

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, NOVEMBER 18, 2014

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened an Installation Ceremony & Organizational Meeting at 5:00 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

School Board Members: Mr. Jeff Bergosh, District I  
Mr. Gerald W. Boone, District II  
Mrs. Linda Moultrie, District III  
Mrs. Patricia Hightower, District IV  
Mr. Bill Slayton, District V

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Session Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Meeting was advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on November 3, 2014 - Legal No. 1632719

NOTE: The minutes from this session have been prepared according to *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. The video from this session is available at <http://escambiacountysdfl.swagit.com/play/11182014-811>

I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Linda Moultrie, School Board Member, District III, called the Installation Ceremony & Organizational Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Moultrie welcomed those in attendance and those watching via television or by the "live stream" video via the School District's website. She then acknowledged the presence of the honorable Sheriff David Morgan, Escambia County Sheriff's Office and the honorable Judge Gary L. Bergosh, First Judicial Circuit Court of Florida.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Patricia Hightower, School Board Member, District IV, read a passage about teamwork and leadership entitled *The Flight of the Geese*. She then called for a moment of silence. Mr. Bill Slayton, School Board Member, District V, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

III. INSTALLATION & REMARKS

Mr. Jeff Bergosh was installed as School Board Member, District I; oath of office was administered by his wife, Mrs. Sally Bergosh.

Mr. Gerald W. Boone was installed as School Board Member, District II; oath of office was administered by his son, Mr. Kevin Boone.

Mrs. Linda Moultrie was installed as School Board Member, District III; oath of office was administered by her husband, Mr. Anthony Moultrie and Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters, School Board General Counsel.

IV. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

*(Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 1001.371)*

A. Election of Chairman for 2014-2015

Mr. Slayton nominated Mrs. Patricia Hightower, School Board Member for District IV, to serve as Chairman for 2014-2015. There being no further nominations, the Superintendent called for the vote. The nomination of Mrs. Hightower to serve as Chairman for 2014-2015 carried unanimously.

B. Election of Vice Chairman for 2014-2015

Mrs. Hightower nominated Mr. Bill Slayton, School Board Member for District V, to serve as Vice Chairman for 2014-2015. There being no further nominations, the Superintendent called for the vote. The nomination of Mr. Slayton to serve as Vice Chairman for 2014-2015 carried unanimously.

C. Designation of Date, Time, and Location of Regular Monthly Workshop and Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Bergosh and seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to maintain the current schedule of monthly workshops and meetings, with:

- *Regular Meetings to be held on the third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m.;*
- *Special Workshops (for the purpose of open discussion and presentations) to be held on the Thursday, prior to the Regular Meeting, beginning at 3:00 p.m.; and*
- *Regular Workshops to be held on the Friday prior to the Regular Meeting, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Unless otherwise advertised, each monthly workshop and meeting would be held in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center.*

Motion to maintain the current schedule of monthly workshops and meetings carried unanimously.

D. Appointment of Parliamentarian

Motion was made by Mrs. Moultrie and seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to appoint the School Board General Counsel, Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters, as Parliamentarian. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Selection of Parliamentary Procedure

Motion was made by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to designate the latest version of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* as the parliamentary procedure to be followed for the conduct of official business of the School Board. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Installation Ceremony & Organizational Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair