

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
May 3, 2011

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chairman Bill Fehling. Dr. Joyner called roll; all board members were present. Also in attendance was School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff, community members and media representatives.

Opening Comments

Mr. Allen remarked on the building's new 15-minute parking spaces; Mr. Mignon spoke on the American Youth Character Awards banquet. Dr. Joyner announced we will have FCAT writing scores this morning.

Insurance Plan Changes

Mr. Springfield introduced Mr. Martin Kinney and Mr. James Woodside of FSBIT; he presented 2010-11 and 2011-12 premium information for property, liability, student accident and workers' compensation insurance. Mr. Woodside detailed the insurance types and premiums. Mr. Springfield detailed health insurance benefit premium and coverage proposals. A lengthy discussion on increasing co-pays followed. The topic of \$10 per adult surcharge and then an accompanying credit for having a Health Risk Assessment annually was discussed. Mr. Weiss noted that wellness programs, according to the Harvard Business Review, Kiplingers, etc., are key to controlling the cost. Mr. Springfield announced we've won the Mayor's Gold Level Award for promoting wellness in our facilities.

Flagler College School Affiliation Agreement

Dr. Joyner introduced Dr. Michelle Gregoire of Flagler College. Mr. Upchurch asked the board for guidance regarding the \$300 stipend paid to directing teachers for the 14-week supervision of Flagler College education interns. He noted that because of his position on the Flagler College Board of Trustees, he is not advocating one position or another. Dr. Gregoire noted because Flagler College does not have post-graduate courses as other schools offer, this stipend allows Flagler to thank directing teachers. She remarked this has been in effect for about 20 years. Mr. Springfield stated in order to continue this agreement, it must be part of our negotiated agreement.

Race to the Top Update

Mrs. Stewart gave a brief update on RTTT. A discussion of classroom growth followed. She encouraged all teachers to research the committee's work available on webcasts. Mr. Springfield noted we are working on accepting the Marzano plan for teacher evaluations, stating if we were to create this, it would cost us significantly more.

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Request for Approval of Agreement Terminating the School Concurrency Proportionate Share Agreement (SCD 2010-01, and SCD 2011-1, Worthington PUD)

Mr. Forson highlighted this termination agreement. Mrs. Cubbedge provided the details—38 single-family homes, 24 student generation with a capacity for only 9.9 students. Proportionate share mitigation was \$194,000. The developer pulled two developments from list, thus negating the need for proportionate share payment. As this original agreement has been filed with the county, we must formally terminate it.

Update on Budget

Mr. Weiss reported “Florida Trend” magazine stated St. Johns County K-12 statistics are very favorable and business people complimented our district. The current budget outlook shows a \$17M-\$18M shortfall, with state funding accounting for a negative \$12.9M. He calculated this equates to a \$1,077 drop per student since the 2007-08 school year.

Public Comments – None

Closing Comments

Mr. Mignon commented on the decrease of teachers in ESE. Mr. Allen noted that last week began with the celebration of our students’ academic achievement and ended celebrating the American Youth Character Award winners. Mrs. Wright reminded all of Thursday’s Academy Awards. Mr. Weiss reported that TRIM dates will be announced tomorrow. There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved