

**SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING (Thursday, June 30, 2016)**

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**Members present**

Kelly Barrera, Tommy Allen, Patrick Canan, Bill Mignon, Bev Slough

**Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM**

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

## 2. ROLL CALL

## 3. OPENING COMMENTS BY BOARD CHAIR

Mr. Canan made an opening statement regarding impasse.

## 4. BOARD CHAIR OPENS PUBLIC HEARING

Public Comments:

1. Ms. Kate Dowdie, 53 Bay View Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32084 Ms. Dowdie delivered message in support of the teachers from Mrs. Michelle Dillon, SJEA President who could not attend.
2. Ms. Linda Tassopoulos, 2412 Den St., St. Augustine, FL 32092 Ms. Tassopoulos spoke about "not a good fit" to teach at Wards Creek Elementary School.
3. Ms. Mary Ann Collins, 1488 CR13, St. Augustine, FL 32092 Ms. Collins spoke about annual contract teachers.
4. Ms. Carole Gauronskas, 208 St. Thomas St., St. Augustine, FL 32095 Ms. Gauonskas spoke about impasse.
5. Ms. Sheria Griffin, 1519 China Grove TR., Tallahassee, FL 32301 Ms. Griffin spoke about impasse.
6. Ms. Katelin Bowker, 265 Wisteria Rd., St. Augustine, FL 32086 Ms. Bowker spoke about impasse.
7. Ms. Linda Noftell, 37 Milliken Ln., St. Augustine, FL 32080 Ms. Noftell spoke about current bargaining.
8. Ms. Andrea Selkirk, 909 E. Redhouse Rd., St. Augustine, FL 32084 Ms. Selkirk spoke about teacher pay.
9. Ms. Sarah Lahtinen, 2792 Spinnerbait Ct., St. Augustine, FL 32092 Ms. Lahtinen spoke about contract negotiations.
10. Mr. John Reardon, 3560 CR214, St. Augustine, FL 32092 Mr. Reardon spoke about impasse.
11. Ms. Nadine Bernstein, 686 Circa St., St. Augustine, FL 32086 Ms. Bernstein spoke about impasse.
12. Ms. Jessica Rosas, 720 Charmwood Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32086

Ms. Rosas spoke about compensation.

13. Mr. Christopher Paone, 1005 Kennedy Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32084  
Mr. Paone spoke about compensation.

#### 5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.02 Presentations: Union representatives, Ms. Tammy Whitaker and Ms. Sally Cunningham addressed the associate teacher issue.

District representative, John Dickinson addressed the associate teacher issue.

5.03 Presentations: Union representatives, Sally Cunningham addressed the advanced degree issue.

District representative, John Dickinson addressed the advanced degree issue.

5.04 Presentations: : Union representatives, Ms. Sally Cunningham and Ms. Tammy Whitaker addressed the annual contract issue.

District representative, Dr. Joseph Joyer addressed the annual contract issue.

#### 6. BOARD CHAIR CLOSES PUBLIC HEARING

#### 7. BOARD DISCUSSION

7.01 Request for approval of Superintendent's recommendation.

Motion by Bill Mignon; second by Beverly Slough

Motion carries, Vote 5-0 (unanimous) to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

#### 8. CLOSING COMMENTS BY SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Canan, Mr. Allen, Mr. Mignon, Mrs. Barrera and Mrs. Slough urged teachers and the community to engage in the Legislative process. The board thanked all the teachers for coming out and speaking.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT 7:39 PM