

MINUTES
School Board Workshop
October 17, 2013

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 Tommy Allen. Dr. Joseph Joyner called roll; school board members, Mr. Tommy Allen, Mr. Bill Fehling, Mrs. Beverly Slough, Mr. Bill Mignon 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. Fehling, Mr. Mignon and Mrs. Slough stated that they enjoyed the positive focus during the School Improvement Presentations, and also enjoyed the Character Counts! Breakfast this morning. Mr. Allen thanked everyone for attending the breakfast and Dr. Joyner thanked Mr. Canan for emceeding the event. All agreed that the Character Counts! Breakfast was a great way to start the day.

Cell phone in Classroom

Mrs. Slough led a discussion on possible instructional use of cell phone use in the classroom. Dr. Joyner asked Ms. Melanie Tahan to research and follow up with more information.

Class Ranking

Mr. Canan led a discussion on class ranking, which included GPAs being figured at the end of the year as opposed to the end of the first semester. Several former and current high school principals stated their opinions and concerns. Dr. Joyner stated that the discussion will continue at a later date.

School Board Committee Assignments

The board discussed the Board Ex-Officio Representation on Committees for 2013-2014.

Master Board Topic/Date Selection

The board discussed the Master Board Onsite Training and selected training on the following topics: Essentials of Leadership, Challenges of Leadership and Public Engagement with Public Education. The following dates were selected for training: 11/19/13, 1:30pm-5:30pm; 1/09/14, 1:30pm-5:30pm; 2/14/14, 1:30pm-5:30pm; and 3/13/14, 1:30pm-5:30pm as an alternate date.

Public Comments

1. Mr. Michael Barnes, 24 Cathedral Place, St. Augustine, FL 32084 Mr. Barnes spoke about the oratorical contest and scholarship sponsored by the American Legion.

Closing Comments -None