

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
May 22, 2012

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 8:30 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. Slough stated that Bartram Trail graduate, Ryan Timoney was seriously injured in Afghanistan. Mrs. Slough requested that everyone remember Mr. Timoney and his family in their prayers. Dr. Joyner stated that the International Academy of Business and Marketing at Ponte Vedra High School has achieved model academy status.

William Bartram Scenic Highway Organization Presentation

Mr. Al Abbatiello presented information on the William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway.

Discussion of Property and Casualty Insurance Package

Mr. Degutis introduced Mr. Woodside and Mr. Barnidge of Florida School Boards Insurance Trust who presented the 2012 – 2013 Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal Proposal.

Acceptance of Bids

Mr. Degutis and Mr. Clark presented their suggested changes in bid acceptance. Mr. Clark stated that these changes include preference for St. Johns County bidders, provided prices and quality are equal to the competitor.

Equity Pricing

Mrs. Binninger presented changes to the upcoming paid lunch prices for students. Mrs. Binninger stated that for 2012-2013 the USDA has indicated that the District must meet the benchmark of \$2.51 per student or calculate the weighted average for a gradual increase. Mrs. Binninger stated that the minimum weighted average that the District must meet is \$2.30. The board recommended an increase of \$.10 for both elementary and secondary lunches to allow for a gradual increase in pricing to meet the benchmark, and to ease the financial strain on parents.

Meal Pattern Requirements

Mr. Prevatt presented the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) which includes new nutrition standards for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Prevatt stated that the goal is to enhance the diet and health of school children by providing positive steps to decreasing childhood obesity as well as combatting childhood hunger.

2012-2013 Student Code of Conduct

Mr. Abbatinozzi presented changes to the 2012-2013 Student Code of Conduct which include additional verbiage on responsibilities of bus drivers and additional wording of “intent to sell” under the student discipline section. Mr. Abbatinozzi also highlighted other changes such as the requirement of proof of residency and homeless students.

Public Comments – None

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Closing Comments

Dr.Joyner stated that there will be an Interagency Meeting this Thursday that will focus on graduation and transition-to-work services for our ESE students.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved