

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP (Tuesday, August 20, 2019)
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Members present

Kelly Barrera, Patrick Canan, Bill Mignon, Bev Slough
Tommy Allen came in during opening comments.

Meeting called to order at 8:34 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

2. ROLL CALL BY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

3. OPENING COMMENTS BY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mrs. Slough stated as we celebrate the opening of schools its fun to see students well engaged, it's also fun to see bus traffic slowing down. It has been a great start.

Mr. Forson stated we had a visit from the Florida Department of Education at the end of last week, from the Office of Safe Schools. We had a great discussion and also visited three of our sites, Ketterlinus Elementary, Sebastian Middle, and St. Augustine High Schools. I think from their perspective they were very pleased with the work that the staff has done both at the school level, the district level and the sheriff's office. All of the players were at the table and it was a great opportunity for us to share our commitment to having safe schools, it was a good experience.

The growth issues that we are experiencing with our transportation department will continue for another two weeks or more. Leveling out some of the bus routes and making some decisions for some folks that have requests are being worked on now. So, all of those things are going to take time and we ask for patience as we do that. Even though we anticipated an additional 1550 to 1800 students, it happened to be 2200, we can't always anticipate what bus stops they'll be at, where the heaviest of concentration of new students will be and so we'll take the time and work that through and do it correctly.

4. WORKSHOP TOPICS:

4.01 Superintendent's Contract- Presented by Frank Upchurch, School Board Attorney

4.02 Service Animal Policy- Dr. Asplen, Deputy Superintendent for Academic and Student Services introduced Lisa Bell, Director for Exceptional Student Education, to present.

4.03 FCTC Goodwill MOU- Dawn Sapp, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, introduced Arlene Dennison, Coordinator of College Advancement, to present.

4.04 Security Update- Presented by Paul Abbatinozzi, Senior Director for School Services; and Kyle Dresback, Associate Superintendent for Student Support Services.

4.05 Student Progression Plan- Dawn Sapp, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, introduced Christine Stephan, Director for Instructional Services, Elementary Education; and Gina Fonseca, Director for Instructional Services, Secondary Education, to present.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments

6. CLOSING COMMENTS BY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Allen spoke about having state regulations that we have to abide by regarding transportation and he appreciated the information addressed in the Parent Resource Guide by the Curriculum and Instruction Department.

Mr. Canan thanked all the presenters stating it is obvious that a lot of work goes into these presentations and they all do a great job keeping it all together.

Mrs. Slough recognized how much work goes into what was presented as this information is put together the beginning of August and must be ready for the beginning of the school year. As far as school improvement process goes it would be wonderful to have it streamlined as much as possible, making it more personalized to each school.

Tim Forson thanked the teams and staff for working on this morning's workshop presentations. He stated there are many topics that we walked through today that are important to the success of the system and many details that go behind the documents that we just heard presented. I am appreciative to the experts that are in the room and all the hard work that has gone into preparing those documents.

One of the things we can't overlook in today's world is our organization is getting bigger, it is important that procedures and policies are consistent and clear and are detailed so that we treat everyone with consistency and the way they should be based on their needs for the students. As much as this is a lot of work this certainly sets the table for how well the district, I believe, operates through the course of a year. I'm very appreciative of the work that has gone on in preparing those documents.

Mrs. Barrera commented that she liked the format of the school improvement process and liked hearing from the Principals regarding the challenges they face, what they've done to try and improve the school going forward, and would not be opposed to having additional opportunities to highlight some of the new things they are doing.

7. ADJOURNMENT at 10:59 AM