

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JULY 17, 2012

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 4:00 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mr. Bill Slayton Vice Chair: Mr. Jeff Bergosh

Board Members: Mr. Gerald W. Boone
Mrs. Linda Moultrie
Mrs. Patricia Hightower

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on June 29, 2012 - Legal No. 1569066

[General discussion among Board Members, the Superintendent, and staff occurred throughout this meeting.]

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Slayton called the Special Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to adopt the agenda, carried unanimously.

II. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET

III. DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

[Handouts provided to School Board Members]

Mrs. Laura Shaud, Director of Budgeting, reviewed the following information: millage fund projections, current analysis of the budget, and the changes that had been made to the budget books since School Board Members had received their copies. Ms. Shaud pointed out that the proposed 2012-2013 budget had been developed based on the premise that there would be no tax increase and if at all possible, no millage increase. Therefore, she said staff had calculated, based on the required local effort in the final conference report, the amount that could be levied in the millage fund while keeping the total millage the same as it was in 2011-2012. Mrs. Shaud advised that the figures presented were subject to change.

Various issues were discussed during this meeting; however, most of the discussion centered on the various expenditures outlined in the "Draft Millage Fund Projections @ 1.334 Mills, Fiscal Year 2012-2013" (handout provided to School Board Members). Mrs. Shaud pointed out that the capital outlay millage fund requests far exceed what the School District was able to fund based on the 1.334 millage rate. That, she said, was the "price" of trying to keep from advertising a tax increase or having a millage increase. Although there was much discussion, no specific requests were made, no additional information was requested, and no action was taken.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Slayton called for public forum; however, there were no speakers.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL