

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP (Monday, December 8, 2025)*Generated by Miriam Testasecca on Monday, December 8, 2025***Members present**

Anthony Coleman, Linda Thomson, Bev Slough, Jennifer Collins, Kelly Barrera joined online at 3:15 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 3:00 P.M.

A. Meeting Opening

2. Roll Call by Superintendent

B. Opening Comments by the School Board and Superintendent

Dr. Thomson stated that she attended the regional essay awards, where many scholarships were presented to SJCSD students. Mrs. Slough and Ms. Collins shared that they attended the FSBA/FADSS Joint Conference last week, where numerous informative topics were discussed. Dr. Asplen also attended the joint conference and noted that many important budget issues and topics were discussed with other superintendents. He also mentioned that an AI task force will be formed for our school district.

C. Workshop Topics

1. Family Empowerment Scholarship
2. Flexible Education Options
3. Facilitron

D. Public Comment - none

E. Closing Comments by the School Board and Superintendent

Mr. Coleman spoke about responsibility and shared that he enjoyed the recent South Woods celebration.

Dr. Thompson addressed the importance of providing options for parents.

Mrs. Slough noted that this workshop was very beneficial.

Ms. Collins commented on the Family Empowerment Scholarship and its impact on ESE students.

Mrs. Barrera stated that she appreciated the information presented and remarked that public education is certainly dynamic; she is grateful that everyone continues to evaluate every avenue to improve what we do for our school community.

Dr. Asplen spoke about the changing educational environment and reminded everyone that, even with expanded school choice, approximately 75% of students continue to attend public schools.

F. Adjournment - 5 P.M.