

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
May 1, 2012

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 8:31 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

Mrs. Wright stated that she attended the Florida School Boards Insurance Trust (FSBIT) conference in Celebration, Florida on April 26 and 27. No other opening comments were made.

Charter School Update

Mr. Egnor and Ms. Faulk presented a detailed progress report on the St. Augustine Public Montessori School and the St. Paul School of Excellence.

Common Core

Dr. Thomson presented a report on Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Dr. Thomson stated that the goal of CCSS is to increase college and career readiness.

Naming of Elementary School “L”

Mr. Campbell stated that the public was asked to provide input in the naming of the new Elementary School “L” by using the alert now system, school newsletters, school websites and parent/community meetings. Mr. Mignon stated that he hesitates to name the school after the Palencia development because there are other neighborhoods that will be zoned for the school as well. The name that has received the most support from the parents who participated in the naming process is Palencia Elementary. Other names, including Marshall Creek Elementary were discussed. Dr. Joyner recommended that the board choose a name for the school at the next board meeting.

School Concurrency – Winchester East

Mrs. Cubbedge stated that the Winchester East subdivision originally applied and received a school concurrency reservation for 38 single family dwelling units, but subsequently, filed an application for the remaining 251 single family dwelling units.

Durbin Crossing

Mr. Forson presented background information relating to Durbin Crossing. Mr. Forson stated that the District entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2003 with SouthStar Development Partners. The MOU required certain documentation to be submitted with the Notice to Proceed. The District will submit documentation for the Notice to Proceed.

K-8 Prototype Design

Mr. Forson provided information on the new K-8 prototype. Mr. Forson stated that the next school built in St Johns County will be school (HH) located in Durbin Crossing.

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Public Comments

- 1) Samuel Mathies, 124 E. Berkswell Drive, St. Johns, Florida 32259, community member asked if the size or type of the Durbin Crossing school was in the original agreement. Mrs. Cubbedge replied that the K-8 plan for the school was not in the original agreement.

- 2) Daniel Watkins, 165 Isles Brook Parkway, St. Johns, Florida 32259, community member asked about the student count for the Durbin Crossing School. Mrs. Cubbedge stated that a new student enrollment will be released soon.

Closing Comments

Mr. Fehling thanked the Curriculum and Facilities Departments for being proactive with change. Mr. Mignon thanked the Curriculum department for the CCSS presentation. Mr. Allen stated that he appreciates the time spent during school board workshops because it gives the board a chance to examine issues informally. Mrs. Slough stated that this was an exceptionally good workshop. Dr. Joyner stated that the American Youth Character Counts Banquet this Thursday will be the place to be.

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

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved