

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
May 24, 2011

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Bill Fehling. Dr. Joyner called roll; all school board members were present. Also in attendance was School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff and media representatives.

Opening Comments

Mr. Mignon reported on the FEN Conference. Mrs. Wright reported on Mrs. Bell's kindergarten visit; Mrs. Slough reported on Community Day at Liberty Pines Academy. Dr. Joyner reported that the Planning & Accountability position has been filled, and the second round of interviews for a new CFO continue. He announced that Ketterlinus K-Kids won an international award from Kiwanis Club, and reminded the board of the executive session to be held after this workshop. Dr. Joyner noted that SIP dates and summer shut-down week will be discussed in today's closing comments.

Budget Update

Mr. Weiss updated the board on the 2011-12 budget. A discussion on required local effort followed. Mrs. Slough noted unfunded mandate dollars now total \$42M. The board also discussed the FRS reduction of 5% when the employees' reduction equals 3%. Mr. Weiss noted the 2% difference is actually a reduction in collections. It was noted that DROP accrual decreased from 6% to 1.3%. Mr. Weiss announced that on Thursday, July 14th, 4:00 p.m., he will present the budget advertisement for approval. It was decided to move the July 26th workshop to 3:00 p.m. and hold a special school board meeting at 4:00 p.m. It was also decided to move the Tuesday, August 2nd workshop to Wednesday, August 3rd at 4:00 p.m., and hold the First Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m on this date. It was noted that on July 14th, Mr. Fehling, Mr. Mignon and Mrs. Wright will be in attendance so that we will have a quorum.

Race to the Top Update

Mrs. Stewart presented an update on RTTT. Mr. Springfield noted recent HR updates regarding this grant. A discussion on growth models and teacher evaluations followed at length. Mrs. Slough updated all on effective teacher/principal evaluation committee news. Mr. Fehling asked if teacher evaluations will be presented at a workshop; it was noted that board members are invited to the leadership retreat where during the first two days, this information will be presented to staff.

MINUTES – School Board Workshop – May 24, 2011

2011-12 Student Code of Conduct

Mr. Forson introduced Mr. Paul Abbatinuzzi, who highlighted the update process and presented this year's changes. A lengthy discussion on parental notification in the event of a suspension followed. Mr. Mignon suggested that annual update be the sole item on a workshop agenda. Mr. Abbatinuzzi thanked Mr. Upchurch for his input on this document. Dr. Joyner thanked the Conduct Code committee for their work on this.

Rule 6.52 Suspension and Dismissal

Mr. Springfield presented information on this rule; a brief discussion followed. It was noted that the superintendent can only suspend an employee without pay for up to five (5) days. Mrs. Debby Etheredge, President of SJEA, spoke against this rule, noting employees have private lives.

Public Comments – None

Closing Comments

Mr. Allen asked the start time of the upcoming Leadership Retreat. Dr. Joyner polled the board for SIP dates; they were set at October 12th and 13th, 2011. He reminded all of the May 31st special school board meeting, and the June 6th workshop to be held at 1:30 p.m. There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. Dr. Joyner announced the executive session would begin at 12:30 p.m. in his office.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved