

**OSCEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT#1 BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Osceola Jr. High Building**  
**May 24, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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Members Present: Jacqueline Baker, James Baker, Torian Bell, Ollie Collins, and Denise Williams

Member(s) Absent: Kristain Dedmon and Kristi Hopper

Others present: Dr. Toriano Green, Superintendent  
Dr. Renata Bryant, Assistant Superintendent  
Samantha Tippy, District Treasurer/Board Recorder  
Tynga Coleman  
Jameta Hill-Rogers  
Terika Guy-Andrews  
Robyn Green  
Audra High  
Veronica Gavin  
Christel Smith  
Jeri Vance  
Sharon McClendon  
Beatrice Tanner  
Archie Thomas  
Lea Baker  
Pam Smith  
Rhonda Carter  
Crystal Watson  
Mary Blanchard  
Christel Davis

1. Denise Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Ollie Collins offered the invocation.
3. Samantha Tippy called the roll and a quorum was declared.
4. The Board recited the District Vision and Mission statement.
5. Ollie Collins made a motion to adjust the timed agenda to 6:03p.m.. Motion seconded by Jacqueline Baker. Motion passed 5-0

**Community Discussion:**

Barbara Bledsoe - Had questions about data supporting the change. She also questioned if there would be a financial burden on the district by switching to this calendar. She also questioned if there was any parent or community input when making this decision. Dr. Green explained the

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learning loss issue with such a long summer break. He stated that the students would be in session the same amount of days as the traditional calendar so there would be no burden to the district.

Terika Guy-Andrews - Addressed the learning loss issue as well as the mental health aspect of switching the calendar.

Mary Blanchard - Spoke of concerns of students being unsupervised, lack of safe haven for the students, and how would it affect the student's availability to work.

Jameta Hill-Rogers - Stated that she supports the new calendar due to student and teacher burnout. She also addressed having Professional Development opportunities due to the new calendar. She also discussed learning loss.

Ashley Douglas - Discussed her concerns regarding the switch of the calendar. She stated she wasn't aware of any meetings that involved parents or the community. She was also concerned about the teacher breaks and whether that would benefit the children's learning.

Dr. Robyn Green - Discussed all her experiences with all of the different calendars she has worked on. She discussed the Professional Development options available on the new calendar. She suggested that parents concerned about safe havens or supervision should reach out to the Chamber of Commerce for suggestions.

Denise Williams made a motion to allow other members of the audience to speak. Torian Bell seconded the motion.

Christel Smith - Discussed her concerns. Her main concerns were will kids be able to come get extra instruction, what will PD look like, and also what do the kids want.

Christine Davis - Stated that she wants everyone to be considered, not just teachers. She wants to know how children and parents feel about this switch.

Shari McLendon - She had questions about remediation for struggling students. She was also questioning how the District would address snow days. She is concerned about the loss of funding. She also has concerns about students' access to ANC programs as well as other programs that may be disrupted by the change in calendar.

Archie Thomas - Stated that this new calendar is not a new development. He stated it was being used in California 25 years ago when he was living there. He stated that the community needs to be open and adapt to changes.

Mary Blanchard - Spoke again and asked the School Board to reconsider the calendar.

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6. Denise Williams thanked everyone that came out and voiced their opinion regarding the school calendar. She stated the board would meet and discuss this at a later date.
7. Denise Williams made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.. Motion was seconded by James Baker. Motion passed 5-0.

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(Signed) Kristain Dedmon, President

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(Signed) Torian Bell, Secretary