



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

May 19, 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. Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent, and Mr. William Spillias, Office of General Counsel, were also present. *Board Member Bolduc arrived at 9:17 a.m. and Board Member Willie arrived at 10:10 a.m. Board Member Blount left at 10:32 a.m.*

Call Meeting to Order

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

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - June 2, 2026

FLORIDA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (FSBA) 2026-2027 MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES

Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Flat rate for the entire board or individual price. This information will be brought back.
- It was noted that other district's Board Members pay full price for conferences but do not join as annual members. A request for the price of each was made.
- Benefits of being a member of FSBA were explained.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND JAX USA PARTNERSHIP 2026-2027 DUES AND FEES

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- Benefits of being a partner.

- Importance of the district's partnerships with the community.
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) relationship with community partnerships.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF AUDIOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE DEAF/HARD OF HEARING

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

- An explanation was provided regarding the financial impact and distribution of funds.
- How families qualify was explained.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF RETHINKED CURRICULUM

Dr. Bernier and Ms. Renfro joined in the discussion on the following:

- This item provides support for students with disabilities during testing.
- Caution of the use of screen time was expressed. Difficulties of delivering without the support of technology.
- Predominately a teaching tool.
- Appreciation was expressed for this item.

APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH SPECTRUM CENTER, INC., DBA: CHANCELIGHT EDUCATION

Dr. Bernier and Ms. Renfro joined in the discussion on the following:

- Expected enrollment for the coming year.
- A request for how much is spent per student versus what is received for the student.
- Funding amounts per student and breakdown were explained.
- Residential placements of students.
- A bring back request for what Chancelight pays their teachers versus the district's Duval Teachers United (DTU) contract.

APPROVAL OF THE K12 IMPLEMENTATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS PLAN

Dr. Bernier and April Slade, Director, Office of Social Studies, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Appreciation was expressed for the detail and thoughtfulness of this item.

PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTURE (CANVAS), PROFESSIONAL LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Dr. Bernier and Jim Culbert, Chief Officer, Operations & Technology, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Reviews have been made across the state regarding the recent hack of this program. No personal information was compromised. No personal concerns were expressed.

APPROVAL OF POWERSCHOOL, PROFESSIONAL LEARNING REGISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Dr. Bernier and Ms. Renfro joined in the discussion on the following:

- The mandatory training process is burdensome. A small addition to the program being made will make it easier for next year.

APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH READING HORIZONS

Dr. Bernier and Jenifer Boatright, Region Superintendent, Middle School Region, joined in the discussion on the following:

- This is a new contract that will be used in conjunction with reading programs and will be implemented in the schools listed who have specific needs.
- A request for the proficiency data as a bring back.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF BENCHMARK ADVANCE FL EDITION FOR ELA COURSES IN GRADES K-5

Dr. Bernier and Ms. Renfro joined in the discussion on the following:

- An explanation of the item was given.
- Payment is a 1-time payment that covers 5 years.
- Negotiations are now performed on behalf of all districts and not individually. Add-on products are additional.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF MASTERYPREP

Dr. Bernier and Ms. Renfro joined in the discussion on the following:

- Where and how this is implemented was explained.
- Item addresses high school students who have not met the reading requirements.
- Appreciation was expressed for the item.
- Appreciation was also expressed for all the contracts being brought before the Board at one time. A request was made for the number of contracts that include a return-on-investment clause.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF INSIGNIA LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Dr. Bernier and Ms. Renfro joined in the discussion on the following:

- The purpose of a 6-month contract was to bring all contracts in June of each year.
- This product will replace the current Destiny system. The current system will remain active until the new system is ready. Integration goal is July 2026. This has been a work in progress preparation over the last 10 months and now awaits Board approval.
- This product will assist with increasing transparency in the district and in classrooms.
- The process of how books are listed was explained.
- The process to become a certified media specialist was explained.

APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH MCGRAW HILL FOR ACTIVELY LEARN PLATFORM AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (9TH -10TH GRADE READING)

Dr. Bernier and Ms. Renfro joined in the discussion on the following:

- Appreciation was expressed for this item and its effectiveness.
- It is difficult to replicate this program without the use of digital resources.

APPROVAL OF POWERSCHOOL: PERFORMANCE MATTERS 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

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

- Funding.
- Contract negotiations.

APPROVAL OF ASCENDED INTELLIGENCE, INC.

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

- Annual contract amount. Long term implementation.
- Closed AI system.

The meeting recessed at 10:48 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:57 a.m.

APPROVE ITB CONTRACTS FOR DAY CARE SERVICES FOR BABIES ENROLLED IN THE TEEN PARENT PROGRAM 2026-2028

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

- Appreciation expressed for this item and seeing the increase in graduates.
- Recommendation includes the cost for each line item for 2 years.

REAPPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

- Appreciation was expressed regarding the Principal of Crown Point Elementary School. He will be missed.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - SUPERVISOR (PT), SCHOOL POLICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST

Dr. Bernier and Jackson Short, Chief, School Police, joined in the discussion on the following:

- New, cost neutral position.
- No more than 50 hours every 2 weeks.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - GENERAL COUNSEL

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- A request for research into current qualifications and salary ranges around the state. Also, the cost of living in Duval County versus Polk County.
- Board policy for this position.
- Evaluation instrument.
- Language regarding this position serving the Board, Superintendent and staff.
- Qualification language to include 7–10 years required experience in government, labor relations and member in good standing with the Florida Bar.
- Upcoming workshop for this position.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CARROLL FAMILY FOUNDATION, AT THE FORMER CHARGER ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL NO. 216

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

- Recent changes to the agreement.
- Maintenance responsibilities for the district.
- Purchase option price.
- It was advised to contact the Board attorney with any questions.

CHANGE ORDER REPORT

- Appreciation was expressed for the savings to the district.

SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICE CONTRACT FOR RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL PROJECT AT DUNCAN FLETCHER HIGH SCHOOL #223 - RFQ NO. 14-23/TW - PROJECT NO. P-89530

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

- Appreciation was expressed for the details reflecting work completed and the cost savings.
- In-depth negotiations resulted in \$11 million savings on this project and approximately \$58 million this year.

ADOPT THE DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES PLAN

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

- Appreciation was expressed for the work on this document.
- Growth adequacy in the San Jose area.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR SECURITY SERVICES

Dr. Bernier and Chief Short joined in the discussion on the following:

- Cost of item.
- Installation will be in 30 schools per year for 3 years.
- How the schools are chosen.

Comments from Elected Officials

There were no comments from Elected Officials.

Public Comment

There was one (1) public comment speaker who was allotted three (3) minutes.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: Anthony Ricardo

Second: Cindy Pearson

PASSED: 6 - 0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

None

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Superintendent

Chairman