

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
July 22, 2014

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Chairman Bill Mignon. Mr. Tim Forson called roll; school board members, Mrs. Beverly Slough, Mr. Patrick Canan, Mr. Bill Mignon and Mr. Tommy Allen were present. Bill Fehling was absent and Dr. Joyner was attending a FADSS conference. Also in attendance were School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff, and media representatives.

Opening Comments

Mrs. Slough stated that there is nothing on the agenda for the August 5th workshop and requested that it be canceled; all board members agreed. Mr. Forson requested an executive session be held at 4:30 p.m. on July 31st, before the special school board meeting at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Mignon stated that he attended a homeless summit last week regarding “students in crisis” and our growing homeless population.

Curriculum Update

Mr. Tim Egnor, Mr. Brian McElhone, Ms. Paula Chaon, Dr. Linda Thomson and Mr. Scott Sherman presented a curriculum update which included graduation requirements, curriculum maps, assessment requirements, middle school academy courses and testing data.

Public Comments –None

Closing Comments

Mrs. Slough stated that the information presented by the curriculum department reiterated the fact that we are not “teaching to the test, but rather teaching to the standards”. Mr. Canan stated that the success of our students is due, in part by the commitment of the curriculum department and the buy-in from our teachers. Mr. Allen stated that teachers need more support than ever and the district is providing that support. Mr. Forson stated that teaching has become very technical and we have amazing teachers and curriculum support team (CAST).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved