

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
June 23, 2015

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Bev Slough. Dr. Joseph Joyner called roll; all school board members, Mr. Tommy Allen, Mr. Bill Mignon, Mrs. Kelly Barrera, Mrs. Beverly Slough and Mr. Patrick Canan were present. Also in attendance were School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff, and media representatives.

Opening Comments

Dr. Joyner stated that he will give an update on the Testing Task Force at an upcoming workshop.

Sales Tax Discussion

Mrs. Slough stated that she asked to add the discussion about sales tax to the agenda. Mrs. Slough also stated that the St. Johns County Commissioners declined to include the school board joining with them for a one cent sales tax referendum. Mrs. Slough then asked the board their thoughts on pursuing a ½ cent sales tax. Mr. Mignon stated that we need to move forward with the ½ cent sales tax. Mr. Canan stated that we are not responsible for the rapid growth in our county and we are already behind in building schools. Mr. Allen stated that a sales tax was the fairest tax, and Mrs. Barrera stated that she was in favor of the ½ cent sales tax as well. Mrs. Slough asked the board again if they were in favor of pursuing a ½ cent sales tax referendum; all board members stated “yes.”

Public Comments

1. Mr. Tom Reynolds, 880 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine, FL 32084
Mr. Reynold spoke in favor of pursuing the sales tax.
2. Dr. Michel Pawlowski, 216 10th St., St. Augustine, FL 32080
Dr. Pawlowski spoke about sales tax.

BoardDocs Training

Ms. Sylvia Raye with Emerald Data Solutions held a training for the board members and staff on the process of implementing and using BoardDocs for online board packets.

Public Comments - None

Closing Comments

Mr. Allen stated that he was happy with the direction that the school board was headed with the ½ cent sales tax.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved