



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

June 16, 2020, Regular Board Meeting

Mr. Warren Jones, Chairman
Ms. Elizabeth Andersen, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Cheryl Grymes
Ms. Lori Hershey
Ms. Charlotte D. Joyce
Ms. Ashley Smith Juarez
Mr. Darryl Willie
Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present except Board Members Darryl Willie and Lori Hershey, who participated via telephone. Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent, and Ms. Karen Chastain, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation or Thought of the Day

Chairman Jones called for a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognitions/Presentations of Awards

Communications

CHARTWELLS - 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Through a PowerPoint presentation (see attached in agenda), the recipients of the 2020 Chartwells Scholarship Winners were recognized.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD

Through a PowerPoint presentation (see attached in agenda), three seniors were recognized for perfect attendance throughout their entire academic career.

SUPERINTENDENT COIN OF EXCELLENCE: SANDALWOOD STUDENT RECOGNITION

Through a PowerPoint presentation (see attached in agenda), Sandalwood High School student Aaron

Hill was presented with the Superintendent Coin of Excellence and recognized for his heroic effort to lead neighbors to safety during a fire.

Approval of Agenda

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS VIA INTERACTIVE VIDEO/TELEPHONE SYSTEMS

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the participation of Board Members via interactive video and/or telephone systems.

Vote Results:

Motion: Ashley Smith Juarez

Second: Elizabeth Andersen

PASSED - 5-0

Aye:

Cheryl Grymes

Warren Jones

Ashley Smith Juarez

Charlotte Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Nay:

None

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 16, 2020, AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the June 16, 2020, agenda as submitted on June 9, 2020, with the following changes:

- **Academic Services - Agreement with Educational Management Consultant Services (EMCS) - Attachments Added**

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Cheryl Grymes

PASSED – 7-0

Aye:

Cheryl Grymes
Lori Hershey
Warren Jones
Ashley Smith Juarez
Charlotte Joyce
Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie

Nay:
None

Chairperson's Report

REQUEST TO INITIATE THE RENAMING OF SCHOOLS

Warren A. Jones, Chairman
Duval County School Board

Motion:

I move that the Duval County School Board accept the written request of Chairman Warren A. Jones, received at the June 16, 2020, Regular Board Meeting, to initiate the renaming of schools, and that the request for renaming the following schools be referred to Superintendent Greene pursuant to Board Policy 8.59, Section III.B.:

- **Joseph Finegan Elementary School**
- **Stonewall Jackson Elementary School**
- **Jefferson Davis Middle School**
- **Kirby-Smith Middle School**
- **J.E.B. Stuart Middle School**
- **Robert E. Lee High School**

Vote Results:

Motion: Warren Jones

Second: Ashley Smith Juarez

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Cheryl Grymes
Lori Hershey
Warren Jones
Ashley Smith Juarez
Charlotte Joyce
Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie

Nay:

None

Discussion:

After Ms. Chastain reviewed Board Policy 8.59, Board Member Joyce commented that the work of the Board is centered around education. She is aware that there is an achievement gap between black and white students that needs to be closed. She doesn't feel that spending the District's resources to change the name of schools will make any improvement in closing the achievement gap. She fears that spending the money to change the name of schools will jeopardize the chance of a much-needed surtax being approved by voters if the Board spends money on the name changes; however, she is not opposed to having the conversation with the community on this topic, which is why she will vote in favor of the motion.

Board Member Smith Juarez agreed that it's time for our community to have the conversation of renaming our schools and noted that the names of our schools should reflect the values of our school district. She asked Chairman Jones to explain how these particular schools were the ones selected for renaming.

Chairman Jones explained that they were selected for a few reasons:

- They were named after Confederate soldiers.
- The timing of when they were named--two were named after Reconstruction in the 1920's when Blacks could not vote; the rest were named after the Brown vs. Board of Education in 1954 when there were no Black elected officials.

Board Member Smith Juarez recapped the history of two additional historical figures that she feels has oppressed people, President Andrew Jackson and Jean Ribault. She stated that if we are to have the conversation, we should have it comprehensively. In the meantime, as we wait for students to return to schools and parent organizations to reconvene, she encouraged everyone to research the history of the naming of the schools and what the cost to do so would entail.

Board Member Hershey noted that embarking on this conversation is bound to be a very difficult one; if it were not, the decision would have been made a long time ago.

Board Member Willie reiterated the importance of having this conversation now.

SALES TAX REFERENDUM

There was no discussion on this topic.

Superintendent's Reports

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Through a PowerPoint presentation (see attached in agenda), Dr. Greene reviewed the process of renaming the schools, according to Board Policy 8.59. She also reported on the status of Equity and Inclusion in the District.

Public Comment

Darlene Miller, Parent of a Special Needs Student

Not all students can wear masks. Some have sensory issues. It may make some feel like they are dying which is part of their disability. Some may chew on them due to sensory issues. Exceptional Student Education (ESE) students need to be back in school. Many are going backwards in terms of their ability. Parents are not teachers, speech pathologists, or occupational therapists. They do not have those skills and students rely on these services.

Denise Scott

Ms. Scott thinks an "F" grade reflecting on a school also reflects as an "F" grade on Board performance. She expressed her unhappiness in the lack of resources for Carter G. Woodson Elementary when the school started receiving an "F" grade. She doesn't think it is fair for the children to be expected to spend another year at the school.

The following spoke in favor of changing the school names:

Janella Blevins

Wade Westbrook

Stanley Scott

Calvin Payne

Alex Ingram

Rob Rose

Essey Howard

Robert S. Rutter

Chris Guerrieri

Mike Minix

Christy Forte

Alex Horton

Michael Forte

Thom McGuire

JoAnn Brooks

Terry Jordan

Amanda Polk

Ben Frazier

Jason Bulger

The following spoke against changing the school names:

Gordon Terry

The following filled out a speaker card in favor of changing the school names, but did not remain at the meeting:

Teryn S. Romaine

Stephanie Levine

Paula Higgins

Mary McDermott
Joseph Robinson
Nekinia Wright
Laura Ragunas

Linda Dyer, Retired Teacher

Ms. Dyer wasn't sure if she felt the names should be changed but she thinks about the money that would be spent immediately following a pandemic that has been very costly to the school district and the community. She would prefer to see that money be spent on situations such as helping to furnish a laptop to a single mother who can't afford to buy one for her child or hire more social workers for the 44% of black male students that make up 75% of the Out-of-School Suspension Program.

Comments from Parent Organizations

Theresa Rogers, President
Duval County Council of Parent Teacher Association (DCCPTA)

Ms. Rogers gave the following report:

Even with the last part of the school year containing so much uncertainty, our (PTAs) and Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSAs) were still hard-working and creative and came up with new ways to keep their membership informed, celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week and tackle the required business of a 501(c)(3).

During the last few months we were able to continue conducting our business at the County Council level as well and conducted a virtual awards ceremony for our local unit PTAs which included video messages from the Florida PTA President and President-Elect and our very own Superintendent Dr. Diana Greene. We also awarded \$500 scholarships to six Duval County High School students. Our winners came from Atlantic Coast, Jean Ribault, Mandarin, Paxon and Stanton High Schools.

During the remainder of the summer we will be advocating for the half-penny sales tax for our schools. We will also be conducting virtual trainings for our local units and help them to not only prepare for the business of their year ahead but also be adaptable to whatever changes the challenges of COVID-19 may bring and most importantly improving the diversity of their PTA communities and challenging themselves to be true leaders in this effort.

Lastly, I want to add that our PTAs and PTSAs will be ready to partner and do our part during this crucial process of renaming our schools.

Michael Hawk, Chair
District Advisory Council (DAC)

Mr. Hawk reported that the last time the (DAC) met was earlier this year in February. Since the pandemic, there have been no other meetings held. There is a virtual meeting for the DAC scheduled for next week on June 29, 2020 and all Board Members are invited to join. Since the Council has not had an opportunity to discuss the issue of renaming schools, Mr. Hawk went on to give his viewpoint that he plans to give the Council, which was

that Confederate soldiers were traitors to the Union of that time.

Comments from District Student Government Association

There was no report.

Comments from Employee Organizations

There were no reports.

Approval of Minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the following Board minutes:

- **May 12, 2020, Special Board Meeting**
- **May 12, 2020, Board Workshop**
- **May 19, 2020, Regular Board Meeting**
- **May 27, 2020, Board Workshop**
- **June 2, 2020, Committee Meeting**
- **June 2, 2020, Board Workshop**

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Charlotte Joyce

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Cheryl Grymes

Lori Hershey

Warren Jones

Ashley Smith Juarez

Charlotte Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Nay:

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Charlotte Joyce

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Cheryl Grymes

Lori Hershey

Warren Jones

Ashley Smith Juarez

Charlotte Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Nay:

None

Consent Agenda

Board Members

1. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR FSBA ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (FORMERLY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE)
2. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR FLORIDA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION (FSBA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Academic Services

3. POWERSCHOOL ONLINE ASSESSMENT AND DATA ANALYSIS SYSTEM FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
4. SAS DATA WAREHOUSE AND ANALYTICS MATURATION PHASE 7
5. APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF UNIQUE LEARNING SYSTEM (ULS) CURRICULUM INCLUDING NEWS2YOU AND SYMBOLSTIX
6. I'M A STAR FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP TO CONTINUE WRAP AROUND SERVICE FOR OVER-AGE STUDENTS

7. RENEWAL OF COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT
8. PARTNERSHIP TO CONTINUE BRIDGE TO SUCCESS WRAP AROUND SERVICE FOR OVER-AGE STUDENTS – COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS
9. EDGENUITY CURRICULUM AGREEMENT
10. CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES IREADY READING AND MATHEMATICS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
11. APPROVAL OF THE UNF JACKSONVILLE TEACHER RESIDENCY
12. APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF FRECKLE MATH, FRECKLE ELA, STAR MATH, AND STAR READING FROM RENAISSANCE
13. INSTRUCTURE, INC (CANVAS)
14. POWERSCHOOL PD MANAGEMENT & REGISTRATION SYSTEM
15. COGNIA ACCREDITATION ANNUAL DUES
16. 2020 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES AT HIGH SCHOOL SITES
17. AGREEMENT WITH EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT SERVICES (EMCS)

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

18. CHARTER APPLICATION FOR RIVER CITY EDUCATION ORGANIZATION, INC., TO OPEN SAN JOSE NORTH

Human Resource Services - Staffing

19. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES EMPLOYEE TRANSACTIONS
20. RE-APPROVAL OF MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – COORDINATOR, PAYROLL PROCESSING
21. RE-APPROVAL OF MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – SUPERVISOR, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Human Resource Services - Professional Standards

22. EMPLOYEE SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY – KEITH SECREST

Administration and Business Services - Budget and Financial

23. RESOLUTION TO READOPT 2019-2020 BUDGET

24. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - MARCH 2020

25. ADOPTION OF BUDGET RESOLUTIONS - APRIL 2020

26. SCHOOL INTERNAL ACCOUNTS ACTIVITY SOFTWARE WITH ONLINE PAYMENT CAPABILITIES

27. SUMMARY AUDIT REPORT - INTERNAL AUDITING

Information Technology

28. OXYA – SAP HOSTING SOLUTION

Operations - Facilities Project Design, Construction and Maintenance

29. CHANGE ORDER REPORT

30. PREQUALIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

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

32. APPROVAL OF PROJECT PRIORITY LIST AND EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL OUTLAY AND DEBT SERVICE (CO&DS) FUNDS

Operations - Purchasing and Logistics

33. SURPLUS PROPERTY RETIREMENT REPORT

34. APRIL 2020 PURCHASE REPORT

Chief of Staff

35. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH QUALTRICS

36. VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENINGS

37. NORTHWESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL NAME CHANGE

Discussion

School Choice and Pupil Assignments

38. SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE BASED AGREEMENT WITH IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INC.,
IDEA JACKSONVILLE #1

Motion:

1. That the Duval County School Board approve the School of Hope Performance Based Agreement for an initial 5-year term with IDEA Florida, Inc.; and,
2. That the Duval County School Board authorize the Chairman or Vice Chairman, and the Superintendent to execute the contract upon form approval by the Office of General Counsel.

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Charlotte Joyce

PASSED – 6-1

Aye:

Cheryl Grymes

Lori Hershey

Ashley Smith Juarez

Charlotte Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Nay:

Warren Jones

Discussion:

Chairman Jones does not feel he can support this item since the School of Hope is moving into an area where neighborhood schools are already closing or consolidating. He doesn't feel the communities have been treated fairly since the City has not supported them since Consolidation of city government. He is not totally convinced that the School of Hope will have the best interest of the struggling students at heart and suspects they are being selective about which students they take into their school. He will be voting no on these three Schools of Hope items.

Vice-Chairman Andersen noted for the public that the State has handed down this mandate that the Board approve these Schools of Hope and really is not giving the Board much choice in the matter. While having a conversation with one of the administrators of the schools, he kept referring to the hypothetical child that would be a "good fit" for the school. Vice-Chairman Andersen cannot imagine Duval County Public Schools deciding what child would or would not be a "good fit" for any of our schools and looks

forward to the District being the best choice for students.

Board Member Willie thinks we still have some say as to what organization comes into the District and thinks the Board needs to exercise its influence over that since these students are still in our community, regardless of what school they attend.

Board Member Hershey is thankful the Board can still approve the school. The schools still come to the District for guidance on where to locate and we can have some influence on them at that point.

**39. SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE BASED AGREEMENT WITH IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INC.,
IDEA JACKSONVILLE #2**

Motion:

- 1. That the Duval County School Board approve the School of Hope Performance Based Agreement for an initial 5-year term with IDEA Florida, Inc.; and,**
- 2. That the Duval County School Board authorize the Chairman or Vice Chairman, and the Superintendent to execute the contract upon form approval by the Office of General Counsel.**

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Charlotte Joyce

PASSED - 6-1

Aye:

Cheryl Grymes
Lori Hershey
Ashley Smith Juarez
Charlotte Joyce
Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie

Nay:

Warren Jones

Discussion:

None

**40. SCHOOL OF HOPE PERFORMANCE BASED AGREEMENT WITH IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INC.,
IDEA JACKSONVILLE #3**

Motion:

- 1. That the Duval County School Board approve the School of Hope Performance Based Agreement for an initial 5-year term with IDEA Florida, Inc.; and,**
- 2. That the Duval County School Board authorize the Chairman or Vice Chairman, and the Superintendent to execute the contract upon form approval by the Office of General Counsel.**

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Charlotte Joyce

PASSED - 6-1

Aye:

Cheryl Grymes

Lori Hershey

Ashley Smith Juarez

Charlotte Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Nay:

Warren Jones

Discussion:

None

41. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: CLOSURE OF BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #015 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 2020-2021 FISCAL SCHOOL YEAR AND CONSOLIDATION OF ITS ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES INTO NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion:

1. **That the Duval County School Board conduct a Public Hearing on the closure of Brentwood Elementary School #15 at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 Fiscal School Year and consolidation of its attendance boundaries into North Shore Elementary School #70 for the 2021-2022 Fiscal School Year; and,**
2. **That the Duval County School Board, following the Public Hearing, approve the closure of Brentwood Elementary School #15 at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 Fiscal School Year and consolidation of its attendance boundaries into North Shore Elementary School #70 for the 2021-2022 Fiscal School Year.**

Public Comment: None

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Charlotte Joyce

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Cheryl Grymes
Lori Hershey
Warren Jones
Ashley Smith Juarez
Charlotte Joyce
Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie

Nay:

None

Discussion:

Board Member Willie indicated that during the Academic and Community Excellence (ACE) process, there was some confusion as to the grade bands in some of the schools. Dr. Greene explained that some of the schools did not have enough children to form a sixth grade level, so their data reported to the State was grades K-5 in those schools. Board Member Willie noted that while there is never an ideal time to close or merge schools, the topic of Equity needs to come into the conversation and the difficult task of weighing fiscal responsibility and doing what is best for the students come into play. He has been in talks with leaders in that community to discuss what happens with the buildings once they are vacated and the District wants to do right by the community.

Board Member Smith Juarez noted that community members asked why others schools with similar numbers to Brentwood Elementary, such as Central Riverside Elementary, were not slated to close as well. Dr. Greene explained that when looking at the Master Facilities Plan to make that decision, the factors that are reviewed are Facilities Condition Index (FCI), enrollment projections and building utilization. In the case of Brentwood Elementary, enrollment projections were going down and there was space in a nearby school to combine it. In the case of Central Riverside Elementary, their enrollment was not projected to drop and there was no room in surrounding schools to combine it with another school. Board Member Smith Juarez noted that some have brought up what appears to be a "patchy" pattern for the attendance zone of Brentwood Elementary, which was not considered as part of this ACE process. The stakeholders and School Advisory Council at the school will be able to take up that conversation, if they desire, at a later date.

42. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: CLOSURE OF JOHN LOVE EARLY LEARNING CENTER #73 AND CONSOLIDATION OF ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES INTO LONG BRANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #106 FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion:

- 1. That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing on the closure of John Love Early Learning Center #073 at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 fiscal school year and consolidation of its attendance boundaries into Long Branch Elementary School #106 for**

the 2020-2021 school year; and,

2. That the Duval County School Board, following the public hearing, approve the closure of John Love Early Learning Center #073 at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 fiscal school year and consolidation of its attendance boundaries into Long Branch Elementary School #106 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Public Comment: None

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Charlotte Joyce

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Cheryl Grymes

Lori Hershey

Warren Jones

Ashley Smith Juarez

Charlotte Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Nay:

None

Discussion:

Dr. Greene explained that because John Love Early Learning Center and Long Branch Elementary are such small schools, the District has a difficult time extending quality resources to two schools. Even after combining the schools, there will be somewhat of a challenge affording it the proper resources but it will be considerably easier for the District to do. Board Member Willie noted that the social landscape of this area is changing with the movement of people and jobs which has played a role in these schools being combined.

43. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: MOVEMENT OF SAINT CLAIR EVANS ACADEMY #124 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 2019-2020 FISCAL SCHOOL YEAR AND CONSOLIDATION OF ITS ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES INTO THE REPURPOSED NORTHWESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion:

1. That the Duval County School Board conduct a public hearing on the movement of Saint Clair Evans Academy at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 Fiscal School Year; and consolidation of its attendance boundaries into the repurposed Northwestern Middle School site.

2. That the Duval County School Board, following the public hearing, approve the movement of Saint Clair Evans Academy at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 Fiscal School Year; and consolidation of its attendance boundaries into the repurposed Northwestern Middle School site.

Public Comment: None

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Charlotte Joyce

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Cheryl Grymes

Lori Hershey

Warren Jones

Ashley Smith Juarez

Charlotte Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Nay:

None

Discussion:

Dr. Greene explained that original plans for Carter G. Woodson Elementary and St. Claire Evans Academy was to combine them into the Northwestern Middle School site. The Florida Department of Education requires that schools that are combined into one school take on the school grade of whichever school has at least 50% or more of the student population. In the case of this agenda item, that would have been Carter G. Woodson Elementary. The District anticipated that school's grade would move from an "F" to a "C" or better. Due to the pandemic, the State waived the Florida Standard Assessment testing which is what yields the school grades and all schools were to retain whatever their previous year's grade was. In the case of this agenda item, it would have been an "F." Since the District did not want to open this new combined school with a grade of "F," only St. Clair Evans Academy will move into the site and Carter G. Woodson Elementary will remain at its current location for now.

44. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE: CLOSURE OF CARTER G. WOODSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 2020-2021 FISCAL SCHOOL YEAR AND CONSOLIDATION OF ITS ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES INTO THE K-5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCATED AT THE REPURPOSED NORTHWESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR, CONTINGENT UPON CARTER G. WOODSON ATTAINING A SCHOOL GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion:

1. That the Duval County School Board, following the public hearing, approve the closure of Carter

G. Woodson Elementary School #166, at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 fiscal school year, if the school earns a "C" or better, and consolidation of its attendance boundaries into the K-5 elementary school located at the repurposed Northwestern Middle School site for the 2021-2022 school year, contingent upon Carter G. Woodson attaining a school grade of "C" or better for the 2020-21 school year.

2. That the Duval County School Board, following the public hearing, approve the closure of Carter G. Woodson Elementary School #166, at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 fiscal school year, if the school earns a "C" or better, and consolidation of its attendance boundaries into the K-5 elementary school located at the repurposed Northwestern Middle School site for the 2021-2022 school year, contingent upon Carter G. Woodson attaining a school grade of "C" or better for the 2020-21 school year.

Public Comment: None

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Charlotte Joyce

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Cheryl Grymes

Lori Hershey

Warren Jones

Ashley Smith Juarez

Charlotte Joyce

Elizabeth Andersen

Darryl Willie

Nay:

None

Discussion:

Dr. Greene noted for the public that the students at Carter G. Woodson Elementary would have the option of using an opportunity scholarship to attend a different school with a grade of "C" or higher and the District would provide transportation for those students.

Board Member Smith Juarez found it heartbreaking that this school, after all their hard work to earn what the District believes would have been a "C" or better, will still be required to remain in place and continue with their "F" grade due to COVID-19 cancelling the FSA tests.

Although Board Member Smith Juarez plans to support this item, she doesn't care for the idea of Carter G. Woodson Elementary remaining in the deteriorating facility they are currently in. She has asked Dr. Greene to look at the possibility of temporarily moving the school into the building that St. Clair Evans

Academy will be vacating and would like the rest of the Board to consider that as a possibility.

Board Member Travel

There was no Board Member travel.

Superintendent's Travel

There was no Superintendent travel.

For The Record

Board Member Darryl Willie

Board Member Willie noted that while the decisions being made right now by the Board in regards to mergers, closures and name changes are difficult, he appreciates the community coming out to meetings to express their viewpoints on these matters. He also appreciates the fact that the District has a dynamic Superintendent that can manage multiple issues at once. Many times, while everyone's focus is on one issue, she has her focus on many and he appreciates that. He's excited about how the District will open school back up in the fall.

Board Member Lori Hershey

Board Member Hershey thinks tonight's discussion demonstrates that while each Board Member has a specific district to represent, the Board as a whole considers the District as a whole when making decisions. While some Board Members may not be directly impacted by the school name changes, all will have constituents that will have strong viewpoints one way or another. She appreciates the leadership by Chairman Jones and Dr. Green's ability to juggle multiple issues to keep the school district running.

Vice-Chairman Elizabeth Andersen

Vice-Chairman Andersen stated the District is in a position to be able to lead by example. She thinks that in the aftermath of broken promises after Consolidation, it is vital that the District builds trust with the community. She feels once the relationship with trust is developed, the test scores will improve and the discipline will improve. She encouraged everyone in the community to get involved in discussions on renaming the schools.

Board Member Ashley Smith Juarez

Board Member Smith Juarez noted that she has worn her face mask all evening to show that it is possible to wear it even though it may not be ideal.

Chairman Warren Jones

Chairman Jones thanked the Board for allowing the community's voices to be heard at tonight's meeting.

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

Vote Results:

Motion: Elizabeth Andersen

Second: Charlotte Joyce

PASSED - 7-0

Aye:

Cheryl Grymes
Lori Hershey
Warren Jones
Ashley Smith Juarez
Charlotte Joyce
Elizabeth Andersen
Darryl Willie

Nay:

None

LBL

Superintendent

Chairman