item was given.
- Private schools who are eligible for Title I funding can choose to participate as federal funding flows through the district. A request for other processes like this that are occurring in the district was made. It was also stated that a breakdown of what the district receives for testing versus what the district spends on testing would be helpful.

DUVAL CHARTER SCHOLARS ACADEMY CHARTER CONTRACT AMENDMENT REQUEST TO CHANGE GRADE LEVELS SERVED

DUVAL CHARTER WESTSIDE CHARTER CONTRACT AMENDMENT REQUEST TO CHANGE GRADE LEVELS SERVED

DUVAL CHARTER FLAGLER CENTER CHARTER CONTRACT AMENDMENT REQUEST TO CHANGE GRADE LEVELS SERVED

DUVAL CHARTER SOUTHSIDE CHARTER CONTRACT AMENDMENT REQUEST TO CHANGE GRADE LEVELS SERVED

Mr Ramirez and Eugene Hays, Director, School Choice Pathways, joined in the discussion on the following:

- The Charter Schools' enrollment is down, and they are requesting expansion to assist with enrollment. The high performing schools have the option to add the additional grade levels without approval. The schools that are not high performing do not have the ability without board approval. A request for the enrollment numbers of the schools who are not performing highly was made.
- A bring back request for where the students at these schools attend high school was made.

AMENDMENT TO BIZI, INC. 2025-2026

Mr. Ramirez and Dr. Anna Dewese, Executive Director, Student Discipline & Support Services, joined in the discussion on the following:

- An explanation of the amendment was given.

The meeting was recessed at 10:47 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:54 a.m.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - SUPERVISOR, WAREHOUSE OPERATIONS

Mr. Ramirez and Jim Culbert, Chief Officer, Operations and Technology Services, joined in the discussion on the following:

- This will substitute experience for a degree in this position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - SUPERVISOR, CUSTODIAL SERVICES

Mr. Ramirez and Mr. Culbert joined in the discussion on the following:

- This will update the job description.
- Preparations are being made to possibly have 3 pilot schools staffed by district employees prior to the end of the year.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - SUPERVISOR, SCHOOL SAFETY TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Ramirez, and Arwen FitzGerald, Chief Communications Officer, joined in the discussion on the following:

- This is a combination of 2 vacant positions to create this position. These positions have been difficult to fill due to salary.
- It is requested to assist with media presentations and communications during events or issues.
- A request for the past organizational chart, current, and a chart showing if this is approved and any upcoming plans was made. A copy of the job description for each position was also requested. Caution was expressed about the addition of top-level positions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - SUPERVISOR, SCHOOL SAFETY TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Ramirez and Jackson Short, Chief, School Police, joined in the discussion on the following:

- The responsibilities and purpose of this position were explained.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS - JANUARY 2026

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - DECEMBER 2025

Mr. Ramirez and Mr. Fagan joined in the discussion on the following:

- A brief overview of the items was provided.
- Property taxes received this December showed an increase over the prior year.

SAP SUCCESSFACTORS PROJECT CHANGE REQUEST 02 TO ORDER FORM REFERENCE #305699393

Mr. Ramirez and Mr. Culbert joined in the discussion on the following:

- An explanation of this item was given.

DECLARE HIDDEN OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 234, LOCATED AT 6127 CEDAR HILL BLVD, AS SURPLUS PROPERTY UNSUITABLE AND UNNECESSARY FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

DECLARE GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 158, LOCATED AT 2854 WEST 45TH STREET, AS SURPLUS PROPERTY UNSUITABLE AND UNNECESSARY FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Mr. Ramirez, Mr. Culbert and Dan O'Berski, Partner/Managing Broker, Trinty Commercial Group joined in the discussion on the following:

- An explanation of the timeline once Board approval was given.
- A request for updates on the status of unoccupied properties in the Board Update.
- A link has been provided for the public on the district website.
- A request that all responses to Board Members' request be sent to all Board Members. It was noted that Ms. Cami Sams has provided Board Members with a copy of Chapter 2 policies to be reviewed and advise her of any requested changes to these policies.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO AMEND AGREEMENT BETWEEN JMC DUVAL COUNTY PROPERTIES, LLC AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DUVAL COUNTY TO PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL 5.0 ACRE PROPERTY LOCATION AT 1095 US HIGHWAY 90 WEST, BALDWIN, FLORIDA 32234

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

- The issue with the seller has been resolved.

SALE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY - FORMER ANNIE R. MORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 21 AT 964 ST. CLAIR STREET, REAL ESTATE NUMBER 057905-0000, PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

SALE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY - FORMER KINGS TRAIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 203 AT 7401 KINGS ROAD SOUTH, REAL ESATE NUMBER 148000-0000, PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

Mr. Ramirez, Mr. Culbert and Mr. O'Berski joined in the discussion on the following:

- The process of selling the properties was explained. A request for the names and numbers of those who expressed an interest in the properties was made.
- The bidding process is a closed process.
- Concern was expressed about the use of the land and the future of the neighborhoods involved.
- Rezoning.

CASTALDI ANALYSIS FOR LORETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS 9 AND 10 FOR FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

- Appreciation was expressed for moving this item forwarded.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND FACILITRON, INC.

Mr. Ramirez joined in the discussion on the following:

- A request for the amount of revenue generated by Facilitron compared to without was made.

Comments from Elected Officials

Public Comment

There was 1 public speaker who was allotted 3 minutes.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: April A. Carney

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

PASSED: 6 - 0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

None

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Superintendent

Chairman