

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
March 22, 2011

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order by Chairman Bill Fehling at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Joyner called roll; all board members were present. Also in attendance was School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff and community members.

Opening Comments

Dr. Joyner announced that our district is grieving over the loss of beloved R.J. Murray Middle School teacher Jeff Holt. He noted with amazement the outpouring of condolences and love for Mrs. Holt. He remarked that Principal Tom Schwarm is handling this sad event at Murray very well. Dr. Joyner noted that he spoke about athletics in last week's report; this week will feature arts in the schools. He reminded all that tonight at 6:00 PM is the School-Related Employee of the Year celebration at First Coast Technical College. He also stated that April 25th is the STAR Banquet, noting that Jeff Holt was a regular invitee at this event. Mrs. Wright reported attending the Republican Women's Club meeting. Mrs. Slough announced she'll be leaving for Tallahassee tomorrow.

Budget Update

Dr. Joyner detailed the latest budget information, noting differences between the House and Senate versions. He predicts a 6.57% - 7.87% decrease in funding. Dr. Joyner highlighted SB 736 information; questions by the board followed. In addition, SB1466, Class Size Reduction, SB1620, Charter Virtual Schools, SB1546, Charter Schools were discussed at length.

Race to the Top Update

Mrs. Stewart presented updated information on Race to the Top. End of course exams, common core standards, and mathematics grade level overview were discussed. Mrs. Slough voiced her concern that high school math courses will be taught as integrated math, not as algebra, geometry, algebra 2, etc. The transition timetable from Next Generation SSS to Common Core Standards was detailed.

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Curriculum Initiatives

Mr. Tim Egnor discussed the presentations by Dr. Joyner and Mrs. Stewart. He gave examples of initiatives to meet students' needs.

Driver Education

Dr. Joyner updated the board on St. Johns County Tax Collector's proposal to offer driver education classes during Period 0 to take learners' permit test. He thanked Mr. Hollingsworth, who received permission from the state to pay for this. Mr. Tommy Bledsoe spoke about the after-school Phase 2 driver learning course, noting that this will be a roving group of teachers and automobiles moving from high school to high school.

School Operations Update

Mr. Tim Forson presented the School Operations and Facilities department update. Mr. Paul Rose, Director of New Construction, presented information on current elementary school expansion projects at Hickory Creek, Mill Creek, Hartley and Osceola. Other improvements and roofing projects were highlighted as well. Mrs. Nicole Cubbedge updated the board on the property inventory. She presented construction information on "Elementary School L" – scheduled to open in 2012-13. She noted our district was in class size compliance and gave FTE projections for 2011-12. Mr. David Lee spoke on Building Code Administration and fire safety inspections, SREF inspections and EMS upgrades. Mr. Forson presented maintenance department updates. Mr. Paul Abbatinuzzi reported on hardship transfers, noting that 1,600 were processed last year. He stated that the Code of Conduct review is to begin next week. Ms. Sallyanne Smith reported on Student Services, noting that our homeless students now number 351. She listed services currently offered to our students. Health services issues were reported, with over 1,000 clinic visits per day. She also reported that of the 34 students in Truancy court, nine are on track, and three parents are being charged by the state attorney's office. Mrs. Cubbedge spoke on State Reporting and Student Records, noting the State Reporting Manual is nearing completion. Mr. Al Crutchfield reported on energy savings, and displayed our energy management software.

2010-11 High School Graduation

Mrs. Margie Davidson distributed the high school graduation schedule. It was noted that St. Johns Technical High School's ceremony will be Thursday, June 2, 2011, 7:00 pm, at the St. Augustine High School Auditorium. It was decided that Dr. Joyner will speak at the First Coast

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Technical College ceremony, Mrs. Wright at the St. Augustine High School ceremony, Mr. Allen at the St. Johns Technical High School ceremony, Mrs. Slough at the Bartram Trail and Creekside ceremonies, Mr. Fehling at the Ponte Vedra ceremony, and Mr. Mignon at the Pedro Menendez and Nease ceremonies.

Closing Comments

Mr. Mignon asked all to remember Mrs. Shara Holt in our thoughts and prayers. ‘

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved