

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
February 5, 2013

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 Tommy Allen. Dr. Joseph Joyner called roll; school board members, Mr. Tommy Allen, Mr. Bill Mignon, Mr. Bill Fehling, Mrs. Beverly Slough and Mr. Patrick Canan were present; Also in attendance were School Board Attorney Frank D. Upchurch, III, district staff, and media representatives.

Opening Comments

Mr. Canan stated that he enjoyed meeting Governor Scott at Nease High School, and stated that he is happy that the teachers will be receiving a raise, but conflicted over merit pay. Mrs. Slough stated that she had a very successful trip to Washington DC for the NSBA Conference. Mr. Fehling stated that he is proud that the Governor has visited three of our schools. Mr. Mignon thanked the staff and Superintendent for their support to the students and staff of Pedro Menendez High School. Dr. Joyner stated that Dr. Clay Carmichael, Principal of Pedro Menendez High School did an excellent job supporting his students and staff during this very difficult week, and stated that Dr. Carmichael went above and beyond his duties as a Principal with home visits to the families of both students that were killed.

St. Johns Technical Update

Mr. Wayne King, Principal of St. Johns Technical High School presented an update on the school that included the vision and core values for the future. Mr. King also stated that the school's primary focus is on career and technical education and workforce development.

Career Academy Update

Mrs. Paula Chaon presented updates on the fourteen Career Academies in St. Johns County. Mrs. Chaon also stated that St. Johns Career Academies are recognized as national leaders in innovative and high quality implementation of the career academy model.

School Safety Update

Mr. Forson presented an update on school safety that included school-based emergency plans, safety teams and meetings with law enforcement.

Public Comments

1. Miguel Quinones, retired St. Johns County Sheriff's Department
955-E Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra, Florida 32081
Mr. Quinones came to listen about school safety.

Closing Comments

Mr. Mignon stated that he was very impressed with the professional manner in which the students and staff of Nease High School conducted themselves during the recent Governor Scott visit. Mrs. Slough stated that she was reminded of the children's book "Leo the Late Bloomer" when listening to the St. Johns Technical presentation, and hopes that students who typically "fall through the cracks" will have other options for graduating high school. Mr. Allen would like to explore providing technical certificates for

the students who follow a technical trade path through high school to ensure that they earn a high school diploma. Dr. Joyner suggested discussing “RTI, what can we do?” at an upcoming workshop. Mr. Allen also thanked Mrs. Langston for her work on the upcoming Character Counts! Run.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved