

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
August 23, 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 were School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff, community members and media representatives.

Opening Comments

Mrs. Wright reported greeting kindergarten parents yesterday at R.B. Hunt Elementary School; Mrs. Slough reported visiting 18 schools yesterday. Mr. Fehling stated that yesterday was an excellent opening for the new school year. Dr. Joyner reported that we lost two long-time employees. Ms. Marvel Hayward, a Sebastian Middle School custodian employed since 1998 passed away, and Mr. Larry Leonard, Maintenance Manager at Otis A. Mason Elementary School and a 32-year employee, died recently in a hunting accident. Our sympathies go to the Hayward and Leonard families. Dr. Joyner also reported visiting about half our schools yesterday, noting that attendance numbers are higher than expected with about 900 more students on the first day. He remarked that during his visits yesterday, he noticed how beautiful and well-kept our schools are.

Race to the Top Update

Mrs. Stewart reported we completed our End of Course exams. A discussion on nine-week observations and evaluations followed. Mrs. Slough reported her committee has received over 500 comments regarding principal standards.

Monthly Board Packet Procedure

Mr. Patrou displayed the new board packet location available through the web portal "Inside St. Johns". The monthly board packets will be located under the Superintendent's page beginning with the September, 2011 meeting.

Long Range Capital Planning

Dr. Joyner stated that he asked Mr. Forson to compile a Five-Year Capital Plan. Mr. Forson reviewed enrollment history, local revenues and capacity evaluations. He then discussed long range capital planning. Buses, technology and school-based equipment budgets were reviewed. Dr. Joyner noted that both he and Mr. Patrou monitor the equity of technology in our schools. Impact fees, schools' capital outlay budgets and possible systemic changes were also discussed. A lengthy discussion on construction options, changing grade configurations and zoning followed. Mr. Jerry Ford of Ford and Associates, Inc. reviewed the bonding options available to the board. Comments and questions by the board followed.

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Five Year Work Program

Mrs. Nicole Cubbedge presented information on the Five year Work Plan. She noted that in this plan, the utilization of our current schools in 2015-16 will be at 98%. New construction planned for the next five years is one K-8 school and a 9th grade center.

Closing Comments

Mrs. Wright announced she will have to miss the October 4th workshop and special school board meeting as she will be attending a FSBIT conference. Mrs. Slough asked to change the October 25th workshop to Thursday, October 20th at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Fehling thanked Mr. Forson and Mrs. Cubbedge for compiling all of today's information. Mrs. Slough thanked Mr. Ford for his attendance today.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved