# MINUTES Special School Board Meeting June 30, 2015

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 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, media representatives and members of the public.

#### **Opening Comments** - None

## SBA1. Request for Approval of a Resolution Calling for a Referendum Election to Authorize a Half-Cent School Capital Outlay Surtax

Mr. Degutis and Mr. Forson presented a brief background on student growth and the school district's capital outlay funding problem. Mr. Upchurch presented the Resolution Calling for a Referendum Election to Authorize a Half-Cent School Capital Outlay Surtax.

Mr. Canan motioned to approve; Mr. Mignon seconded.

### **Public Comments**

- 1. Mrs. Michelle Dillon, SJEA President, 94 Lincoln St., St. Augustine, FL 32084 Mrs. Dillon spoke in favor of surtax.
- 2. Mrs. Kim Kendall, 856 Eagle Point Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32092 Mrs. Kendall spoke about the sales tax increase.
- 3. Dr. Michael Pawlowski, 216 10<sup>th</sup> St., St. Augustine, FL 32080 Dr. Pawlowski spoke about the sales tax increase.
- 4. Mr. Mark Bailey, 413 Delray Palm Way, St. Augustine, FL 32080 Mr. Bailey spoke in favor of surtax.
- 5. Mr. Tom Reynolds, 880 A!A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine, FL 32080 Mr. Reynolds spoke in favor of surtax.
- 6. Mr. Jimmy Lee, 809 Bugle Branch Way, St. Johns, FL 32259 Mr. Lee spoke in favor of surtax.
- 7. Ms. Nell Toensmann, 201 Michael Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32086 Ms. Toensmann spoke in favor of surtax.
- 8. Mr. Bill McCormick, 9224 July Ln., St. Augustine, FL 32080

- Mr. McCormick spoke in favor of surtax.
- 9. Ms. Kristin Thomas, 33 Matanzas Cir., St. Augustine, FL 32080 Ms. Thomas spoke in favor of surtax.

Board members thanked everyone for their comments, and Mrs. Barrera stated that the surtax was the fiscally responsible thing to do.

The vote was 5-0.

<u>Public Comments</u> – None

### **Closing Comments**

Dr. Joyner thanked the board for looking out for the best interest of the children.

There being no further business	s, the meeting was adjourned at 7	:25 p.m.
Superintendent	 Date Approved	Chairman