

MINUTES
Special School Board Meeting
First Public Hearing for the Purpose of Adopting the 2012-2013 Tentative Millage/Budget
August 2, 2012

This meeting, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Beverly Slough. Dr. Joseph Joyner called roll; four school board members were present, Bill Fehling was in London. Also in attendance were School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff, and media representatives.

Opening Comments

Dr. Joyner stated that Pam Stewart has been named the Interim Commissioner of Education and will help with the search for a permanent Commissioner. Dr. Joyner also stated that we received news on the AP scores last week and 3,204 students took a total of 6,248 exams. Dr. Joyner commented that this was an increase of 14% in students taking the exam and 59% of the students received a grade high enough to qualify for college credit.

Presentation of the 2012-2013 SJCSB Millage and Budget

Mr. Degutis presented information on the 2012-2013 millage and budget. Mrs. Slough opened the public hearing and called for public comment, but no one came forward. The board members thanked the finance department for their work.

Request for Adoption of the 2012-2013 SJCSB Tentative Millages for Local Required Effort, Basic Discretionary and Capital Improvement

Mrs. Wright motioned to approve; Mr. Allen seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Request for Adoption of the Resolution Adopting the Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Mr. Mignon moved to approve; Mr. Allen seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Public Comments

Mr. Ron Cook, 116 Lost Beach, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082, Mr. Cook stated his concerns over the Student Foreign Exchange Program and its process.

Closing Comments

Mr. Mignon stated that a political candidate attacked the school board for raising property taxes. Mr. Mignon stated that false comments like that make us all look bad. Dr. Joyner thanked the board for their commitment to the children.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved