

**MINUTES**  
**School Board Workshop**  
**May 24, 2011**

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Bill Fehling. Dr. Joyner called roll; all school board members were present. Also in attendance was School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff and media representatives.

**Opening Comments**

Mr. Mignon reported on the FEN Conference. Mrs. Wright reported on Mrs. Bell's kindergarten visit; Mrs. Slough reported on Community Day at Liberty Pines Academy. Dr. Joyner reported that the Planning & Accountability position has been filled, and the second round of interviews for a new CFO continue. He announced that Ketterlinus K-Kids won an international award from Kiwanis Club, and reminded the board of the executive session to be held after this workshop. Dr. Joyner noted that SIP dates and summer shut-down week will be discussed in today's closing comments.

**Budget Update**

Mr. Weiss updated the board on the 2011-12 budget. A discussion on required local effort followed. Mrs. Slough noted unfunded mandate dollars now total \$42M. The board also discussed the FRS reduction of 5% when the employees' reduction equals 3%. Mr. Weiss noted the 2% difference is actually a reduction in collections. It was noted that DROP accrual decreased from 6% to 1.3%. Mr. Weiss announced that on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m., he will present the budget advertisement for approval. It was decided to move the July 26<sup>th</sup> workshop to 3:00 p.m. and hold a special school board meeting at 4:00 p.m. It was also decided to move the Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop to Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m., and hold the First Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m on this date. It was noted that on July 14<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Fehling, Mr. Mignon and Mrs. Wright will be in attendance so that we will have a quorum.

**Race to the Top Update**

Mrs. Stewart presented an update on RTTT. Mr. Springfield noted recent HR updates regarding this grant. A discussion on growth models and teacher evaluations followed at length. Mrs. Slough updated all on effective teacher/principal evaluation committee news. Mr. Fehling asked if teacher evaluations will be presented at a workshop; it was noted that board members are invited to the leadership retreat where during the first two days, this information will be presented to staff.

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**2011-12 Student Code of Conduct**

Mr. Forson introduced Mr. Paul Abbatinozzi, who highlighted the update process and presented this year’s changes. A lengthy discussion on parental notification in the event of a suspension followed. Mr. Mignon suggested that annual update be the sole item on a workshop agenda. Mr. Abbatinozzi thanked Mr. Upchurch for his input on this document. Dr. Joyner thanked the Conduct Code committee for their work on this.

**Rule 6.52 Suspension and Dismissal**

Mr. Springfield presented information on this rule; a brief discussion followed. It was noted that the superintendent can only suspend an employee without pay for up to five (5) days. Mrs. Debby Etheredge, President of SJEA, spoke against this rule, noting employees have private lives.

**Public Comments** – None

**Closing Comments**

Mr. Allen asked the start time of the upcoming Leadership Retreat. Dr. Joyner polled the board for SIP dates; they were set at October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He reminded all of the May 31<sup>st</sup> special school board meeting, and the June 6<sup>th</sup> workshop to be held at 1:30 p.m. There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. Dr. Joyner announced the executive session would begin at 12:30 p.m. in his office.

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Superintendent

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Chairman

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Date Approved