

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (Tuesday, May 20, 2025)**

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**Members present**

Kelly Barrera, Bev Slough, Anthony Coleman, Linda Thomson, Jennifer Collins (online)

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

1. Call to Order by School Board Chair

2. Roll Call by Superintendent

3. Pledge of Allegiance by Bev Slough

4. CHARACTER COUNTS! Presentation by Liliani Semidey Ramos, an 8th grader at Mill Creek Academy and one of our Crime Stoppers Poster Winner.

B. Agenda Additions/Corrections: Mr. Forson stated that item Q21 was pulled.  
It will return on the June board packet.

C. Approval of Regular Agenda as Restated

Motion by Kelly Barrera, second by Linda Thomson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Kelly Barrera, Bev Slough, Anthony Coleman, Jennifer Collins, Linda Thomson

D. Awards, Recognitions, Resolutions, Proclamations and Presentations

1. Recognition of the 2024-2025 Outstanding School Volunteers of the Year

2. Recognition of the 2025 All-County High School Art Show Winners

3. Recognition of the 2025 Crime Stoppers Poster Winners

4. Recognition of the 2024/2025 Winter State Athletic Champions

Meeting break: 9:30 - 9:35 AM

Invocation by Bev Slough

E. Opening Comments - Board and Superintendent

Mrs. Barrera, Dr. Thomson, Ms. Collins and Mrs. Slough expressed their excitement over student awards and graduations and thanked Mr. Forson for his leadership. Mr. Forson congratulated the graduates and thanked the board for their support over the past nine years.

F. Public Comment- None

G. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Bev Slough, second by Kelly Barrera.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Kelly Barrera, Bev Slough, Anthony Coleman, Jennifer Collins, Linda Thomson

H. Approval of School Board Meeting Minutes and School Board Travel

1. Request for Approval of the Minutes for the April 1, 2025 School Board Workshop, April 8, 2025 School Board Meeting, April 10, 2025 Special School Board Meeting, April 22, 2025 School Board Workshop and April 25, 2025 Special School Board Meeting

and May 6, 2025 School Board Workshop

Motion by Linda Thomson, second by Kelly Barrera.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Kelly Barrera, Bev Slough, Anthony Coleman, Jennifer Collins, Linda Thomson

## 2. Request for Approval of Estimated School Board Member Travel Expenses

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Motion by Kelly Barrera, second by Bev Slough.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Kelly Barrera, Bev Slough, Anthony Coleman, Jennifer Collins, Linda Thomson

I. Superintendent - Consent

J. Superintendent - Action

K. School Board Attorney - Consent

L. School Board Attorney - Action

1. For the School Board to select its first choice Superintendent candidate and authorize the School Board Attorney to commence contract negotiation with that candidate, subject to final approval by the School Board.

Mr. Frank Upchurch introduced Mrs. Christina Upchurch and Mr. Wayne King to read the review of the Superintendent search process. Mrs. Andrea Messina from the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) opened discussion and called on each board members to share their thoughts. After two rounds of discussion, Bev Slough made a nomination for Dr. Brennan Asplen, Dr. Linda Thomson made a second.

Motion by Bev Slough, second by Linda Thomson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Kelly Barrera, Bev Slough, Anthony Coleman, Jennifer Collins, Linda Thomson

Dr. Brennan Asplen was selected as the new Superintendent of Schools and he accepted the position.

M. Personnel/Human Resources - Consent

1. Request for Approval of Appointments
2. Request for Approval of Transfers
3. Request Approval of Guest Teachers
4. Request for Approval of Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)
5. Request for Approval of Leaves
6. Request for Approval of Resignations, Retirements, and Terminations
7. Request for Retiree Premium Rate Increase
8. Request for Approval of Affiliation Agreement St. Johns County School District and Inter American University of Puerto Rico
9. Request for Approval of New Job Descriptions
10. Request for Approval of Affiliation Agreement SJCSD and FSU Ann

## Spencer Davies College of Education, Health and Human Science

## 11. Request for Approval of Revised Job Descriptions

## N. Personnel/Human Resources - Action

## O. Academic Services - Consent

1. Request for Approval of Field Studies
2. Request for Approval of the Additions to the 2024-2025 High School Course Catalog
3. Request for Approval of the 2025-2026 Early College Program Contract between St. Johns County School District and St. Johns River State College
4. Request for Approval of the IR Curriculum (Read 180)
5. Request for Approval of School Camps
6. Request for Approval of the Office of Safe Schools and School Safety Specialist's Quarterly Inspections Report
7. Request for Approval of Student Expulsion for One Year with Educational Services
8. Request for Approval of the Renewal of the 2023-2024 School Health Services Contract Between St. Johns County School Board and the State of Florida, Department of Health Beginning on August 1, 2025 and Ending on July 31, 2026
9. Request for the Approval of the St. Johns County School District March 2025 Head Start Financial and Program Report(s) presented to The Board, May 2025

## P. Academic Services - Action

## Q. Finance - Consent

1. Request for Approval of Monthly Accounts Payable and Payroll Expenditures as Presented
2. Request for Approval of the Cash Flow Analysis Report
3. Request for Acceptance of the Therapeutic Learning Center and St. Johns Community Campus Financial Statements
4. Request for Acceptance of St. Augustine Public Montessori School, Inc.'s Financial Statement
5. Request for Acceptance of the District's Financial Statement
6. Request for Approval of the Purchasing Activity Summary
7. Request for Approval of Resolution Regarding Surplus Property
8. Request for Approval of Resolution to Reactivate Surplus Property Items
9. Request for Acceptance of Donations Valued at \$10,000 or Greater
10. Request for Renewal of Bid #2022-08, Energy Control Repairs – Parts and Service
11. Request for Renewal of Bid #2022-21, Radio and Cellphone Enhancement
12. Request for Renewal of Bid #2022-27, Carpet, Tile, and Textile Composite Flooring

13. Request for Renewal of ITB2023-17, School Bus and Fleet Vehicle Paint and Body Work
14. Request for Renewal of ITB2024-019, Appraisal Services
15. Request for Approval of ITB2025-007, Pavement Rehabilitation
16. Request for Approval of ITB2025-010, Aluminum Walkway Covers
17. Request for Approval of ITB2025-012, Grounds Maintenance and Landscaping
18. Request for Approval of ITB2025-026, Painting Services
19. Request for Approval of RFP2025-027, Graduation Caps, Gowns and Regalia, Class Rings, and Commemorative Items
20. Request for Approval of RFP2025-030, After School Enrichment Activities

#### R. Finance - Action

1. Request for Approval of the 2024-25 Budget Amendment #2025-G-08

Motion by Kelly Barrera, second by Bev Slough.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Kelly Barrera, Bev Slough, Anthony Coleman, Jennifer Collins, Linda Thomson

2. Request for Approval of the 2024-2025 Budget Amendment #2025-FCTC-08

Motion by Bev Slough, second by Linda Thomson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Kelly Barrera, Bev Slough, Anthony Coleman, Jennifer Collins, Linda Thomson

#### S. Operational Services - Consent

1. Request for Acceptance of the Capital Projects Status Report May 2025
2. Resolution to Adopt the St. Johns County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan
3. Request for Final Acceptance of Toco Creek High School (HS "HHH")
4. Request for Final Acceptance of Switzerland Point Middle School Metal Roof Replacement
5. Request for Approval of Change Order #3 for Hallowes Cove Academy (K-8 "PP")
6. Request for Approval of Change Order #2 for K-8 School "QQ"
7. Request for Approval of Change Order #2 for K-8 School "RR"
8. Request for Approval of Change Order #1 for South Woods Elementary School Classroom Expansion
9. Request for Acceptance of Maintenance Department Monthly Activities Report May 2025

#### T. Operational Services - Action

#### U. Information Technology - Consent

1. Request for Acceptance of Contract with ParentSquare

V. Information Technology - Action

W. Public Comment

1. Allison Baker, 122 Gardner Ave., St. Augustine, Fl. 32084  
Ms. Baker spoke about budget for superintendent search.

2. Judy Spiegle, 101 Greenwillow Lane, St. Augustine, Fl. 32086  
Ms Spiegle congratulated the new superintendent.

X. Closing Comments by the School Board and Superintendent

Mrs. Barrera, Ms. Collins, Dr. Thomson, Mrs. Slough and Mr. Coleman thanked Mr. Forson for his leadership and the FSBA team for their guidance through the process.

Mr. Forson spoke on budget and asked the community and employees to show support

Y. Adjournment - 11:09 AM