

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
February 26, 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. Mignon, Mr. Canan and Mr. Fehling stated that the Teacher of the Year (TOY) Banquet was superb. Mr. Allen stated that all of the TOY speakers' had a common theme of "planting a seed". Mrs. Slough stated that she enjoyed our distinguished guests touring the Academies, and felt that the Commissioner of Education was very engaged with the learning process. Dr. Joyner thanked the Education Foundation for an outstanding Teacher of the Year Banquet. Mrs. Mickler elaborated on the VIP tour of the Academies, and stated that Senator Thrasher and other government officials toured the Aerospace and Teaching Academies at St. Augustine High School then headed to Flagler Hospital to tour Pedro Menendez's Academy of Health and Medical Careers.

Technology Update

Mr. Bruce Patrou presented a summary of major changes to the St. Johns County School District Technology Plan, which included migration to a new email system and application process.

Budget Update

Mr. Mike Degutis presented a budget update which included an economic update, Governor's 2013-2014 Budget Proposal, and budget for the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Degutis also presented the 2013-2014 budget priorities which included adding 5 school technology specialists, elementary school clerks, and high school testing coordinators. Dr. Joyner also recommended a change to the middle school schedule that would expand academic opportunities for students, and add a planning time for teachers. All board members supported the budget priorities.

Public Comments -None

Closing Comments

Mr. Fehling thanked Mr. Patrou and Mr. Degutis for the amount of information presented. Mr. Allen stated that the presentations helped him to understand the direction that we are going. Mrs. Mickler stated that schools were given the option of postponing FCAT Writes for one day due to the tornado warnings in the area. Mrs. Mickler also stated that Durbin Creek has postponed its testing for one day. Dr. Joyner stated that Voluntary Pre-School (VPK) will be expanding classes at Ketterlinus and Webster for the 2013-2014 school year. The board members agreed to cancel the March 26th school board workshop due to Spring Break.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairman

Date Approved