

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP (Tuesday, August 25, 2026)

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Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 10:21 AM**A. Meeting Opening****2. Roll Call by Superintendent****B. Opening Comments by the School Board and Superintendent**

Mrs. Slough and Ms. Collins stated that they were excited about the workshop topic.

Dr. Asplen stated that the video that was playing this morning was from the Teacher/Rookie Teacher of the Year Celebration.

C. Workshop Topics

High School JJJ Update, presented by Mrs. Nicole Cubbedge.

D. Public Comment

1. Kate Dowdie, 53 Bay View Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32084 (SJEA)

Mrs. Dowdie spoke about back to school

E. Closing Comments by the School Board and Superintendent

Board members recognized the real challenges teachers face, including workload and burnout, and expressed empathy.

Dr. Asplen shared personal teaching experience to relate to current teacher struggles and highlighted efforts to reduce administrative burdens. Dr. Asplen also discussed setting a time for the November 17, 2026 reorganization meeting;

all agreed on 9 AM for the meeting time. The board also agreed to cancel the October 6, 2026 school board workshop, so all could attend the International Space Station link with Freedom Crossing Academy.

F. Adjournment - 11:54 AM