

MINUTES
Regular School Board Meeting
December 13, 2011

This meeting, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Bev Slough. 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. Mr. Fehling then gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Corrections to the Agenda

Dr. Joyner announced that the November 22nd School Board Workshop minutes were revised and a typographical error was corrected on Item BC 18. Mrs. Wright motioned to approve; Mr. Allen seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Awards, Recognitions, Resolutions, Proclamations and Presentations

CR 1. Recognition of the Elaine Crutchfield Math and Science Scholarships Winners

Dr. Joyner announced that this morning's board meeting is dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Margie Davidson, commenting on how much she meant to our school district. He announced that a scholarship fund in her name has been established and has collected over \$8,000.00 to date. He also noted that Mrs. Davidson served as President of SUNSPRA, initiating their annual "Leading Light" Award. SUNSPRA announced that this award will be re-named the "Margie Davidson Leading Light Award" and be awarded to someone who affects positive change in K-12 education. Also, the St. Johns County Individual Service Award will be named after Mrs. Davidson for her tireless work for our character education initiative. Dr. Joyner remarked that "Margie Davidson was a positive, special force who treated everyone with dignity and respect."

CR 2. Approval of Board Members for the St. Johns County Education Foundation. Dr. Joyner introduced Dr. Meryl Goldman, President of the St. Johns County Education Foundation. Dr. Goldman detailed the 2011-12 foundation goals, and announced that Arts Alive! will be held May 17-19, 2012. Mr. Mignon moved to approve; Mr. Allen seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Dr. Joyner recognized Mr. Conley Weiss in honor of his retirement as Chief Financial Officer of the St. Johns County School District.

Opening Comments

Mr. Fehling remarked that during the nine years he has been on the school board, Mr. Weiss' leadership in improving our financial position allowed us to excel, and he thanked Mr. Weiss for this. Mr. Allen noted his confidence in Mr. Weiss and appreciated his humor. Mr. Allen also commented on how much he will miss Mrs. Davidson's work with our Character Counts! initiative.

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Mrs. Slough added that she will miss Mrs. Davidson and is fortunate to continue working with Mr. Weiss for United Way. Dr. Joyner announced the "Toys for Tots" service project in honor of Mr. Weiss. He also announced good news; our graduation rate for 2010-2011 is 93.3%, a .7% increase and our dropout rate decreased from .9% to .8%.

Public Comments - None

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Mignon motioned to approve; Mrs. Wright seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

MIN A1. Request for Approval of Minutes. Mr. Allen moved to approve; Mrs. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

1. School Board Workshop of November 1, 2011
2. Special School Board Meeting of November 8, 2011
3. Regular School Board Meeting of November 8, 2011
4. Reorganization Meeting of November 22, 2011
5. School Board Workshop of November 22, 2011

Superintendent Consent Items – None

Superintendent Action Items - None

School Board Attorney Consent Items - None

School Board Attorney Action Item

SBA A1. Adoption of Redistricting Plan. Dr. Joyner introduced Mr. Frank Upchurch. Mr. Upchurch introduced the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Ms. Vicky Oakes, Mr. Patrick McCormack, County Attorney and Mr. John Libby, consultant. He reviewed previous meetings, noting that the Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously last Tuesday for Revised Plan J. He noted there is not legal requirement to have the same districts between the School Board and the County Commissioners, but there are practical considerations. He reviewed Plan J, noting that he heard it referred to as a compromise between Plan C and Plan E. He called it a culmination of plans. Mrs. Slough called for public comments; the following came forward:

1. Ms. Ina Backman, 833 West 3rd Street, St. Augustine, FL, spoke on behalf of Rev. Ron Rawls and is favor of Revised Plan J.
2. Ms. Vicky Oakes, Supervisor of Elections, spoke of our redistricting journey and noted her goal of keeping districts the same, noting its clearer to voters and less expensive for her office.
3. Rev. Rick Torrence, 456 Sebastian Square, St. Augustine, FL, representing the Ministerial Alliance and the NAACP, noted that Plan J is an attempt to compromise and urged board members to vote for Plan J.

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4. Mrs. Barbara Allen, 13 Rollins Avenue, St. Augustine, FL, a representative of the 40th Accord, spoke in favor of coming together.
5. Mr. Jim Arpaia, 3144 Kings Road, St. Augustine, FL, spoke in favor of Plan C.

At this time, Mr. Mignon motioned to adopt Revised Plan J; Mrs. Wright seconded. Comments by the board followed. Vote was 4-1, with Mr. Fehling dissenting. Mrs. Slough then thanked Ms. Oakes, Mr. Libby and Mr. Forson for their work on redistricting

Personnel/Human Resources Consent Agenda

- PC 1. Approved Personnel Appointments (see page _____)
- PC 2. Approved Leave Requests and Return from Leave (see page _____)
- PC 3. Approved Resignations, Retirements and Terminations (see page _____)
- PC 4. Approved Transfers (see page _____)
- PC 5. Approved Employees' Enrollment in DROP (see page _____)
- PC 6. Approved Out-of-Field Instructional Employees (see page _____)
- PC 7. Approved Substitute Teachers (see page _____)
- PC 8. Approved Agreement with Nova Southeastern University (see page _____)
- PC 9. Approved Job Description for Webmaster, Information Technology Department (see page _____)
- PC10. Approved 2012-2013 School Year Calendar

Personnel/Human Resources Action Items - None

Instructional/Curriculum Consent Items

- IC 1. Approved SJCS D Head Start Program Policies and Procedures, Revised 2011 (see page _____)
- IC 2. Approved 2011-12 Composition Rosters for School Advisory Councils (see page _____)
- IC 3. Approved 2011-2012 School Improvement Plans as Presented (see page _____)
- IC 4. Approved Field Trips (see page _____)
- IC 5. Approved Addition to the 2012-2013 Middle School Course Catalog (see page _____)

Instructional/Curriculum Action Items – None

Business/Fiscal Consent Items

- BC 1. Approved Paid Monthly Bills – October, 2011 (see page _____)
- BC 2. Approved Cash Flow Analysis Report (see page _____)
- BC 3. Approved the Finance Activity Summary (see page _____)
- BC 4. Accepted the District's Financial Statement as of October, 2011 (see page _____)
- BC 5. Accepted the Therapeutic Learning Center (TLC) Financial Report (see page _____)
- BC 6. Accepted the Academy of Business and Leadership Education (ABLE) Financial Report (see page _____)
- BC 7. Accepted the FY 2010-2011 School Internal Accounts Audits (see page _____)
- BC 8. Accepted the Audit Committee's Internal Audit Follow-up Report as of August, 2011 (see page _____)
- BC 9. Accepted the First Coast Technical College Audit Report as of June 30, 2011 (see page _____)
- BC10. Approved Resolution regarding Surplus Property (see page _____)

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- BC11. Approved Reactivation of Property Items (see page _____)
- BC12. Accepted Donation to PVPV/Rawlings Elementary School (see page _____)
- BC13. Approved Renewal of RFP #2007-27 Turn-key Furniture Vendor (see page _____)

Business/Fiscal Action Items

- BA 1. Request for Approval of the 2010-2011 Budget Amendment # 2012 G-02. Mr. Degutis detailed this request. Mrs. Slough moved to approve; Mrs. Wright seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Operations/Facilities Consent Items

- OC 1. Accepted Report on Status of Capital Projects (see page _____)
- OC 2. Accepted Maintenance Department Monthly Activities Report (see page _____)
- OC 3. Approved School Camps (see page _____)
- OC 4. Approved Contractor Prequalification (see page _____)
- OC 5. Approved Change Order # 3, (Final), Hartley Elementary School Expansion (see page _____)
- OC 6. Approved Final Acceptance – St. Augustine High School Partial Roof Replacement and and Weight Room Vertical Expansion (see page _____)
- OC 7. Approved Final Acceptance - Hartley Elementary School Partial Roof Replacement (see page _____)
- OC 8. Approved Final Acceptance - Murray Middle School Partial Roof Replacement and Metal Roof Repairs (see page _____)
- OC 9. Approved Final Acceptance - The Webster School Partial Roof Replacement (see page _____)
- OC10. Approved Final Acceptance - The Webster School Renovations (see page _____)
- OC11. Approved Final Acceptance - Dining Facilities Expansions at Fruit Cove and Landrum Middle Schools (see page _____)
- OC12. Approved Final Acceptance - St. Augustine High School Domestic Water and Restroom Upgrades (Phase III) (see page _____)
- OC13. Approved Final Acceptance - Crookshank Elementary School Window Replacement (see page _____)
- OC14. Approved Final Acceptance - Murray Middle School Window Replacement (see page _____)
- OC15. Approved Final Acceptance - R.B. Hunt Elementary School Window Replacement Project (see page _____)
- OC16. Approved Final Acceptance - St. Augustine High School Window Replacement Project (see page _____)
- OC17. Approved Final Acceptance - Nease High School Performing Arts Center Renovations Project (see page _____)

Operations/Facilities Action Items

- OA 1. Request to Approve the Attendance Zone Changes for 2012-2013 –FINAL PUBLIC HEARING. Mr. Forson detailed this request; noting the attendance zoning is being updated due to new Elementary School “L” and overcrowding. Mr. Fehling called for public comment; the following came forward:

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1. Mr. Daniel Watkins, 165 Islesbrook Parkway, St. Johns, FL 32259, spoke against rezoning Durbin Creek South to Hickory Creek Elementary School.

There being no further speakers, Mr. Fehling closed the public hearing. Mrs. Slough motioned to approve; Mrs. Wright seconded. Vote was 5-0.

- OA 2. Request to Approve a Procedure to Grandfather Students in Conjunction with Attendance Zones for 2012-2013. Mr. Forson detailed this request. Mrs. Slough motioned to approve; Mr. Allen seconded. Questions regarding eligibility notification followed. Vote was 5-0.

Information Technology Consent Items - None

Information Technology Action Items – None

First Coast Technical College Consent Items

- FCTC C1. Accepted Financial Report (see pages _____)
- FCTC C2. Approved FCTC Employment Action (see pages _____)
- FCTC C3. Approved FCTC Employment Action (Informational Purposes Only)
(see pages _____)

First Coast Technical College Action Items – None

Public Comments - None

Closing Comments

Mr. Mignon reported judging a pumpkin decorating contest at Hartley Elementary School. Mr. Allen stated his appreciation for the attention our schools pay to our veterans.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved