

**MINUTES**  
**School Board Workshop**  
**September 6, 2011**

This workshop, held at 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. Mignon commended Mr. Forson and Mrs. Cubbedge on the last week's town hall meetings. Mrs. Wright thanked Mrs. Slough for replying to all the rezoning email correspondence on behalf on the board. Comments by the board on the rezoning process followed. Dr. Joyner announced that the "Learning Legacy" awards will be held Friday night at the Pedro Menendez High School football game. Mr. John Daniels, a 1952 graduate of Ketterlinus High School will be recognized. Another awardee will be recognized at the St. Augustine High School Hall of Fame Banquet. He reminded all that tomorrow is the College/Career Night at Ponte Vedra High School. He also noted that the September board packet contains the 2011-12 teacher evaluation guide. This will be further explained at a later workshop; this request is for approval of the Marzano model.

**Charter Application Presentations**

Dr. Joyner thanked the Charter Application committee for the many hours spent reviewing these applications. He noted today he'll be introducing these applications, not making a recommendation to the board. Dr. Joyner read from Florida Statute 1002.33 regarding charter schools. Mr. Forson stated Mr. Tim Egnor and Ms. Denise Faulk and he worked on this process; stating that their work mirrored the state template and reviewed the timeline. He also noted there is a 60-day window from date of application submittal to board approval or denial; therefore, these applications, submitted on August 1, 2011, will be on the September board packet. Mr. Forson introduced the first applicant, St. Augustine Public Montessori School. Mr. Egnor thanked the Montessori team, and noted that their three-year curriculum cycle and our yearly evaluation causes concern. Mr. Forson noted that greatest concern is management. Mr. Degutis spoke on budget concerns. Ms. Jean MacDowell and other committee members presented information on the St. Augustine Public Montessori School. Questions and comments by the board followed. Dr. Joyner asked Ms. MacDowell to reply to the board's concerns within the next few days. Mr. Forson then highlighted the application of St. Paul's School of Excellence. He noted concern regarding students with disabilities. Mr. Degutis briefed the board on the school's projected budget. Rev. Ron Rawls introduced his committee and stated the vision of his school. Questions and comments from the board followed. Rev. Rawls spoke on racial equality, student selection and class size limits. Mr. Forson thanked the applicant and asked that any additional information for the board be forwarded to him no later than Thursday, September 8, 2011. Mr. Forson then highlighted the application of PEACE Elementary School, noting the district staff voiced concerns regarding curriculum, budget, and lunch options. Mrs. Stephanie Ford presented curriculum and site location information.

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Questions and comments from the board followed. Mr. Fehling asked about their disciplinary program. Mr. Beebe commented that no student has been expelled. Mr. Forson reminded the applicant that any additional information should be forwarded to him no later than Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment** - None

### **Closing Comments**

Mr. Fehling thanked the staff for their hard work reviewing these applications. All were reminded of these upcoming events:

- September 27<sup>th</sup> – Workshop on Rezoning was moved from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM and moved to auditorium
- October 4<sup>th</sup> – Special School Board Meeting for Advertisement of Rezoning, followed by a workshop

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman

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Date Approved