MINUTES School Board Workshop November 1, 2011

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order by Chairman Bill Fehling at 8:35 a.m. 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

Mrs. Wright reported judging a pumpkin contest at R.B. Hunt Elementary School. Mr. Mignon extended his condolences on the passing of Mrs. Margie Davidson. Dr. Joyner announced that the memorial service for Mrs. Davidson will be held Saturday, November 5th, 11:00 a.m. at Community Presbyterian Church in Atlantic Beach. He then introduced Mrs. Christina Langston, Interim Director of Community Relations. Mrs. Wright thanked Ms. Marcia Lane of the St. Augustine Record for the beautiful article she wrote about Margie.

Proposed Rules of Procedures for Disciplinary Hearings

Mr. Upchurch detailed the rules. He noted that the board chair does not necessarily have to be the presiding officer; another board member might be chosen. Questions regarding hearing timeframes followed.

Committees

A discussion on board salaries being set followed. Mr. Upchurch noted the many amendments to this statute, stating now that salaries are set by statute. All board members are encouraged to relay their wishes to Dr. Joyner to adjust their salaries or do nothing. Committee representation was discussed and the draft list was updated.

Draft Charter School Contract Template

Dr. Joyner detailed the mission of the committee and thanked them for their hard work. He then introduced Mrs. Martha Mickler. She thanked committee members Tim Egnor, Frank Upchurch and Denise Faulk. Mrs. Mickler outlined the contract process; Mr. Egnor added that schools have 75 days to review and negotiate, then their contract will go before the School Board for approval. Mrs. Mickler detailed this draft, and a discussion on the costs to the district for a charter school followed. Mrs. Wright added that their campus is off the tax roll, costing us additional funds as well. A lengthy discussion on transportation followed. Mrs. Cathy Weber and Mrs. Cathy Geiger detailed certification requirements and employment status for the charter schools.

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Discussion of Grandfathered Students for Attendance Zone Changes of 2012-13

Mr. Forson detailed the current practice; discussion by the board followed. It was noted that these waivers would not be applied to siblings and students could not return if they changed their minds. Also, if students moved, this clause would no longer be valid.

Use of School Board Property by City of St. Augustine

Mr. Forson related a request by the City of St. Augustine to redesign the carriage area off Orange Street. He suggested a lease agreement in exchange for more permanent parking passes. Mr. Allen reminded Mr. Forson that the original plan for the parking garage contained a covered catwalk to connect the garage and 40 Orange Street. The topic of allowing school groups to fundraise by monitoring the Yates parking area was discussed.

Easements – Elementary School "L"

Mr. Paul Rose detailed the easement requests for Elementary School "L". Questions and comments by the board followed.

Public Comments - None

Closing Comments

Mrs. Wright announced today's 2:00 PM internal audit committee meeting and 6:00 PM redistricting meeting. Mr. Forson announced Mrs. Cubbedge gave birth to Madison Grace on October 28th. Mr. Allen commented that Mrs. Davidson will be greatly missed for her involvement with Character Counts! Mr. Mignon asked that home schooling be discussed at next workshop. Groundbreaking for Elementary School "L" will be scheduled. Mr. Fehling asked for an update on parents transporting students for club and sporting events.

There being no further business, this workshop was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved