

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
August 28, 2012

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chairman Beverly Slough. Dr. 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 stated that in spite of the pouring rain, dismissal during the first week of school ran smoothly. Mr. Mignon also stated that he attended Rotary on Monday where he heard Dr. Joyner deliver a tremendous presentation. Mrs. Slough commented that the schools she visited last week accommodated the population growth very well. Dr. Joyner stated that our ACT scores were the best that we've ever had.

Charter School Applications

Mr. Egnor presented an overview of the charter school application process and then the staff from Somerset Academy and Kids Community College presented information and videos about their schools. Discussion followed, including questions from the board regarding financial issues, school locations, services for ESE students, governing board, and other areas of concern.

Public Comments

Mrs. Slough called for public comment and the following came forward and spoke in opposition or expressed concerns to the charter school applicants coming to St. Johns County.

1. Ellen A. Whitmer, parent, 1178 Natures Hammock Rd., St. Johns, FL 32259
2. Melissa Nelson, parent, 214 Edgewater Dr., St. Johns, FL 32259
3. Colleen Wood, parent, 450 – 106 SR 13, #142, St. Johns, FL 32259
4. Dawn Chapman, SJEA President, 785 Hilltop Rd., St. Augustine, FL 32086

Closing Comments

Mrs. Slough thanked the staff for having an application review process in place. Dr. Joyner thanked the board for investing their time in reviewing all the application information in great detail. Dr. Joyner introduced Patrick Canan, newly elected board member for district 5, and Danielle French, new Risk Manager.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved