

**MINUTES**  
**School Board Workshop**  
**October 20, 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; Mrs. Slough, Mr. Mignon, Mr. Fehling and Mrs. Wright were present. Mr. Allen was absent due to a business obligation. Also in attendance was School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff and media representatives.

**Opening Comments**

Mr. Fehling commented that the School Improvement Presentation days were outstanding. Mr. Mignon reported on yesterday's Northeast Florida School Boards Coalition meeting. Mr. Forson reported on this morning's bus accident, stating all 13 students are OK; the bus driver has a minor arm injury and is being treated at Flagler Hospital. The driver of the automobile that rear-ended the bus sustained injuries and is being treated at Flagler Hospital as well. Dr. Joyner welcomed back Mrs. Martha Mickler.

**Education Funding Partners**

Mrs. Donna Lueders introduced Ms. Lynn Cole, Vice President of Education Funding Partners. Ms. Cole presented information on EFP's proposal for corporate sponsorship. The consensus of the board was to continue talks with the firm.

**Race to the Top Update**

Dr. Joyner reported that he has asked Mr. Forson to oversee Race to the Top coordination. He has also asked Mrs. Mickler to oversee strategic planning. A discussion on the teacher evaluation development process followed.

**Understanding Homelessness**

Mr. Forson introduced Ms. Sally Anne Smith, Mr. Raymond Randolph and Ms. Chamane Williams. Ms. Williams, Homeless Coordinator, presented an update on homelessness in St. Johns County. She showed a very moving CBS news report on homeless students in Florida, and she reported that last year, St. Johns County School District served 493 homeless students. So far this year, we have already served 303 homeless students.

**Substitute Update**

Mr. Brennan Asplen reported on substitute usage and the new requirements of 10 days per school year, noting that a substitute must work at least 2 days in the first semester and 8 days in the second semester. A discussion on hiring and substitute costs followed.

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**Public Comments** – None

**Closing Comments**

Mrs. Slough reported attending the Town Hall meeting for District 2 redistricting; she said there was approximately 35 people in attendance. Mr. Mignon reported serving on the Assessment Committee for Head Start. Mr. Fehling noted Mr. Upchurch is drafting rules for evidentiary hearings, and these will be reviewed at the November 1<sup>st</sup> school board workshop. The schedule of upcoming meetings was announced.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman

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Date Approved