

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JULY 23, 2012

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 7:30 a.m., in the Superintendent's Conference Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building, 75 North Pace Boulevard, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mr. Bill Slayton (*not present*)

Vice Chair: Mr. Jeff Bergosh (*served as Chair in Mr. Slayton's absence*)

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. Bergosh called the Special Meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. On motion by Mrs. Moultrie, seconded by Mr. Boone, adoption of the agenda, carried 4 to 0, with Mr. Slayton absent for vote.

II. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2012-2013 TENTATIVE MILLAGE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES

Mrs. Laura Shaud, Director of Budgeting, reviewed various budget materials (Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "A") that outlined the proposed 2012-2013 tentative millage and tentative budget.

Ms. Shaud advised that the budget and millage had improved since the budget was last discussed at the July 17, 2012 Special Meeting: *Based on certified tax roll and millage rates of the 2nd FEFP calculation, the School District was in position to levy the full 1.5 mills for capital outlay without advertising a "Notice of Tax Increase" as total mills would not exceed current year rolled-back rate. In addition, total mills would be less than total mills of 2011-12 (including full 1.5 capital outlay millage). The amount of 1.5 mill capital outlay to be raised at 96% will exceed the amount proposed at the July 17, 2012 Special Meeting by \$2.8 million.*

"School District of Escambia County, District Summary Budget, 2012-2013 Analysis by Fund"

Mr. Bergosh referred to the pie chart on page 24 of the backup documentation. He requested that historical copies of this pie chart be posted to the Finance and/or Budgeting Department's website.

Various issues were discussed during this meeting, including historical millage rates levied by the School Board, Escambia County's district cost differential, and property taxes; however, most of the discussion centered on the various expenditures outlined in the "Draft Millage Fund Projections @ 1.5 Mills, Fiscal Year 2012-2013" (document included in the backup documentation). Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, briefly explained the process by

which these expenditures had been prioritized. Mr. Dennis said that each department head was given their "total relative percentage cut" and asked to apply that percentage to their department's respective line items. Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, the Superintendent said that while there were still unmet needs, the School District would be able to "hold the line" and not raise taxes or raise millage for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

III. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE 2012-2013 TENTATIVE MILLAGE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET

There being no further discussion, Mr. Bergosh called for a motion to advertise the 2012-2013 tentative millage and tentative budget. Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to advertise the 2012-2013 tentative millage and tentative budget, carried 4 to 0, with Mr. Slayton absent for vote.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

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

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL