

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP (Tuesday, May 25, 2021)

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Members present

Kelly Barrera, Patrick Canan, Bev Slough, Anthony Coleman, Bill Mignon

Meeting called to order at 9 a.m.**A. Meeting Opening**

1. Call to Order by School Board Chair
2. Roll Call by Superintendent of Schools

B. Opening Comments by the School Board and Superintendent

Bev Slough brought up moving July 6 workshop to June 29 because of the holiday weekend. The board will discuss in closing comments.

Tim Forson shared that today's workshop has a lot on the agenda. He discussed challenges of Covid.

C. Workshop Topics

1. Budget Update presented by Gretchen Saunders, Chief Financial Officer
2. Insurance Renewal presented by Gretchen Saunders, Chief Financial Officer and Amanda Gumble, Assistant Director for Risk Management
3. Nurses Update presented by Melissa Kledzick, Director for Health Services
4. Code of Conduct Update presented by Paul Abbatinuzzi, Senior Director for School Services
5. Early Childhood Update presented by Brian McElhone, Director for Early Childhood Services
6. Teacher Computer Refresh Plan 2021 presented by Bruce Patrou, Chief Information and Technology Officer

D. Public Comment regarding dress code:

1. Eliza D, address on record.
2. Riley O'Keefe, address on record.
3. Zoe Iannone, address on record.
4. Taryn O'Keefe, address on record.
5. Amanda Emery, address on record.
6. Kevin O'Keefe, address on record.
7. Emily Lemos, 41 Park Front Lane, St. Augustine, FL 32095.
8. Nancy Tray, 25 Crawford Court, Saint Johns, FL 32259.
9. Stephanie Fabore, 3397 Catamaran Way, Jacksonville, FL 32223.
10. Michael Stevens, address not available.
11. Emma Lauer, 825 Los Calinos St, St. Augustine, FL 32095.

12. Skyler Kyle, 254 Johns Creek Parkway, St. Augustine, FL 32092.
13. Tatyana Kovaleva, address not available.
14. JoEllen Parkey, 3 Coquina Blvd, St. Augustine, FL 32080.
15. Jenni Guidi, address not available.
16. Tiff Troutman, 412 Paisley Place, Saint Johns, FL 32259.
17. Annice Wiesner, 180 Martinique Circle, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.
18. David Dysart, 47 Ashlar Drive, Saint Johns, FL 32259.
19. Kelly O'Keefe, address on record.
20. Suzanne Antoine, 164 Seabrook Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32081.
21. Michael and Mandy Riceman, 66 Pelican Pointe Rd, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081.
22. Amy Maniaci, 624 Port Charlotte Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32081.
23. Leonie Halstead, 201 Westbrook, Saint Johns, FL 32259.
24. Tammy Whitaker, 7659 Las Palmas Way, Jacksonville, FL 32256.
Ms. Whitaker spoke about budget.

E. Closing Comments by the School Board and Superintendent

Bill Mignon shared his excitement for face-to-face graduations this year, noting the first two are this week. He voiced his appreciation for Ryan Erskine, Assistant Principal for St. Johns Virtual School, as they have been working diligently with over 1,000 students this year and are planning for another successful year in the fall.

Kelly Barrera thanked staff for their presentations. She shared her appreciation for the public's feedback and the schools' SAC committees' feedback regarding dress code.

Bev Slough thanked the public, both in-person and online, for their comments regarding the dress code. She assured them the district would find what is most equitable for all.

Anthony Coleman thanked the public for their feedback regarding the dress code, stating there is always room for change.

Patrick Canan shared we are a large district that sometimes makes mistakes and the dress code issue deserves greater attention. He voiced putting a dress code committee together made up of parents, students, school staff and district administration.

Tim Forson thanked the parents, students, and those online who spoke. He shared it was disappointing and frustrating when dress code becomes bigger than learning. He furthered being in agreement with a committee to make things consistent. He thanked those who presented, stating the information given is critical to have in the right place moving forward; all departments are doing great things.

The board and Mr. Forson agreed to move July 6 board workshop to June 29.

F. Adjournment at 12:37 p.m.