



Meeting Minutes Duval County Public Schools

April 20, 2022, Sales Surtax Oversight Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Hank Rogers, Nate Day, Michael J. Hawk, Rachel Duff, Monique Tookes, Lynette Clinch, Lawrence Dennis, Alberta Hipps

Board Members Present: Vice Chair Kelly Coker, Board Member Cindy Pearson
Duval Superintendent of Schools Dr. Diana Greene (non-voting) was also present.

Call Meeting to Order

Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Public Comment

David Hollingshead

Accountability for the spending of sales surtax funds for charter schools. Mr. Hollingshead read a letter for his public comments and that has been attached to the minutes.

Marion Tischler

Ms. Tischler read a letter for her public comments and that has been attached to the minutes.

Jesse Wilcox, Jr.

Representing Raines National Alumni Association and wanted to present what was discussed at their last meeting. Two items were brought about – 1. Raines is in the first phase of the implementation plan. What guarantee is there that the funds would be in place with any increased costs that could occur, and 2. For the Master Facility Plan, could there be any changes in the plan in the next 4-5 years due to changes to the members on the School Board and the Committee.

The Committee did not have a quorum, so they were unable to vote on the April 20, 2022, agenda or the minutes from the February 23, 2022, meeting.

Before presentations began, Chair Rogers gave an update on the charter school presentations. Unfortunately, there was a conflict with the school that was scheduled to present today. Chair Rogers will continue to work with charter schools and will have a few schools ready to present at the next meeting.



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Items to be Discussed

OPERATIONS UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent of Operations Paul Soares and Executive Director of Design and Construction Services Byron Page gave a presentation on the Operations Update (see attached). Discussion included:

- The expected release of the Quarterly Progress Report for January through March 2022 is this week.
- The plan for Ribault Middle School is to move into Sally B. Mathis during construction. Students from Sallye B. Mathis will be moved offsite to another school.
 - Sallye B. Mathis currently has 350 students and Ribault Middle School currently has 700 students.
 - Still in discussion on which school students from Sallye B. Mathis will be moved to.
 - Operations will work closely with Athletics Department for a plan for school athletics.
- Career and Technical Education programs at other schools was discussed.
 - Schools will not be losing programs, they will be moved to the new, relocated school
- Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) way of monitoring and what is the penalty if the percentage is not met.
 - Mr. Page presented the dashboard which shows the OEO goals and mentioned that Mr. Terrence Wright presented at a previous meeting regarding OEO participation.
- Community engagement – is there a separate consultant for community engagement?
 - There is a consultant collaborating with us along with Dr. Tracy Pierce for the community engagement piece.
 - The standard will be a community meeting at the beginning of the process to display the plans and a community meeting at the end to show where we've arrived after all of the input. Every major project will have at least two engagement sessions.
- The District has not had an official meeting with City Council regarding the plans, however, City Council and the School Board hold a joint meeting and updates are provided at that time.
- Discussion of West Jacksonville demolition project
- Tracking of minority and local labor

FINANCE UPDATE & REVIEW OF CHARTER SCHOOL QUARTERLY REPORTS

Chief Financial Officer Michelle Begley gave a presentation on the Finance Update (see attached) and reviewed the fourth quarterly reports for charter schools. Discussion included:

- Some schools lost their eligibility for sales surtax funds.
- Is there a matrix in the school board system which notifies if a charter school lost their accreditation?
 - Eligibility is checked every school year and as a double check, the Florida Department of Education website is checked, as well.
- Is there anything that happened in this legislative session that changes the oversight of charter schools?
 - There is one bill that passed which is under the review of the Office of General Counsel (OGC). It speaks to the limitations of use of sales surtax funds. Currently unsure if it will impact the work of the committee but as soon as OGC reviews, we can share.



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- Allowable expenses for motor vehicles purchase for charter schools
 - Committee recommended a listing of types of motor vehicles allowed
- Schools with unspent funds
 - All schools have balances. Most state that they are building up their balance for a particular project.
- For schools that did not submit a report or filed incorrectly, what is the window of time allowable for them to submit or correct.
 - The process will be to send letters to charter schools as done in the past.

DASHBOARD PREVIEW

Ashley Barr gave a presentation (see attached) on the Charter School Dashboard and provided a preview to the Committee. Discussion included:

- Committee Members commended the dashboard and stated it was great information for the public
- There are still a few things in the work so the timeframe for dashboard to become public facing is currently unknown but will be soon.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Tracy Pierce, Chief of Marketing and Public Relations, thanked those Committee Members who participated in the link sent for Thought Exchange and explained the purpose.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 15th at 10:00am

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

That the Sales Surtax Oversight Committee moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Minutes were taken by Katrin MacDonald, Coordinator, Strategic Planning



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