

**SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP (Tuesday, February 24, 2026)**

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**Members present**

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

**Meeting called to order at 9 AM**

## A. Meeting Opening

## 2. Roll Call by Superintendent

## 3. Pledge of Allegiance by Dr. Linda Thomson

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

Mrs. Slough and Ms. Collins expressed their heartfelt condolences to the family of the student who recently passed away in a tragic accident, sharing that their thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time, as well as the other student involved.

Mrs. Barrera spoke about attending the Rutherford Service Academy nomination ceremony last week and congratulated the students who were recognized for this distinguished honor.

Dr. Asplen commented on several events held over the weekend, including the JROTC Cadet Ball at St. Augustine High School, the Mental Health Summit, and the Tristan Bailey student safety event, noting that all were well attended and very successful.

## C. Workshop Topics

1. Pedro Menendez High School-Underway for New Horizons, presented by Principal, Mr. Ted Banton.

2. Midyear Progress Monitoring (PM2) Data review, presented by Mr. David Morell.

3. 2026-2027 School Year Budget Plans, presented by Dr. Brennan Asplen.

## D. Public Comment:

1. Tamara Haleem, 200 Outlook Dr., Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

Mrs. Haleem spoke about communication.

## Online:

1. Tatyana Kovaleva spoke about budget.

2. Anne spoke about budget.

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

Dr. Thomson, Mrs. Slough, Mrs. Barrera, and Ms. Collins thanked the presenters for their informative presentations and expressed appreciation for Dr. Asplen's transparency regarding the district's budget.

Dr. Asplen acknowledged that difficult decisions must be made due to budget constraints and emphasized that the district is working diligently to provide students and staff at St. Johns Technical High School with new and enhanced opportunities.

## F. Adjournment - 11:16 AM