

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
July 5, 2011

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 8:30 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 and media representatives.

Opening Comments

Dr. Joyner reported that Thursday was Mr. Jim Springfield's last day and that Jim had a great send-off. He also reported that all Sungard transfers were successfully completed. A discussion on Sungard Human Resource modules followed. Mr. Fehling welcomed Mr. Asplen to the group.

Race to the Top Update

Mrs. Stewart reported on the latest Race to the Top revisions. Information on evaluation training was presented, noting mobility and attendance will be monitored. Mrs. Stewart reported some districts that originally signed on are dropping out. She noted this increased our share of the funds. Mrs. Slough gave an update on the "Teacher Leader Preparation Standards" committee that she and Dr. Joyner are members of. A draft of these standards was distributed for comment. Mr. Fehling thanked those who serve on these committees.

Kindergarten Report Card

Dr. Joyner reported that common core changes necessitate report card changes. The reading, written expression and math changes were reviewed and a draft of the new report card was distributed. The subject of pre-kindergarten was discussed; Mrs. Stewart noted that many years ago, she taught kindergarten in a school much like W.D. Hartley Elementary School. Little was expected as compared to what is accomplished today.

Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract

Mr. Upchurch reported that each board member has met with Dr. Joyner to review his evaluation. He is pleased to report that Dr. Joyner received the highest possible grade in each of 37 areas by all board members. Mrs. Slough noted she is grateful Dr. Joyner is here in St. Johns County. Dr. Joyner stated it has been a busy year filled with changes. He said our communication is an advantage which allows us to work as a team. Mr. Mignon noted his appreciation of Dr. Joyner's visibility in our schools and community.

Public Comments – None

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Closing Comments

Mr. Mignon encouraged other board members to attend Northeast Florida School Boards Coalition meetings. A discussion on charter school application numbers followed. Mrs. Slough commented that the FSBA platform is being crafted and asked for suggestions. Dr. Joyner noted the inequity in capital dollars--\$55M to charters, none to public schools. He polled the board members regarding the July 14th special school board meeting to ensure we would have a quorum; Mr. Allen, Mr. Fehling and Mrs. Wright will be in attendance. There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved