



## Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

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### July 28, 2026, Special Board Meeting - Approval of 2026-2027 Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget - REVISED

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 Vice-Chairman April A. Carney and Board Member Darryl D. Willie. 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 5:05 p.m.

#### Approval of Agenda

##### APPROVAL OF THE JULY 28, 2026, SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

##### **Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board approve the July 28, 2026, Special Board Meeting Agenda as submitted on July 21, 2026, with the following changes:**

- **PUBLIC HEARING - 2026-2027 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND TENTATIVE BUDGET - RESOLUTION NUMBER 2027-01 - ATTACHMENT UPDATED.**

##### **Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Reginald Blount

**Second:** Melody A. Bolduc

**Discussion:**

None

**PASSED: 5-0**

**Aye:**

Charlotte D. Joyce

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

**Nay:**

None

**Public Comment**

One member of the public spoke during public comment and was given three (3) minutes to speak.

**Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial**

1. PUBLIC HEARING - 2026-2027 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND  
TENTATIVE BUDGET - REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT

**Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the 2026- 2027  
Required Local Effort Millage Levy of 3.0070 for the Operating Fund, including a prior  
period funding adjustment millage to be levied for the Operating Fund.**

**The proposed amount to be raised is \$386,886,757.**

Opened public hearing.

One member of the public spoke and was given three (3) minutes to speak)

Closed public hearing.

**Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Melody A. Bolduc

**Second:** Anthony Ricardo

Discussion: None

**PASSED: 5-0**

**Aye:**

Charlotte D. Joyce  
Reginald Blount  
Melody A. Bolduc  
Cindy Pearson  
Anthony Ricardo

**Nay:**

None

2. PUBLIC HEARING - 2026-2027 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND  
TENTATIVE BUDGET - NON-VOTED DISCRETIONARY OPERATING

**Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the 2026–2027 Non-Voted Discretionary Operating Millage Levy of 0.7480 Mills for the Operating Fund.**

**The proposed amount to be raised is \$96,242,458.**

Opened public hearing.

No public comment.

Closed public hearing.

**Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Reginald Blount

**Second:** Melody A. Bolduc

Discussion:

None

**PASSED: 5-0**

**Aye:**

Charlotte D. Joyce  
Reginald Blount  
Melody A. Bolduc  
Cindy Pearson  
Anthony Ricardo

**Nay:**

None

3. PUBLIC HEARING - 2026-2027 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND  
TENTATIVE BUDGET-VOTED DISCRETIONARY OPERATING

**Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the 2026–2027 Voted Discretionary Operating Millage Levy of 1.0000 Mills for the Operating Fund.**

**The proposed amount to be raised is \$128,666,388.**

Opened public hearing.

No public comment.

Closed public hearing.

**Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Reginald Blount

**Second:** Anthony Ricardo

Discussion:

None

**PASSED: 5-0**

**Aye:**

Charlotte D. Joyce

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

**Nay:**

None

**4. PUBLIC HEARING - 2026-2027 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND  
TENTATIVE BUDGET - CAPITAL OUTLAY**

**Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing and adopt the 2026- 2027 Capital Outlay Millage Levy of 1.5000 Mills for the Capital Projects Fund.**

**The proposed amount to be raised is \$192,999,581.**

Opened public hearing.

No public comment.

Closed public hearing.

**Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Anthony Ricardo

**Second:** Reginald Blount

Discussion:

None

**PASSED: 5-0**

**Aye:**

Charlotte D. Joyce

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

**Nay:**

None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - 2026-2027 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND  
TENTATIVE BUDGET - RESOLUTION NUMBER 2027-01

**Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board adopt the Tentative Millage Rates Resolution Number 2027-01 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.**

Opened public hearing.

No public comment.

Closed public hearing.

**Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Anthony Ricardo

**Second:** Reginald Blount

Discussion:

None

**PASSED: 5-0**

**Aye:**

Charlotte D. Joyce

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

**Nay:**

None

6. PUBLIC HEARING - 2026-2027 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND  
TENTATIVE BUDGET - TENTATIVE BUDGET

**Motion:**

That the Duval County School Board adopt the tentative budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

|                                           |                 |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Operating budget in the amount of | \$1,610,977,659 |
| Special Revenue budget in the amount of   | \$ 249,317,810  |
| Debt Service budget in the amount of      | \$ 256,990,378  |
| Capital Outlay budget in the amount of    | \$1,080,287,567 |
| Trust Fund budget in the amount of        | \$ 85,308       |
| Internal Service budget in the amount of  | \$ 196,123,637  |
| Enterprise Fund budget in the amount of   | \$ 2,104,231    |
| Total Tentative Budget                    | \$3,395,886,590 |

Opened public hearing.

No public comment.

Closed public hearing.

**Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Reginald Blount

**Second:** Melody A. Bolduc

**Discussion:**

- The Department of Revenue produces the final calculation, the second calculation, and the required local effort.
- The Department of Education produces the non-voted discretionary and the voted discretionary are from the local community vote on the one mil.

**PASSED: 5-0**

**Aye:**

Charlotte D. Joyce

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

**Nay:**

None

7. PUBLIC HEARING - 2026-2027 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND  
TENTATIVE BUDGET - RESOLUTION NUMBER 2027-02

**Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board adopt the Tentative Budget Resolution Number 2027-02 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.**

Opened public hearing.

No public comment.

Closed public hearing.

**Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Anthony Ricardo

**Second:** Reginald Blount

Discussion:

None

**PASSED: 5-0**

**Aye:**

Charlotte D. Joyce

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

**Nay:**

None

8. PUBLIC HEARING - 2026-2027 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND  
TENTATIVE BUDGET - FINAL MILLAGE LEVY AND FINAL BUDGET HEARING

**Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board schedule a Public Hearing on the Final Millage Levy and Final Budget Hearing for the 2026-2027 school year for Thursday, September 10, 2026, 5:05 p.m., at the School Board Administration Building, Dr. Charles H. Cline Auditorium.**

Opened public hearing.

No public comment.

Closed public hearing.

**Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Reginald Blount

**Second:** Melody A. Bolduc

**PASSED: 5-0**

**Aye:**

Charlotte D. Joyce  
Reginald Blount  
Melody A. Bolduc  
Cindy Pearson  
Anthony Ricardo

**Nay:**

None

9. PUBLIC HEARING – 2026-2027 TENTATIVE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES AND  
TENTATIVE BUDGET-CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL TAXABLE VALUE

**Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board accept the 2026 Certification of School Taxable Value for Duval County, form DR 420S, from the Duval County Property Appraiser and authorize the Superintendent to complete and execute the form.**

Opened public hearing.

No public comment.

Closed public hearing.

**Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Anthony Ricardo

**Second:** Cindy Pearson

Discussion:

None

**PASSED: 5-0**

**Aye:**

Charlotte D. Joyce  
Reginald Blount  
Melody A. Bolduc  
Cindy Pearson  
Anthony Ricardo

**Nay:**

None



## Adjournment

### 1. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:**

**That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m.**

**Vote Results:**

**Motion:** Cindy Pearson

**Second:** Reginald Blount

Discussion:

None

**PASSED: 5-0**

**Aye:**

Charlotte D. Joyce

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

**Nay:**

None

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Superintendent

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Chairman