

MINUTES
Regular School Board Meeting
September 13, 2011

This meeting, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Bill Fehling. Dr. Joyner called roll; all board members were present. Also in attendance was School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff, community members and media representatives. Dr. Joyner announced tonight's meeting was dedicated to the memories of two long-time employees, Mr. Larry Leonard and Ms. Marvel Hayward. Mrs. Wright gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Corrections to the Agenda

Dr. Joyner stated that additions were sent to the board last week. Mrs. Slough moved to approve the agenda as restated; Mr. Allen seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Awards, Recognitions, Resolutions, Proclamations and Presentations

- CR 1. Recognition of Florida Power-Library Award
- CR 2. Recognition of Florida Educational Risk Management Association Best Practices Award
- CR 3. Recognition of St. Johns County Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year
- CR 4. Recognition of St. Johns County Outstanding Principal of the Year
- CR 5. Recognition of Golden and Silver School Awards
- CR 6. Recognition of Five Star Schools
- CR 7. Recognition of 2010-2011 Parent Involvement Award Winners
- CR 8. Resolution to Observe September 19-23, 2011 as Senior Corps Week. This proclamation was read by Mrs. Cheryl Freeman. Mrs. Slough moved to approve; Mrs. Wright seconded. Vote was 5-0.
- CR 9. Proclamation to Observe September 17, 2011 as "Constitution Day" and September 26-30, 2011 as "Celebrate Freedom Week". This proclamation was read by Mr. Ted Banton. Mr. Allen motioned to approve; Mr. Mignon seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Opening Comments

Mrs. Slough noted her appreciation for such a smooth school opening. Mr. Mignon reported on the impressive September 11th ceremony held recently at Bartram Trail High School. Mr. Fehling commented that earlier this evening, the board approved the 2011-12 budget and he is dismayed with the lack of funding. He thanked the finance department for their fine work. Dr. Joyner noted we are in our fourth week of school with 31,000 students. He reported honoring our "Lifetime Achievement" award recipients John Daniels and Wayne Hogan. Dr. Joyner also announced we are celebrating "Arts in Education Week" and although many other districts are cutting these programs, we have 94 art teachers in 30 schools. He noted that his "State of the Schools" presentation will be held on Monday, October 17th at 6:30 p.m. with a reception at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Joyner also reported on the Sungard conversion, stating he is proud of the payroll efforts for our upcoming first full pay date.

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Public Comments

Mr. Fehling called for public comment and the following came forward:

1. Mr. Howard McGaffney, 172 Gargonza Court, St. Augustine, FL 32084, spoke of his appreciation for Crookshank Elementary School and Murray Middle School.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Mignon motioned to approve; Mr. Allen seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

MIN A1. Request for Approval of Minutes. Mrs. Wright moved to approve; Mrs. Slough seconded. Vote was unanimous.

1. School Board Workshop of July 26, 2011
2. Special School Board Meeting of July 26, 2011
3. School Board Workshop of August 3, 2011
4. Regular School Board Meeting of August 9, 2011
5. School Board Workshop of August 23, 2011

Superintendent Consent Items – None

Superintendent Action Items

SA 1. Charter School Application – St. Augustine Public Montessori School. Dr. Joyner detailed the application process, and noted each applicant will be given 3-5 minutes to present an update, then Dr. Joyner will present his recommendation. He introduced Ms. Jean MacDowell of St. Augustine Public Montessori School; she spoke on the Montessori school program and method. Dr. Joyner read his recommendation to approve the application pending corrections of concerns. Mr. Fehling called for public comment, reminding all of the three-minute time limit. The following came forward:

1. Ms. Ellen A. Whitmer, 1178 Nature's Hammock Road, South, St. Johns, FL 32259, spoke in favor of traditional public schools.
2. Mr. Roman Pytel, 5 Ponce de Leon Avenue, St. Augustine, FL, spoke in favor of the St. Augustine Public Montessori School (SAPMS).
3. Ms. Dana Palermo, 1717 Castile Street, St. Augustine, FL, spoke in favor of the SAPMS.
4. Ms. Shalina LaRosa, 474 Dioga Court, St. Augustine, FL 32086, spoke in favor of the SAPMS.
5. Ms. Caitlin Belland, 601 Sundown Circle, St. Augustine, FL, spoke in favor of the SAPMS.
6. Ms. Sylvi Herrick, 47 Water Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084, spoke in favor of the SAPMS.

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7. Mr. Frank O'Rourke, 109 10th Street, St. Augustine, FL, spoke in favor of the SAPMS.
8. Ms. Brenda Billingsley, 204 Whispering Woods Lane, St. Augustine, FL 32084, spoke in favor of the SAPMS.
9. Ms. Irene Arriola, 81 Magnolia Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32084, spoke in favor of the SAPMS.
10. Mr. Dave Lowther, 268 St. George Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084, spoke in favor of the SAPMS.

Seeing no other speakers, Mr. Fehling closed the public comments. Mr. Mignon motioned to approve; Mr. Allen seconded. Vote was 5-0.

SA 2. Charter School Application – St. Paul School of Excellence. Dr. Joyner introduced the Rev. Ron Rawls, Pastor, St. Paul's A.M.E. Church. He reviewed the application process and his volunteer history in St. Johns County public schools. Mr. Forson detailed the application; and Dr. Joyner read his recommendation to approve this application. Mr. Fehling then called for public comment; the following came forward:

1. Ms. Ellen Whitmer, 1178 Nature's Hammock Road South, St. Johns, FL 32259, spoke in favor of traditional public schools and against the formation of a charter school entwined with a religious organization.
2. Ms. Linda Murray, 874 West 6th Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084, spoke on behalf of the West Augustine Community Redevelopment Agency, and spoke in favor of St. Paul School of Excellence (SPSE).
3. Ms. Dwala Willis, 895 W. Orange Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084, spoke on behalf of the West Augustine Weed and Seed organization in favor of SPSE.
4. Ms. Annie Mae Tucker, 675 Julia Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084, spoke on behalf of the local NAACP office, in favor of SPSE.
5. Ms. Lenonis Adkison, 871 W. 7th Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084, spoke in favor of SPSE.
6. Rev. Rick Torrence, 456 Sebastian Square, St. Augustine, FL 32095, spoke on behalf of the local NAACP office, in favor of SPSE.
7. Ms. Irene Arriola, 81 Magnolia Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32084, spoke in favor of the SPSE.

Seeing no other speakers, Mr. Fehling closed the public comments. Mr. Allen motioned to approve; Mr. Mignon seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SA 3. Charter School Application – PEACE Elementary School. Dr. Joyner introduced Mr. Scott Beebe. Mr. Beebe thanked the board and Dr. Joyner for the outstanding job they perform and described his proposed elementary school. Dr. Joyner spoke on the application's significant deficiencies and noted his recommendation is for denial of the application. Mr. Forson reviewed the application and noted three serious areas of concern—curriculum plan, analysis of ABLÉ charter as PEACE applicant, and budget.

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Mr. Fehling called for public comment; and the following came forward:

1. Ms. Ellen Whitmer, 1178 Nature's Hammock Road South, St. Johns, FL 32259, spoke in support of the Superintendent's recommendation for denial of this application.

There being no other speakers, Mr. Fehling closed the public comments. Mr. Mignon motioned to deny; Mr. Allen seconded. Vote was 5-0.

School Board Attorney Consent Items – None

School Board Attorney Action Items

- SBA A1. Request for Approval and Adoption of Rule 5.13 – Zero Tolerance for Crimes and Victimization. Mr. Upchurch detailed this request. Mr. Fehling opened a public hearing; seeing no speakers, the public hearing was closed. Mrs. Slough motioned to approve; Mrs. Wright seconded. Vote was 5-0.
- SBA A2. Request for Approval and Adoption of Rule 6.52 – Suspension and Dismissal. Mr. Upchurch detailed this rule. Mr. Fehling opened a public hearing; seeing no speakers, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Allen motioned to approve; Mrs. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- SBA A3. Request for Approval and Adoption of Rule 7.04 – Bonds or Insurance Required. Mr. Upchurch detailed this request. Mr. Fehling opened a public hearing; seeing no speakers, the public hearing was closed. Mrs. Wright moved to approve; Mr. Allen seconded. Vote was 5-0

Personnel/Human Resources Consent Agenda

- PC 1. Approved Personnel Appointments (see page _____)
- PC 2. Approved Leave Requests and Return from Leave (see page _____)
- PC 3. Approved Resignations, Retirements and Terminations (see page _____)
- PC 4. Approved Transfers (see page _____)
- PC 5. Approved Enrollment in DROP (see page _____)
- PC 6. Approved Out-of-Field Instructional Employees (see page _____)
- PC 7. Approved 2011-2012 Equity Report (see page _____)
- PC 8. Approved Revised Organizational Chart (see page _____)
- PC 9. Approved Revised Job Descriptions for Academic Services Department (see page _____)
- PC10. Approved Job Description for Operations Department – Social Worker, School Services (see page _____)
- PC11. Approved Extension of TSA Consultants, Inc. Contract (see page _____)

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Personnel/Human Resources Action Item

PA 1. Request for Approval of 2011-2012 Teacher Evaluation Document. Mr. Brennan Asplen detailed this request. Mrs. Slough moved to approve; Mrs. Wright seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Instructional/Curriculum Consent Items

- IC 1. Approved Addendum to Educational Products and Services Agreement between the SJCSB and K12 Florida LLC (see page _____)
- IC 2. Approved Addition to the SJCSB High School Course Catalog (see page _____)
- IC 3. Approved Addition to the SJCSB Middle School Course Catalog (see page _____)
- IC 4. Approved Cooperative Agreement between the SJCSB and Clarke Jacksonville Auditory/Oral Center (see page _____)
- IC 5. Approved Field Trips (see page _____)

Instructional/Curriculum Action Items – None

Business/Fiscal Consent Items

- BC 1. Approved Paid Monthly Bills – July, 2011 (see page _____)
- BC 2. Approved Amendments to Exiting Workers' Compensation Letter of Credits (see page _____)
- BC 3. Approved the Finance Activity Summary (see page _____)
- BC 4. Accepted the Therapeutic Learning Center (TLC) Financial Report (see page _____)
- BC 5. Accepted the Academy of Business and Leadership Education (ABLE) Financial Report (see page _____)
- BC 6. Approved Resolution regarding Surplus Property (see page _____)
- BC 7. Approved Reactivation of Property Items (see page _____)
- BC 8. Accepted Donation to Wards Creek Elementary School (see page _____)
- BC 9. Accepted Donation to Timberlin Creek Elementary School (see page _____)
- BC10. Accepted Donation to Timberlin Creek Elementary School (see page _____)
- BC11. Approved Bid Renewal #2009-39 Dry Wood Termite Treatment (see page _____)

Business/Fiscal Action Items - None

Operations/Facilities Consent Items

- OC 1. Accepted Report on Status of Capital Projects (see page _____)
- OC 2. Accepted Maintenance Department Monthly Activities Report (see page _____)

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Operations/Facilities Action Items

- OA 1. Request for Approval of 2011-2012 Five Year District Facilities Work Plan. Mr. Forson detailed this request. Mrs. Slough motioned to approve; Mrs. Wright seconded. Vote was 5-0.
- OA 2. Request for Approval of Change Order # 2, Hartley Elementary School Expansion Project. Mr. Forson detailed this request. Mrs. Wright motioned to approve; Mr. Mignon seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- OA 3. Request for Approval of Change Order # 2, Osceola Elementary School Expansion Project. Mr. Forson detailed this request. Mr. Allen moved to approve; Mrs. Wright seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Information Technology Consent Items - None

Information Technology Action Items – None

First Coast Technical College Consent Items

- FCTC C1. Approved FCTC Employment Action (Informational Purposes Only)
(see pages ____)

First Coast Technical College Action Items – None

Public Comments - None

Closing Comments

Mrs. Wright reminded all of the September 15th, 6:00 a.m. Town Hall Meeting regarding R.B. Hunt rezoning. Mr. Mignon commented on how well our staff does the many assignments thrown at them. Mrs. Slough thanked those who worked on the charter school application process. Mr. Weiss requested a special school board meeting on September 29th, 8:30 a.m. to accept the Annual Financial Report. Mr. Fehling reminded all of upcoming meetings. A discussion on teleconferencing followed. Mr. Upchurch noted for school board meetings, a physical quorum must exist. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved