

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
March 27, 2012

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Chairman Beverly Slough. Dr. Joseph Joyner called roll; all school board members were present. Also in attendance were School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff, and media representatives.

Opening Comments

Mr. Mignon passed around policy briefs from the James Madison Institute that illustrates the transparency grades for all Florida counties. Mrs. Wright stated that she recently attended a Betty Griffin board meeting and was pleased that the month of April is designated as sexual assault awareness month to bring attention to the problem that many women face. Mrs. Slough stated that Volusia County lost their long-time legal counsel, and prayers go out to our colleagues in Volusia.

Tech Plan Update

Mr. Patrou presented detailed changes to the District Technology Plan. Changes include adding common core and academy information. Mr. Patrou stated that the new computers for the next refresh plan have arrived and distribution has begun. Training for the teachers will take place this summer.

Naming of Elementary “L” Discussion

Mr. Campbell presented the top seven names chosen by the community for Elementary “L”. Mr. Upchurch pointed out that we could be opening up a possible legal issue by naming the school after the development. The decision was made to gather more information about the history of the area and request community input on names that do not include Palencia.

Elementary School “L” and Palencia Park-Shared Use

Mrs. Cubbedge presented an MOU for cross easement with Elementary “L” and Palencia Park. The board was in agreement to move forward with the MOU.

Amendment to Ponte Vedra High School Deed

Mrs. Cubbedge presented a detailed sketch of an access easement in Nocatee. Discussion followed and the board passed the amendment to the Ponte Vedra High School deed.

Rule 6.82-Use of Electronic Media for School Purposes

Mr. Upchurch presented school board rule 6.82 with changes. The rule will be approved for publication at the April 10, 2012 board meeting.

Homeless Education Guidelines and Procedure-Rule 4.18

Mr. Upchurch presented school board rule 4.18. The rule will be approved for publication at the April 10, 2012 board meeting.

Public Comments

Mrs. Dawn Chapman, 2985 Hilltop Road, St. Augustine, Florida 32086, President of SJEA commented on the changes to Rule 6.82. Mrs. Chapman spoke in favor of rule 6.82 and stated with respect to texting , the same rules should apply for coaches as for teachers. Mrs. Chapman also stated that SJEA will be sponsoring a retirement banquet on May 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Flagler College.

Closing Comments

Mrs. Wright reminded everyone of the STAR Banquet tonight. Mr. Mignon stated that he would like to be reminded of the County Commission presentations so he can attend and show support for Dr. Joyner. Mrs. Slough requested that the board receive financial reports from ABLE and ARC, similar to the FCTC reports. There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved