

**SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP (Tuesday, April 7, 2026)**

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**Members present**

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

**Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM**

A. Meeting Opening

2. Roll Call by Superintendent

B. Opening Comments by the School Board and Superintendent

Dr. Thomson recognized the Nease JROTC program for its tradition of excellence, highlighted by earning third place in the nation. Mr. Coleman shared that he enjoyed Dr. Asplen's Roundtable discussion last week. Ms. Collins and Dr. Asplen noted that the school year is winding down, with many celebrations taking place.

C. Workshop Topics

1. St. Augustine Montessori Charter School Renewal, presented by Ms. Kelly Foss and Montessori staff.

D. Public Comment - none

E. Closing Comments by the School Board and Superintendent

Mr. Coleman recognized and congratulated Upchurch, Bailey and Upchurch on the occasion of their 100 years of service, acknowledging the firm's longstanding contributions and commitment.

Dr. Thomson, Mrs. Slough, and Mrs. Barrera expressed their appreciation to the Montessori staff for their informative presentation.

They commended the staff's efforts and the quality of the program; however, they also raised concerns regarding the management and oversight of financial matters, noting the importance of ensuring clarity, accountability, and sustainability.

Ms. Collins commented positively on the Character Cup event held the previous week, stating that she found it to be an enjoyable and meaningful experience that highlighted student engagement and character development.

Dr. Asplen extended his thanks to the Montessori staff for their presentation and ongoing work. He also shared that he has been actively visiting schools across the district and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to observe firsthand the outstanding students and the strong support of dedicated teachers.

F. Adjournment - 10:28 AM