

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
August 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 4:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Mrs. Bev Slough. Dr. Joyner called roll; Mrs. Slough, Mr. Tommy Allen, Mr. Bill Mignon and Mrs. Carla Wright were in attendance. Also in attendance was School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff and media representatives.

Opening Comments

Mr. Mignon reported out-of-district students are enrolling in our schools. A discussion on this topic followed. Dr. Joyner noted 27 Duval schools and four in neighboring Putnam County qualify for these transfers.

Race to the Top Update

Mrs. Stewart reported adjustments are being made to the budget, as actual costs are more or less than anticipated. An additional academy and grant at St. Johns Technical High School is being pursued for the water management industry. Dr. Joyner thanked Mr. Mignon for helping us build a relationship with the St. Johns Utilities Department. Mrs. Slough asked about early childhood grants; Mrs. Stewart will research this topic.

Rule 5.13 Zero Tolerance

Mr. Upchurch detailed this proposed rule; he noted the philosophy is for school districts to find alternative discipline for petty acts. A discussion on this topic followed. A question regarding fire alarms was discussed.

Common Core

Mrs. Stewart spoke on common core standards. Questions from the board members followed.

Follow-up on Board Meeting Time Change

Dr. Joyner reported on feedback from Mr. Upchurch and schools regarding this topic. Discussion by the board followed; Mrs. Slough asked that Mr. Fehling be present when this issue is discussed. Regarding live streaming of meetings, Mr. Lou Greco reported equipment could cost as much as \$30,000 and \$5,500 per year to maintain. He noted there have only been six views of our meetings on our website, adding he can index the meetings and list them more prominently on our website.

Public Comments – None

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Closing Comments

Mrs. Wright voiced her concern about out-of-county transfer students, noting that St. Johns County residents will be forced to pay, in part, for their education. Dr. Joyner thanked our district staff, noting that the curriculum department has been doing a tremendous amount of training. He also thanked HR for their diligent work processing applicants and getting people in place for the new school year. He praised School Services for processing almost 2,000 transfer applications. The Sungard transition has been an enormous amount of work, and on the support side, maintenance and IT are all geared up for a new year.

There being no further business, the workshop adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Superintendent

Date Approved

Chairman