



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

August 19, 2026, Agenda Committee Meeting

Call Meeting to Order

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 Melody D. Bolduc arrived at 9:05 a.m. and Vice-Chairman April A. Carney arrived at 9:07 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Items to be Discussed

1. DRAFT AGENDA REVIEW - September 1, 2026

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH AMIRA LEARNING FOR AMIRA TUTORING

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

- Performance-based contract.
- The types of student who participate in the contract were explained.
- A request for a bring back of the 2024-2025 data.
- A request to include a line in the item that indicates the item is performance-based.

APPROVAL OF SY2026-2027. YEAR 6 GEAR UP AGREEMENT (COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS) - GRANT B (CLASS OF 2027)

APPROVAL OF SY2026-2027, YEAR 6 GEAR UP AGREEMENT (FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

AT JACKSONVILLE) - GRANT B (CLASS OF 2027)

APPROVAL OF SY2026-2027, YEAR 5 GEAR UP AGREEMENT (I'M A STAR FOUNDATION) - GRANT B (CLASS OF 2027)

APPROVAL OF SY2026-SY2027, YEAR 6 GEAR UP AGREEMENT (UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA) - GRANT B (CLASS OF 2027)

APPROVAL OF SY2026-SY2027, YEAR 5 GEAR UP AGREEMENT (XCALIBUR, INC.) - GRANT B (CLASS OF 2027)

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

- The full scope of the project was explained.
- Renewal process.
- Additional grant and outcome.
- Additional funding will be provided by the Department of Education.
- The requirement of an outside evaluator (XCALIBUR INC)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - SUPERVISOR, SCHOOL SAFETY COMPLIANCE

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

- Why the minimum qualifications are being changed was explained.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DUVAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- The current person is in a director position who is responsible for developing the foundation. This position will be someone who will be running the foundation. The current person is welcome to apply, but the position will be advertised.
- Plans for additional staff and who this person will report to were explained.

SETTLEMENT WITH AFSCME FLORIDA COUNCIL 79 (CUSTODIANS AND FOOD SERVICE)

Dr. Bernier and Jacqueline Watkins, Chief, Human Resources, joined in the discussion on the following:

- The employees covered under this settlement were explained.

SETTLEMENT WITH THE DUVAL TEACHERS UNITED (DTU) FOR THE 2026-2027 TEACHER CONTRACT

SETTLEMENT WITH THE DUVAL TEACHERS UNITED (DTU) FOR THE 2026-2027 PARAPROFESSIONALS CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS

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Dr. Bernier, Ms. Watkins, and Ronald Fagan, Chief Financial Officer, joined in the discussion on the following:

- The importance of approving the settlements.
- Concerns were expressed about losing police officers back to Jacksonville Sheriff's Office due to retirement updates.
- The desire is to compensate everyone fairly.
- Teacher working conditions.
- Level 95 was explained.
- The importance of the 1 Mill Referendum was explained.

APPROVAL OF THE FLORIDA OFFICE OF EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY UPDATE

Dr. Bernier, and Tameiko Grant, Executive Director, Professional Standard, ADA & Title IX, joined in the discussion on the following:

- Revisions and compliance were explained.

SCHOOLAI DISTRICT ANNUAL ENTERPRISE ACCESS

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

- Policy directions regarding use were explained.
- An overview of the program and what it utilizes was given.

FORD PRO FLEET MANAGEMENT

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

- Cost savings and increased efficiency with this program.

CHANGE ORDER REPORT

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

- Cost savings to the district were explained.

SELECTION AND AWARD OF THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK AGREEMENT FOR NEW K-5 PROTOTYPE VENETIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 68 - RFQ NO. 18-26/DB, PROJECT NO. P-91760

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

- The benefits of a construction management team and a architect were explained.
- The importance of paying vendors on time.
- Approval of this item does not approve 1200 seats at Venetia Elementary School.

SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK FIRM — RENOVATIONS, CLASSROOM ADDITIONS AND MULTI-SYSTEM CAPITAL RENEWAL

PROJECT AT LORETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #30 - RFQ NO. 13-23/LW - PROJECT NO. P-89510

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

- An overview of the amendment was given.

HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) SERVICES

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

- What is included in the contract was explained.
- Life cycle and deferred maintenance.
- Community tensions.
- Replacement of units.
- Maintenance of upcoming consolidation schools.
- Building use over the summer.

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: FOR THE PROPOSED ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS: ENGLEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HOGAN-SPRING GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LOVE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND SPRING PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- Board Member Pearson stated she would be having community meetings in regard to this item.

PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISION TO CHAPTER 8.50 BOARD POLICY

- Appreciation was expressed to those who attended the subcommittee meeting and for the information in section VII of the policy.

Comments from Elected Officials

Public Comment

There were 4 Public Commenters who were allotted 3 minutes each.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: Anthony Ricardo

Second: Melody A. Bolduc

PASSED: 7 / 0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

Darryl D. Willie

Nay:

None

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Superintendent

Chairman



Meeting Agenda Duval County Public Schools

September 1, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

Call Meeting to Order

Invocation or Thought of the Day

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Board Members

THOMAS JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Communications

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MEAL DONATION

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson's Report

Superintendent's Reports

Department Reports

Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Report

Comments from Elected Officials

Public Comment

Comments from Parent Organizations

Comments from District Student Government Association

Comments from Employee Organizations

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Consent Agenda

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Consent Agenda

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School Choice and Pupil Assignments

Human Resource Services - Staffing

7. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS
8. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS - SUPERVISOR, SCHOOL SAFETY COMPLIANCE

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Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

14. APPROVAL OF THE FLORIDA OFFICE OF EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY UPDATE

15. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY (ITEM PENDING)

16. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY (ITEM PENDING)

17. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY PENDING TERMINATION (ITEM PENDING)

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

Information Technology

18. SCHOOLAI DISTRICT ANNUAL ENTERPRISE ACCESS

19. FORD PRO FLEET MANAGEMENT

Operations - Real Estate, Planning and Programming

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

20. PREQUALIFICATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

21. CHANGE ORDER REPORT

22. PERIODIC REPORT OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETIONS AND FINAL INSPECTIONS OF MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER \$1,000,000

23. SELECTION AND AWARD OF THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK AGREEMENT FOR NEW K-5 PROTOTYPE VENETIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 68 - RFQ NO. 18-26/DB - PROJECT NO. P-91760

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25. HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) SERVICES

26. SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN 2026/2027 - 2030/2031

Operations - Transportation

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

27. July 2026 PURCHASE REPORT

28. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

School Police

Chief of Staff

General

Emergency Agenda Items

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30. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 5.44 BOARD POLICY

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General

Emergency Agenda Items

Board Member Travel

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Superintendent's Travel

SUPERINTENDENT'S TRAVEL

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For The Record

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