

**SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP (Thursday, November 7, 2024)**

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**Members present**

Kelly Barrera, Patrick Canan, Bev Slough, Anthony Coleman, Jennifer Collins

**Workshop called to order at 9 AM****A. Meeting Opening**

1. Call to Order by School Board Chair
2. Roll Call by Superintendent of Schools
3. Invocation by Bev Slough.
4. Pledge of Allegiance by Bev Slough.

**B. Opening Comments by the School Board and Superintendent**

Mr. Forson suggested holding a workshop on December 2, 2024 at 8 AM, all agreed.

Mr. Forson announced his retirement date of June 30, 2025 and received a standing ovation for his dedicated service to our students. He also recognized Michael Degutis, retiring Chief of Staff. All board members and superintendent spoke about gratitude to the citizens of St. Johns County for the support in passing both referenda.

Mr. Coleman, Mrs. Barrera and Mrs. Slough stated that they have been honored to have served with Mr. Canan.

**C. Workshop Topics**

Succession Planning - Andrea Messina from FSBA presented and answered questions regarding the process.

Mr. Wayne King and Mrs. Christina Upchurch will be the point of contact for the search.

**D. Public Comment**

1. Ms. Carole Guaronskas, 208 St. Thomas St., St. Augustine, FL 32095  
Ms. Guaronskas thanked Mr. Canan for always advocating for teachers.

**E. Closing Comments by the School Board and Superintendent**

Mr. Coleman thanked Ms. Messina and FSBA for coming to our workshop, also thanked Patrick Canan for his service.

Ms. Collins thanked Ms. Messina for answering questions regarding the search.

Mrs. Barrera stated that the Strategic Plan update by Mr. Forson last week was very productive.

**F. Adjournment - 10:29 AM**