

**MINUTES**  
**School Board Workshop**  
**October 23, 2012**

This workshop, held at the St. Johns County School Board Administrative Center, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, Florida, was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Beverly Slough. Dr. Joseph Joyner called roll; four school board members were present; Mr. Allen was on vacation. Also in attendance were School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff, and media representatives.

**Opening Comments**

Mr. Fehling and Mr. Mignon thanked everyone for the School Improvement Presentations last week. Mr. Fehling stated that he enjoyed Governor Scott's visit to Ponte Vedra High School last week.

**Proposed Constitutional Amendments**

Mrs. Sweeny presented an overview on the amendments appearing on the ballot November 6<sup>th</sup>, and stated that seven of the amendments could have a potential impact on public education. Mrs. Sweeny detailed Amendment 2, Veterans Disabled Due to Combat Injury; Homestead Property Tax Discount; Amendment 3, State Government Revenue Limitation; Amendment 4, Property Tax Limitations; Property Value Decline; Reduction for Nonhomestead Assessment Increases; Delay of Scheduled repeal; Amendment 8, Religious Freedom; Amendment 9, Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran or First Responder; Amendment 10, Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption; and Amendment 11, Additional Homestead Exemption; Low-income Seniors who Maintain Long-Term Residency on Property; Equal to Assessed Value

**Legislative Platform**

Mrs. Sweeny presented a draft legislative platform for the 2013 session for the St. Johns County School District. Discussion followed.

**McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act**

Mrs. Johnson, Coordinator for Student Services/ASSIST Program, presented an overview of the identification and referral process for students qualifying for the Aid and Support for Students in Sudden Transition (ASSIST) Services.

**Public Comments** –None

**Closing Comments**

Mrs. Slough reminded everyone that she will be on vacation next week.

**Closing Comments**

Mr. Fehling and Mrs. Slough thanked the finance department for all their efforts. Dr. Joyner thanked the board for their support.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

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Superintendent

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Chairman

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Date Approved