



E-AGENDA MANAGER

Duval County Public Schools

June 20, 2017, Committee Meeting

Ms. Paula D. Wright, Chairman
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Becki Couch
Ms. Cheryl Grymes
Ms. Lori Hershey
Mr. Warren A. Jones
Mr. Scott Shine
Dr. Nikolai Vitti, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present with the exception of Board Member Becki Couch. Dr. Patricia S. Willis, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting To Order

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Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Items To Be Discussed

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Attachment: [2017-18 Five Year Capital Plan Brief Draft 6-14-17 UPDATED.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Technology Plan 17_18 presentation updated v3.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2017-18 Five Year Capital Plan 6.19.17 UPDATED.pdf](#)

Minutes:

The Superintendent reviewed the July 10, 2017, Draft Agenda with the Board. Discussion included the following:

Approval of Agreement with City Year

- The Superintendent had discussions with Dan Foley, Executive Director, and there were no concerns expressed with supporting the additional schools and the reduction in corp members. The Superintendent will follow-up with Mr. Foley and share the concerns of the Board to make certain all schools would be supported.
- The reading rate for North Shore and Susie Tolbert Elementary will be corrected in the Gap Analysis section of the agenda item.
- Chairman Wright requested the Superintendent share how City Year plans to work with the lower performing schools and the data to support the decline in disciplinary infractions listed in the Previous Outcome section of the agenda item.

New Leaders for New Schools Emerging Leaders Program

- There are 85 trained individuals who can step into the role of a principal. 65 are current assistant principals and 20-25 are in other positions.
- Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez cannot support the resources for the project when there are other programs that have to be set aside
- The Superintendent stated she has not had the opportunity to review the list of available staff who can move into the role. There are some individuals who qualify but do not wish to move into that role. She will review the list. Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez has reservations with training principals and they go elsewhere because there are no open positions.
- The cost to do the program in-house will be less than \$300,000 and will be effective.
- Iranetta Wright, Chief of Schools, made the Board aware that the District has been contacted by the State with concerns there is not a Level 2 certification program.
- Chairman Wright requested information on the comparison of the program to other programs, how are the participants and the program defining inspiring leader, and the criteria to determine participants.
- Board Members expressed concern with the survey having 100% in all categories. The Superintendent stated the survey was designed by New Leaders and, to some participants who have not received professional development, it does feel like 100%. There were 20 participants.
- The consensus of the Board is to have the Superintendent bring back the recommendation for a portion of the dollars and determine how many can be trained through the District. The Superintendent will also bring information on how the program is used to increase student academic achievement.

Duval County Public Schools Technology Plan 2017-2018

Jim Culbert, Executive Director, Information Technology, gave an overview of the PowerPoint presentation (see attached), discussion included the following.

- The SAP solution is located in New Jersey which has a hot spare in California. The District is the first in Florida that has a hot spare outside of Florida in case of a hurricane to allow operations to continue. This also meets long-term audit findings because they require a site located outside of Florida.
- \$24,000,000 of laptop equipment purchased through QZAB for middle schools will be at its five-year life cycle next year and the requirements for a refresh will be due.
- Systems and processes will have to be put into place to monitor the Centralized ID System.
- Bus drivers and school staff will have the ability to look-up students manually by name if students have misplaced their ID badge.
- Chairman Wright reminded the Board the Centralized ID System has been deferred. The Superintendent stated the system is part of the technology plan but dollars are not designated for the ID System.
- Board Member Shine asked if and when facilities are closed, what is the plan to use the equipment. Mr. Culbert stated interactive monitors, computers and laptops will be used but wiring embedded in the walls will be dollars lost.
- Board Member Shine requested the cost per student for technology compared to the Big Seven. Mr. Culbert will follow-up and forward the information to the Board.
- Chairman Wright clarified that only the School Board can close schools statutorily. The Superintendent will be reviewing HB 7069 and how it will impact the District.
- Board Member Shine stated there are schools within the District that have 50% of seats that are open and he will share the report with the Board.
- Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez expressed concerns with a 1:1 ratio for device use at the elementary level but understood the ratio for middle and high schools. Mr. Culbert stated the 1:1 ratio is based on the ability to support the devices through capacity.
- Mr. Culbert stated the option to purchase versus lease has been reviewed in the past prior to the renewal of the contract. The cost was lower if the equipment was purchased. The process will be reviewed again prior to the renewal of the next contract.
- Sandalwood, Lee and Mandarin High Schools are included in the 11 schools and 4 elementaries that are scheduled to be refreshed if the plan is approved.
- Chairman Wright requested the Superintendent to look for other opportunities and grants for technology other than QZAB. She also expressed concerns on how to inform parents that technology is more than entertainment but is an educational tool.
- Board Member Shine expressed concern with being upside down on the terms of a loan and it not covering the life of the item.
- QZAB I and II included focus on infrastructure and not only electronic devices.
- Chairman Wright requested moving forward anything associated with charter schools and services provided needs to have a dollar amount included. Examples for student achievement need to be included in

the Needs Assessment section of the item. How are the devices being used to increase student achievement. Are there any Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) with regards to technology partners and if so which partners and clarification on the tiered training. The Superintendent will follow-up with the Board with the requested information.

- Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez requested staff review the 1:1 ratio and is it needed to be effective.

Board Member Grymes arrived at 10:27 a.m.

Renewal of the Agreement with Renaissance JAX

- The \$187,000 will be coming from multiple sources, including Operating and SAI.
- Board Member Shine stated he has concerns with supporting Legos during the current budget environment.
- Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez reminded the Board this is a STEM program directly in line with development and a connection to student academic achievement. Board Member Jones agreed and does not want to lose students to charter schools. The Superintendent is in support of the importance of having interaction and it impacts over 50 schools.
- Mason Davis, Chief Academic Officer, stated the program has parameters in the contract with deliverables sent monthly. Everything incorporated in the after-school program is in alignment with the science, mathematics and technology standards. They are also events conducted throughout the year. Subgroups are being reached with the program. Majority of the students would not be involved if there were not a program.
- Board Member Jones will reach out to contacts to partner with Sally Industries.

Public Hearing and Vote: Modifications to the 2017-2018 Student Progression Plan

- Board Member Hershey requested clarity be communicated with parents with regards to being in compliance with their student attending summer school.
- Dr. Kelly Coker-Daniel, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Assessment, stated staff will make a request to Florida Virtual School to see if they can send information to the parents and students directly. Staff will continue to contact parents at the school level and post information on FOCUS. Information for Duval Virtual will be sent to parents as an option instead of Florida Virtual.
- Protocol has been developed regarding parent requests for classroom teacher changes. Forms are available online and Principals have 14 days to meet and talk through the situation and a decision to be made. The decision is sent to parents electronically or mail. Parents can appeal the decision to the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee and they will have 14 days to review and

- provide a response.
- Once the agenda item is approved the item will be available on the website through the School Counseling page.
- WIDA will be the primary assessment instrument for ELL as required by State statute. Stronger wording has been added to ELL records to comply within one year for placement. The gold bi-literacy seal has been added for students who complete four years of a foreign language with a certain GPA. Early admission students can be considered for valedictorian and salutatorian.
- The Student Progression Plan will come back in the fall with updates.

Approval of the Agreement with eSchool Solutions for Electronic Registrar Online (ERO)

- The contract ended in April and the agreement was extended to bring to the Board.
- Mason Davis will follow-up with the Board on the annual cost for next year.

Approval of the Amendment to the Agreement with Atlantic Speech Therapy, LLC

- Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez requested an update on the recruitment and retention of the District's speech services.
- Private schools can select which services they will provide to students. Most private schools are selecting speech therapy and the IDEA grant provides a proportional share to private schools.
Approval of the Purchase of Audiology Equipment for Students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- The length of the warranty is 2 years.

Renewal of Communities in Schools Student Enrichment Program Contract

- The goal is to have students miss less than 21 days.
- Ms. Wright stated, based on the State information, students are considered excessively absent after 21 days. Board Member Jones recommended amending the agreement to 15 days.
- Chairman Wright requested the Superintendent provide the current absentee information with the Board to allow the Board the option to revise or review contracts in the future.

Approve the Agreement between Duval County Public Schools and Lutheran Services Florida, Inc.

- Seats are determined by partnership with Lutheran Services, the interest in the area, the availability in the school with regards to capacity and the ability to provide service in all areas of town. Once applications are received, if there are available seats, staff works with Lutheran Services to move students to those seats.

Approval of Amended ATOSS Contract

- The District does not provide any funding for the contract. Funding comes from outside sources.

Board Member Shine left at 11:18 a.m.

Second Amendment to the Florida High School for Accelerated Learning - Jacksonville Campus, Inc., D/B/A Lone Star High School Contract
 Fourth Amendment to the Florida High School for Accelerated Learning - Jacksonville Campus, Inc., D/B/A Biscayne High School Contract

- Chairman Wright requested to add Lone Star and Biscayne High School in the review process with Catapult in regards to increasing the number of students graduating versus the percentage.
- Ms. Chastain will forward the Board documents on how they program has improved.
- The schools are changing the curriculum to mirror that of Mycroschool which has the highest graduation rate.

Second Amendment to the KIPP Jacksonville, Inc. (KIPP Jacksonville K-8) Contract

- There will not be a school grade for 4 years until 3rd grade students take the test. The school started with Kindergarten and have added a grade each year.

Minimum Qualifications - Executive Director, Professional Development

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Minimum Qualifications - Director, School Choice (Charter)

Minimum Qualifications - Executive Director, Parental and Community Involvement

- Director, Professional Development, is a new position that did not exist as a funded budgeted position. The remaining positions are existing and are being repurposed and shifted.
- The Superintendent will follow-up with the Board on changes to the positions.

Approval of Non-Bargaining Unit Salary Schedules and Salary Increases

- The salary increases and schedules have been emailed to the Board.

Board Member Shine returned at 11:27 a.m.

School District Capital Plan

Latrell Edwards, Chief Financial Officer, gave an overview of the PowerPoint presentation (see attached), discussion included the following.

- There is an increase in the millage from last year of about

\$5,900,000. The District is expected to see an increase in the tax base.

- According to HB 7069, a portion of the 1.5 mills will have to be provided to charter schools.
- Minor Maintenance and Transportation would be transfers from Capital into the General fund.
- Chairman Wright requested staff to determine if some of the District's buildings can benefit from the cast iron pipe lawsuit. The Superintendent will have Don Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, forward information to the Board.
- Board Member Shine requested to see how we compare to the Big Seven with regards to debt services and expressed concerns with capital investments into buildings that may be consolidated.
- There has not been any guidance from the State on how HB 7069 will be executed.
- Ms. Chastain stated she does not believe you can chargeback expenses to charter schools to pay a proportional share to adjust for their millage.
- In July the ad for millage with expenditures from capital funds will go out along with the tentative budget that staff will bring to the Board. The Capital Plan will be sent in September with the details. Board Member Shine left at 11:49 a.m. and did not return.
- Chairman Wright suggested setting a joint meeting with the City Council to discuss, as a group, to help push forward the work Board Member Jones is doing. Board Member Jones stated leadership is changing July 1 and October would best.
- Board Member Hershey requested prior to the meeting current data on capacity and enrollment.
- The Superintendent will send the Board updated information on capacity.
- Portables will not be included the capacity count, only permanent structures.
- Board Member Grymes stated the meeting needs to include making the City Council aware of HB 7069 and the effects to them and the District.
- Chairman Wright stated there will be a workshop on HB 7069.
- Board Member Hershey stated she does not like the term "failure factory" and it paints a picture that is untrue.
- Representative Jason Fischer using the term "failure factory" brings concern to Chairman Wright with knowing he did not vote on a budget or make recommendations for 3 years as a Board Member and has started to make it personal.

GOVERNANCE

- Chairman Wright will have a series of community meetings once the Superintendent has reviewed the data with regards to impacting schools and students to include the Mayor, Legislators, Chamber and the community.
- Vice-Chairman Smith Juarez congratulated Board Member Hershey on becoming an emerging leader with FSBA. She has received half the credits to be Master Board Certified within her first year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Minutes: There were no public comments at this meeting.

Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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Superintendent

Chairman