

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
January 24, 2012

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order by Chair Bev Slough at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Joyner called roll; Mrs. Slough, Mr. Bill Mignon, Mr. Bill Fehling and Mrs. Carla Wright were present. Mr. Allen arrived a few minutes later. Also in attendance was School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff, community members and media representatives.

Opening Comments

Mr. Fehling commented on the recent Teacher of the Year recognitions. Mr. Mignon and Mr. Allen commented on the recently-released state ranking. Mrs. Slough announced that the board needs to hire a new secretary and she offered to screen the candidates. Mr. Allen suggested that the superintendent's executive assistant work on this process as well.

Charter School Contract Review

Dr. Joyner introduced Mrs. Mickler, who complimented her staff on their work on the charter school contracts. Mr. Egnor detailed the contract updates at length and thanked Mr. Upchurch for his collaboration on producing these contracts. Questions and comments by the board followed. Mrs. Slough stated that the contract will be included on the February board agenda. Dr. Joyner thanked the applicants.

ESE Program Update

Dr. Joyner commented on the ESE review; Mrs. Mickler gave the credit to our schools' assistant principals, Mr. Sherman and Mrs. Bell for the success of these programs. Mrs. Bell then highlighted the ESE Service Delivery for 2012-13.

Insurance Plan Update

Mr. Forson commented on the dynamics of health care, stating that Mrs. Cathy Weber will report on the insurance committee and Mr. Mark Bailey will report on current trends. He cautioned that the "retirees under 65" group plan needs adjustment. Mrs. Weber spoke about the committee members, the clinics and the Health Risk Assessment program. Ms. Debbie Weiner of The Bailey Group reported on retiree premiums. Mr. Bailey spoke on controlling costs while offering the best possible products. Mr. Degutis stated that the committee is looking for direction from the board, noting that strategies are in place that should bring the fund balance up. Mr. Fehling stated he will not support a cash injection and we cannot subsidize the "under 65 retiree" premiums.

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Budget Update

Dr. Joyner announced they will prepare a ten-minute budget update at each workshop until the state budget is finalized. Mr. Degutis reviewed the FY 2011-12 third calculation versus the Governor's FY 2012-13 budget. He noted the \$10M increase is actually decreased by over \$9M, reflecting an actual 3-5% decrease. He reviewed the draft TRIM calendar and spoke on the utility rebate program. Mr. Allen reported on recent local business closings.

Public Comment – None

Closing Comments

Mr. Allen commented that budget information must be communicated to the public. Dr. Joyner announced that the SJCEF received a \$10,000 donation for "Arts Alive" and The Players Championship donated an additional \$10,000. He also noted that remediation requirements may triple by next year; more information on this topic will follow.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved