MINUTES School Board Workshop October 4, 2011

This workshop, held at St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Chairman Bill Fehling. Mrs. Slough, Mr. Allen, Mr. Mignon and Mr. Fehling were present; it was noted that Mrs. Wright is attending school board business with FSBIT in Orlando. Also in attendance was School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff, and media representatives.

Opening Comments - None

Phone Notification System RFP Evaluation

Mr. Fehling introduced Mr. Patrou; Mr. Patrou then highlighted recent RFP results. The evaluation table indicated "Alert Now" by Blackboard scored the highest rating, followed by "One Call Now" and "School Announcement".

Race to the Top & Value Added Model Presentation

Mrs. Stewart updated the board on Race to the Top changes. She also mentioned other competitive grants, noting that Mr. Patrou received a \$120,000 grant. She then detailed the student growth model, "Learning Gain versus Student Growth". A discussion on calculations followed, and then a lengthy discussion on calculating the teacher component and teacher value-added score followed. These discussions were followed by additional questions and comments by the board.

Class Size Amendment Flexibility

Dr. Joyner introduced Mrs. Nicole Cubbedge, who detailed the Class Size Amendment survey flexibility of students. She noted this applies only to new students who enroll after October 1st. This will be included in the October board packet. Mrs. Cubbedge then introduced Mr. Troy Kastings, new Coordinator for School Services.

2012 Legislative Platform

Dr. Joyner introduced Mrs. Beth Sweeny, who detailed the 2012 Legislative Platform. Mrs. Slough thanked Mrs. Sweeny for her excellent work.

Redistricting Discussion

Dr. Joyner noted new Plan C has all of St. Augustine South in District 3; Crescent Beach and Marineland are also part of District 3. Orangedale is now proposed for District 1. It was decided for Mr. Allen to call Mr. Libby, the redistricting consultant, who works for both the Board of County Commissioners and the School Board. Mr. Upchurch will supply the board with the consultant's contact information.

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Public Comments - None

Closing Comments

All were reminded of the October 10th -11th Special School Board Meeting and October 12th -13th School Improvement Presentations. Mr. Allen noted he will be absent on October 12th. Dr. Joyner spoke about tax bill inserts; he reported that Mr. Degutis, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Sweeny and Mrs. Cubbedge are creating this insert that will go to 120,000 homes. He also announced that the October board packet is online. Mrs. Stewart reported the Parent Resource Guide will in the October board packet and the Student Progression Plan will be in November's.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved