

**MINUTES**  
**School Board Workshop**  
**February 28, 2012**

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Beverly Slough. Dr. Joseph Joyner called roll; all school board members were present. Also in attendance were School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff, and media representatives.

**Opening Comments**

Dr. Joyner stated that South Woods Elementary was awarded a \$5,000.00 Toolbox for Education grant for the South Woods Salad Bowl. Dr. Joyner also remarked that this year's RSVP Chocolate Gala went off without a hitch. Tim Forson stated that there was a minor typo on the 2011-12 master calendar. The calendar had an incorrect issue date for the third nine weeks report card. The date will be corrected.

**Interests in School Board Properties**

Tim Forson stated that there is an interest in two parcels of School Board property. Mr. Forson remarked that we need to evaluate each property for present or future use and potential sale value. Mr. Forson met with Shane Walton, Paul Rose, and David Lee, and they agreed that they would not recommend putting money into the building at this time. Tommy Allen stated that we should ask the city or county if they need the property. Mr. Allen also stated that we still need storage; maybe the property could be an investment for the future. Beverly Slough agreed with most points that Mr. Allen was making and remarked that the school district continues to grow and we may need the property one day.

There is a small parcel of land adjacent to Mill Creek Elementary School that Racetrack gas station is interested in purchasing. Mr. Forson stated that there are concerns about the business affecting the flow of traffic at the west entrance to the school. Other concerns include the selling of alcohol.

Mr. Forson stated that he will do some more follow-up on the King Street property, and would not recommend selling the Mill Creek property based on concerns.

**Electronic Media Policies**

Frank Upchurch presented three proposed electronic media policies. Bill Fehling wanted to know why a teacher would need a student's phone number. Mr. Fehling is concerned that teachers should not be texting students over classroom assignments, etc. Bev Slough feels that there are potential problems with texting notification of ESE meetings. Dr. Joyner stated that we need to look at how we use texting. The consensus of the board is that more information is needed on texting. The board will go forward with the following policies.

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- 6.83 Acceptable Use Policy for Employee Use of District Electronic Communications system
- 6.84 Employee’s Use of Social Networking Websites.

**District Lapel Pin Discussion**

Bill Mignon would like to order school district lapel pins. The pins are \$1.62 per pin. Mr. Mignon would like the pins to be given for special recognition.

**Budget Update**

Mr. Degutis presented a detailed explanation on the fiscal year 2011-2012 calculation vs. house and senate budgets.

**Public Comments**

Mrs. Slough called for public comment and the following came forward:

1. Mr. Bruce Maguire spoke in favor of purchasing the school board property off King Street. He stated “It’s a minimal amount of money for a minimal piece of property” “Put money into students not property”.

**Closing Comments**

Carla Wright asked who will replace her at the October audit meeting. Beverly Slough stated that there is a school board workshop during spring break, and that we need to change the goals workshop from April 24<sup>th</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>. Bill Fehling welcomed Miriam Testasecca as the new board executive secretary.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman

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Date Approved