

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP (Tuesday, August 24, 2021)

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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

Kelly Barrera thanked those who put effort into making the first week of school successful. She enjoyed seeing the excitement and feeling the energy of students and staff as they returned.

Bev Slough shared her joy as she visited various schools and watching the hard work and excitement in action. She asked that we keep the Kirk family in our thoughts and prayers as they lost Mr. James Kirk who was an employee at Liberty Pines Academy.

Bill Mignon shared news of the FDA's approval of the Pfizer vaccine, adding this is a major step forward.

Anthony Coleman shared his excitement for the new school year getting underway.

Patrick Canan shared his excitement as students returned to school, adding Toco Creek High School was off to a great start and is a beautiful facility. He asked Mr. Forson to keep the board informed of Covid numbers.

Tim Forson shared his excitement for students returning to school. He shared the growth to St. Johns County School District, adding there are challenges regarding shortages in various areas throughout the County.

C. Workshop Topics

1. JROTC 3 & 4 Honors Designation Discussion presented by Dawn Sapp, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and Antonio Scott, Program Specialist for K-12 Fine Arts/PE/Driver Education
2. FCTC Accreditation presented by Chris Force, Principal for FCTC and Patrick Flahive, Coordinator for Adult Education

D. The following public comments were regarding masks:

1. Ms. Marnie King, address not available.
2. Dr. Brian Letts, 90 Nyes Place, St. Augustine, FL 32092.
3. Ms. Pamela Poynton, 1100 Villere Ct, Saint Johns, FL 32259.
4. Ms. Elizabeth Wittstadt, address not available.
5. Ms. Alisa Dove, 711 Village Grande Dr, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081.
6. Ms. Ansley Parfitt, address not available.
7. Ms. Kathryn Skeen, 156 Bouganvilla Dr, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.
8. Ms. Jean Moore, 344 Silver Glen Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32092.
9. Ms. Laura Bramson, 302 Palm Breeze Dr, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081.
10. Ms. Lisa Gaglianese, address not available.

11. Ms. Leonie Halstead, 201 W Berkswell Dr, Saint Johns, FL 32259.
12. Ms. Heather Prediletto, address not available.
13. Ms. Joanne Bailey, 476 E Kesley Ln, Saint Johns, FL 32259.
14. Ms. Stacie Morales, 76 Bucktail Ave, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081.
15. Ms. Kerri Gustavson, 92 Magnolia Beach Trail, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081.
16. Mr. Ryan Mahon, address not available.
17. Ms. Joanna Lorusso, 2710 Strasbourg Ct, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.

E. Closing Comments by the School Board and Superintendent

Bill Mignon spoke about transportation being a challenge, not only to SJCSJ, but state-wide.

Kelly Barrera echoed Mr. Mignon's concern adding we want to support our high need industries. She thanked all those who spoke during public comments.

Bev Slough shared her appreciation for the presentations. She thanked those who have spoken, called, and emailed regarding masks and shared that they are all weighed carefully.

Anthony Coleman thanked the public for their emails and phone calls. He shared the board is nonpartisan, all sides are listened to, and students are put first.

Patrick Canan shared he reads all the emails that he receives but has not had time to answer them. He stated we will continue to monitor numbers regarding Covid-19, restating we are in constant contact with the Department of Health and Department of Education.

Tim Forson spoke about the alternative certification process for helping staff go through their licensure. He stated the County is in constant contact with the DOH and DOE regarding Covid-19 protocol. Mr. Forson stated beginning August 25 through September 23 (30 calendar days), he would like to mandate masks for all adults in schools, (i.e. employees, volunteers, visitors, and vendors). The board agreed, adding if the numbers fell below 10% this timeline be re-evaluated.

F. Adjournment at 10:45 a.m.