



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

February 17, 2026, 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 except Board Member Ricardo. Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent, and Mr. William Spillias, Office of General Counsel, were also present. Mr. Michael Ramirez attended the meeting at 12:30p.m. for Dr. Bernier. Board Member Willie left at 2:37p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. QUARTERLY SAFETY & SECURITY UPDATE

Derrick Lewis, School Safety Specialist, presented a PowerPoint presentation - Quarterly Monitoring Visits - October - December 2025 (see attached). He, Dr. Christopher Bernier and Jackson Short, Chief of Police, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Number of Schools Inspected.

The meeting was recessed at 9:07 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

2. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: ADVANCE STUDENT ACADEMIC GROWTH & ACHIEVEMENT

Paula Renfro, Chief Academic Officer, Scott Schneider, Chief of Schools, Dr. Rebecaa Boatright, Middle Schools Region Superintendent and Dr. Yvonne Day, K12 Science Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation Advance Academic Growth and Student Learning. They, Michael Ramiez, Chief of Staff and Corey Wright, Chief Officer, Accountability & Assessment, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Mid-Year KPI (Key performance indicators) Data Updates.
- Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) PM2 information was shared.

- Intentional Intervention Work.
- Region Work. Middle School perspective. Core Instruction, Interventions, Culture & Attendance
- Science/STEM.
- Funded Grants.
- Concerns were expressed regarding students who were home and born during COVID-19 and their readiness for attending kindergarten. It was stated this is a nationwide issue. There is proposed legislation that would require all kindergarten students to be potty-trained. Need to inform parents with open communication.
- Absenteeism numbers are showing improvement over last year. Action is being taken for the families that are not responding. Meetings are being held bi-weekly to address these issues.
- It was stated that the work in Duval County is superior compared to other districts.
- Appreciation was expressed for the tremendous hard work.

3. POLICY 5.27 - STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Cami Sams, Executive Director, Policy & Compliance, Mr. Schneider, and Mr. Ramirez joined in the discussion on the following:

- Timeline for changes and approval.
- Results of recent student assemblies.
- Further discussion will take place at the next policy meeting.

4. GOVERNANCE

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

- A request for student discipline data.
- Expulsions.
- Appreciation expressed to Principal Bravo and Chief Short regarding their recent actions at Mandarin High School.
- Procedure for parent notification of non-verbal student classroom incidents was requested.
- Recent discipline issues and consequences regarding extra curriculum activity.
- A request for clarity of the student code of conduct in regard to mutual response and mutual fighting.
- Principals' discretion on coding a fight.
- 7-8 period school schedule.
- Board Member requests.
- Sale of property update.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: Melody A. Bolduc

Second: April A. Carney

PASSED: 5 - 0

Aye:

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

Nay:

None

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Superintendent

Chairman