

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 14, 2012

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Regular Workshop at 9:00 a.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 (*not present*)  
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 August 21, 2012 - Legal No. 1574298*

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Slayton called to the Regular Workshop to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. OPEN DISCUSSION

-No items submitted

III. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. William "Bill" Lewis Maloy, Sr.

The Superintendent reported that former Superintendent, Dr. William "Bill" Lewis Maloy, Sr., had passed away on September 9, 2012. Dr. Maloy served as Superintendent from 1992 to 1996.

Hurricane Isaac

The Superintendent advised the School Board that he had submitted a waiver request to the Commissioner of Education for the three days that students were out of school in August due to Hurricane Isaac. The Superintendent anticipated a favorable response from the Commissioner within the next five to ten days.

IV. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

-No items submitted

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Curriculum and Instruction

3. Basic Abilities Test Administration Contract between the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida

The Superintendent advised the School Board that this item would be deleted from the September Regular Meeting agenda and resubmitted in October.

4. PSBLive

Page 2 of 8: *Article 4 – Payment: The payment of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) to the home school and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the District opponent or two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) to the home school if the opponent is a non-District school. All payments are due by 3/31/2013.*

Mr. Bergosh questioned why there had been a change in the manner in which schools would be paid. He referred to the contract from last year which indicated that PSBLive would sell advertising and equally split the proceeds with the School District; while schools would also solicit advertisers. He noted that this year’s contract appeared to be a “fixed” amount rather than a percentage of the proceeds from advertising. Mrs. Carolyn Spooner, Director of High School Education, said that this year’s contract with PSBLive would “parallel” a similar contract that the School Board had approved with WBSR 1450 at the July 17, 2012 Regular Meeting. She said that it was determined that a flat payment rate would work better for the schools.

- 5. Exceptional Student Education Federal Entitlement Grants Application: IDEA Part B
- 6. Exceptional Student Education Federal Entitlement Grants Application: IDEA Part B Preschool

Mr. Bergosh referred to the following information outlined on page 9 of 9 of Item V.A.5: *Count 98, Function 9999, Object 999, Account Title and Description: Reserved for sequestration, FTE 0.000, Amount, \$817,784.00*; and the following information outlined on page 3 of 3 of Item V.A.6: *Count 17, Function 9999, Object 999, Account Title and Description: Reserved for sequestration, FTE 0.000, Amount, \$24,478.00*. He questioned whether the money reserved for sequestration would be used to fund positions while noting that a recent audit had determined that certain funds could not be used to pay salaries. Ms. Teri Szafran, Director of Exceptional Student Education (ESE), said that the money reserved for sequestration was an “anticipated roll forward of the remaining funds from last school year” and that the School District had been advised by the Department of Education to estimate its roll-forward amount and set that amount of funds aside in anticipation of the possible sequestration in January 2013.

B. Finance

4. Legal Services:

General Fund

- h) Steven J. Baker, P.A. \$ 1,722.00
- i) Steven J. Baker, P.A. \$ 35,617.50

4(h) - File No. 2171, Invoice No. 1070, 08/15/11-10/14/11

4(i) – File No. 2171, Invoice No. 1094, 01/25/12-05/09/12

Mrs. Waters advised that there had been some confusion between her office and the Risk Management office with regard to the invoice from 2011, but that the amount listed was owed to Mr. Baker for the services that he had provided during that time period. Mr. Bergosh once again expressed his concern about the large amount of legal fees from contracted attorneys each month. He said he was convinced that it would be better to “buy the tool” rather than to continue “renting the tool” each month at such large amounts of money.

C. Human Resource Services

1. Instructional/Professional

b. Reappointments

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MOS</u>
Ames, Scott M.	Ransom Middle	08/13/12	10
Isabelle, Betty S.	Holm Elem	08/13/12	10

Parsons, Kiesha L.	Woodham Middle	08/13/12	10
Redden, Christelle M.	Pensacola High	08/13/12	10
Rodriguez, Kenneth	Pensacola High	07/02/12-08/10/12	12
Stone, Alicia A.	Lincoln Park Elem	08/13/12	10
Valica, Maria A.	Escambia High	08/13/12	10

Mr. Slayton inquired as to why Kenneth Rodriguez had been reappointed for such a short amount of time (07/02/12-08/10/12). Mr. Keith Leonard, Director of Human Resource Services, said that Mr. Rodriguez was reappointed as the ROTC instructor at Pensacola High School, effective 07/02/12 but decided to resign shortly thereafter on 08/10/12.

g. Special Requests

4. Approve the following employees to receive payment funded by Escambia Virtual Academy (EVA), in the amount of \$130 per student for courses successfully completed, to facilitate courses offered through EVA, from August 20, 2012 through June 1, 2013:

Avery, Angela L.	McCaskill, Jeffery K.
Baggett, Victoria G.	McCaskill, Marietta
Bumbarger, Mitzi L.	Nall, Barbara J.
Butler, Susan E.	Nickerson, Tracey M.
Courson, Janice G.	Nodhturft, Minette L.
Garrett, Gregory S.	Novotny, Cheyenna M.
Gentry, Brandi N.	Novotny, Jerrod W.
Giles, Shelia R.	Rayburn, Kimberly A.
Harris, Carol A.	Roberts, Jennifer A.
Humphreys, Mark A.	Travis, Leslie A.
Jackson, Genea L.	Vellos, Raul E.
Kitchens, Jennifer E.	Withycombe, Robin
Lapata Kristian D.	Yonker, Kimberly C.
Lowery, Jeremy S.	York, Mark A.

Mr. Bergosh questioned how these individuals would be paid. The Superintendent said that by approving this item, the School Board was authorizing these individuals to facilitate the courses offered through Escambia Virtual Academy (EVA); however, these individuals would only receive payment (\$130 per student) for those students who had successfully completed the course. (Payment would occur at the end of each semester.)

D. Purchasing

6. Professional Development for the Staff at Montclair Elementary School  
7. Leadership Development Institute (LDI) for District and School Leaders

Dr. Janet Pilcher, representative of Studer Education, explained the services offered under these contracts, stating that parts were funded through grants such as Race to the Top (RTTT). Mr. Bergosh asked if other consulting companies had been considered as this was a large expenditure (approximately \$300,000 total for Item V.D.6 and Item V.D.7). Dr. Pilcher said she did not know if other consulting companies had been considered. Mr. Bergosh also wanted to know if there were measurable objectives. Dr. Pilcher stated that everything they do is result driven and that she would be happy to share the specific results with any School Board Member if requested to do so.

E. Operations

-No items discussed

F. Student Transfers

-No items discussed

- G. Internal Auditing
  - No items submitted

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
-None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Items from the Board
  - No items submitted

- B. Items from the Superintendent

- 1. Student Recommendations

- 1. Recommend that, consistent with the decision of the due process committee, student discipline number 12-213-862 be expelled from all public schools of Escambia County for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year with the option to enroll, if qualified and if space is available, in an alternative educational program exclusive of regular school placement. Placement to be at the discretion of the Superintendent and to be available as an alternative during the full expulsion time frame.
    - 2. Recommend that, consistent with the decision of the due process committee, student discipline number 12-214-561 be expelled from all public schools of Escambia County for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year with the option to enroll, if qualified and if space is available, in an alternative educational program exclusive of regular school placement. Placement to be at the discretion of the Superintendent and to be available as an alternative during the full expulsion time frame.
    - 3. Recommend that, consistent with the decision of the due process committee, student discipline number 12-215-061 be expelled from all public schools of Escambia County for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year with the option to enroll, if qualified and if space is available, in an alternative educational program exclusive of regular school placement. Placement to be at the discretion of the Superintendent and to be available as an alternative during the full expulsion time frame.

Mrs. Hightower questioned whether the students being recommended for expulsion for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year” were for actions occurring in the 2011- 2012 school year and had those students been allowed to start school for the current 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Darriel White, Court Liaison, stated that those expulsion recommendations were for infractions committed at the very end of the last school year (2011-2012) and that the students had been placed on extended suspension through the beginning of the current school year (2012-2013) pending outcome of committee meeting. Mrs. Hightower asked whether those students had been out of school all this time and Mr. White responded that after the committee meeting, those students had been offered enrollment in the Second Chance program.

- C. Items from the General Counsel
  - No items submitted

VIII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- 1. Charter School Quarterly Report

*Representatives from the following charter schools were in attendance for this meeting: Jacqueline Harris Preparatory Academy, Capstone Academy, Newpoint Academy, Newpoint Pensacola, A.A. Dixon, Byrneville Elementary, Beulah Academy of Science and Escambia Charter.* Ms. Vickie Mathis, Director of Alternative Education, briefly outlined the information that was included in the September 2012 report on charter schools. NOTE: *The charter school quarterly report for September 2012 was provided to School Board Members prior to this meeting.* There was

some discussion about each of the charter school's projected enrollment for 2012-2013. Caution was expressed to those charter schools whose projected enrollment seemed high based on their current enrollment as of September 12, 2012. It was noted that each charter school was currently being paid based on their projected enrollment figure. Charter schools were advised that they would need to keep reserves in case they should have to pay back for overpayment based on projected enrollment versus actual enrollment following the October FTE survey. Ms. Celestine Lewis, principal of Jacqueline Harris Preparatory Academy, reported on JHPA's recent orientation session, private school venture, and recent donations from a private sponsor. Mrs. Dee Wolfe-Sullivan, principal of Byrneville Elementary, expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Waters and Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, for meeting with her and the Byrneville Elementary School Board Chair to discuss damage to Byrneville's double-wide portable. (NOTE: Mrs. Wolfe-Sullivan had previously addressed the School Board regarding water damage to the school's double-wide portable that was caused by a leaking roof during the weekend of June 9-10.)

Update from A.A. Dixon Charter School

*[Handouts were provided to School Board Members prior to this meeting]*

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, Dr. Wendy Bennett, principal of A.A. Dixon Charter School, said that the school would pursue a "Request for Waiver" (in compliance with Chapter 2010-194, Laws of Florida) and would do so with the allotted timeframe. Mr. Slayton commented that the written report provided by A.A. Dixon was very thorough.

Update from Newpoint Pensacola

*[Handouts were provided to School Board Members prior to this meeting]*

There was no discussion regarding the written report provided by Newpoint Pensacola.

Camelot Academy Quarterly Report

*[Handout was provided to School Board Members prior to this meeting]*

There was no discussion regarding the written report provided by Camelot Academy.

IX. PUBLIC FORUM

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair