

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
July 24, 2012

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chairman Beverly Slough. Dr. 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 shutdown week went very smoothly and that we have a system that works well. Dr. Joyner also stated that we will save over a million dollars due to shut down and consolidation during the summer.

Testing Resolution

Mrs. Sweeny presented a draft of the testing resolution to the board for review. Dr. Joyner stated that we are pro accountability and pro assessment and that St. Johns County's resolution should be a thoughtful, inclusive process. Changes were discussed and the board asked that the resolution be brought back at the August 7 workshop.

Character Counts/STAR Banquet Discussion

Mr. Mignon stated that he is concerned that the Character Counts and STAR banquets are expensive events that only recognize less than one percent of juniors and seniors. Mr. Mignon suggests that a committee be formed to look at alternatives.

Virtual Education Update

Ms. Faulk presented an overview of the options being offered through St. Johns Virtual School along with new legislative requirements for virtual education.

Update of the Tentative Budget for Advertisement

Mr. Degutis presented an update to the tentative budget based on the second calculation. Mr. Degutis stated that the tentative budget would be advertised in the St. Augustine Record this Saturday, July 28.

Graduation Discussion

Mrs. Langston presented the tentative schedule for the 2013 graduation ceremonies. Mrs. Langston stated that St. Augustine High School requested that their graduation be moved back to UNF to accommodate additional people. Mrs. Langston also requested that the September, October and January board meetings be moved to 6:00 p.m. due to numerous recognitions during those months; all board members agreed to move the meetings to the evening.

Public Comments – None

Closing Comments

Dr. Joyner stated that we will face a large conversion to digital textbooks by 2014. Dr. Joyner stated that Mr. Patrou has been reviewing devices that would be the most cost effective.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved