

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

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order by Chair Mrs. Bev Slough at 8:31 a.m. Dr. Joyner called roll; Mrs. Slough, Mr. Tommy Allen, Mr. Bill Fehling and Mrs. Carla Wright was present. Mrs. Slough noted that Mr. Mignon is in California this week. Also in attendance was School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff, media representatives and community members.

**Opening Comments**

Mr. Fehling asked about SAC walk-throughs, and he also asked questions regarding our zero tolerance consequences. Dr. Joyner and Mr. Upchurch spoke about the distinctions determined by Mr. Forson, Mr. Abbatinozzi and Mr. Upchurch. Mr. Fehling also asked that the board meeting at which we celebrate our Teachers of the Year be moved to 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Wright remarked that she enjoyed yesterday's groundbreaking ceremony for Elementary School "L". She also wished Mrs. Slough a happy birthday. Dr. Joyner thanked Mr. Forson for organizing the ceremony. He announced that the district blood drive would be held on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Ketterlinus Elementary School. He reminded all of our "Toys for Tots" service project in honor of Mr. Weiss' retirement. He spoke of last week's state conference and the emphasis on SB 736. Dr. Joyner also reviewed FCAT 2.0 reactor panel talking points, noting that 97% of students that go on to universities are college ready, along with 78.6% of those who go on to all colleges. He also noted that he'll be meeting with St. Augustine Record's editorial board regarding this issue.

**Head Start Update**

Mr. Fehling and Dr. Joyner remarked that Mr. Mignon does a great job representing the board on the Head Start Policy Council. Mrs. Mickler introduced Mr. Scott Sherman and Mrs. Maryann Holanchock, who reviewed the Head Start program highlights. She noted all teachers in our program are now certified and assistants have Para-Pro and CDA certification, making them highly qualified. She reported four classes at Webster, two at Crookshank, one at Osceola and one at South Woods Elementary Schools. The Head Start budget was reviewed and Mrs. Holanchock spoke of the generosity of the PGA Tour (they donate a holiday gift to each student) and the Intemann family, who provides new shoes to all 135 students. Mrs. Slough thanked Mrs. Holanchock for her hard work.

**2012-13 Master Calendar**

Mr. Forson spoke about the October inservice dates, noting that the proposed calendar will be on the January board agenda.

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**Internal Audit Follow-up**

Mr. Degutis spoke about the facility construction audit follow-up and the internal accounts audit. Mrs. Slough asked about internal audit committee membership; Mr. Degutis stated that a community member will be approached concerning membership.

**Redistricting Discussion**

Dr. Joyner reminded all that this is on our December 13<sup>th</sup> agenda for a vote; the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners will vote on this later today. Mr. Forson spoke on Revised Plans “C”, “E” and “J” and their variances. Discussion by the board followed.

**Public Comments**

Mrs. Slough called for public comment and the following came forward:

1. Rev. Rick Torrence. He spoke in favor of Plan “E” and his willingness to compromise and go along with Revised Plan “J”.
2. Ms. Dawn Chapman, SJEA President, spoke about upcoming appointments with local legislators.

**Closing Comments**

Mr. Fehling spoke about the “Social Media” breakout session at last week’s Tampa conference and how the speed of technology affects school boards. Mr. Upchurch spoke about a draft policy regarding media use for political purposes; he said we will have a comprehensive policy on this. Mrs. Slough asked that we schedule adequate time when this comes up for discussion. Mr. Allen said a comprehensive policy regarding social media is needed. Rev. Torrence questioned the board’s position on redistricting; Mrs. Slough and Dr. Joyner remarked that the board votes on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman

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Date Approved