

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JULY 17, 2014

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Regular Workshop at 2:00 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mrs. Linda Moultrie Vice Chair: Mrs. Patricia Hightower

Board Members: Mr. Jeff Bergosh
Mr. Gerald W. Boone
Mr. Bill Slayton

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

(NOTE: Vice Chair Patricia Hightower and Board Member Jeff Bergosh were not present for this session.)

Meeting was advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on June 26, 2014 - Legal No. 1626131

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/07172014-606>

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Moultrie called the Special Workshop to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. OPEN DISCUSSION

- July, August, September Calendar – Moultrie

The Superintendent said he was working with Mrs. Linda West, Coordinator of Board Affairs, to schedule an Executive Session for litigation purposes on August 6th beginning at 4:00 p.m. in Room 413, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building. The Superintendent said Mrs. Waters had offered to prepare the appropriate public notice which his staff would ensure was published in the local newspaper.

There were no changes made to the School Board's schedule for July, August, or September 2014.

- Discussion of First Grade Retention Report – Moultrie

(NOTE: A copy of the report was provided to School Board Members prior to this session.) Mrs. Moultrie felt it was important to discuss the results of the 2013-2014 [first grade retention report](#) during this open session as she wanted the public to be aware of the strides that had been made among low performing first grade students from the very first nine-week grading period to the end of the school year. According to the report, after the first nine-week grading period, 818 students (23.74%) were at-risk of being retained; however, by the end of the school year, only 252 students (7.31%) were actually retained. Mrs. Moultrie believed the data confirmed that the School District's efforts and the efforts of various community agencies were helping to reduce the number of first grade retentions.

- 2014 Summer School Graduation Information (how many seniors were eligible to attend for possible graduation; how many fulfilled graduation requirements; how many eligible seniors took advantage of Summer School; how many did not complete Summer School; are students enrolling for Fall Semester to complete graduation requirements; do we offer Summer School at appropriate time; etc.) – *Slayton*

The Superintendent advised Mr. Slayton that staff had attempted to gather the information that he had requested; however, much of the information would have be retrieved from high school guidance counselors who were currently on summer break. The Superintendent advised that Mr. Slayton’s request would be fulfilled as soon as possible.

III. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent listed the changes that had been made to the July 22, 2014 Regular Meeting agenda since initial publication.

IV. MINUTES

- a. 05-29-14 Special Workshop
- b. 06-09-14 Special Workshop
- c. 06-09-14 Special Meeting
- d. 06-24-14 Regular Meeting

There were no questions posed or comments made on any of the minutes as presented (Items a through d).

V. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

-No items submitted

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-No items submitted

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

- 1. Rule(s) Adoption
-No items submitted
- 2. Permission to Advertise
-No items submitted

b. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Curriculum
 - C. Elementary Education
 - 1. Extended School Day for Selected Elementary Schools 2014-2015

AMENDED

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Moultrie, the Superintendent confirmed that the list of schools outlined in the backup documentation for this item had been amended by the addition of three (3) schools to the Extended School Day for Selected Elementary Schools 2014-2015. The amendment was based on the official Florida Department of Education’s list of Lowest 300 Elementary Schools. Upon inquiry by Mr. Slayton, the Superintendent confirmed that the extended school day was an unfunded mandate; and the School District would use a combination of funds from Reading, Title I, and SAI in order to pay the total cost of \$3.3 million for all twelve (12) schools. Mr. Slayton requested a copy of the official Florida Department of Education’s list of Lowest 300 Elementary Schools. It was noted that the list could be accessed via the FDLE’s website.

K. Workforce Education

1. Pine Forest High School Cybersecurity Academy
2. B.T. Washington High School Marketing and Entrepreneurship Academy
3. Pensacola High School Automation and Production Technology Academy
4. B.T. Washington High School Sports Medicine Academy
5. B.T. Washington High School Aviation Maintenance Academy
6. Bellview Middle School Information Technology Academy
7. Pine Forest High School Future Teacher Academy

Upon inquiry by Mr. Slayton, Dr. Michelle Taylor, Director of Workforce Education, confirmed that the Superintendent was recommending the establishment of four (4) new academies and the “rebranding” or replacement of three (3) current academies:

- Pine Forest High School Cybersecurity Academy [*new*]
- B.T. Washington High School Marketing and Entrepreneurship Academy [*to replace the E-Commerce Marketing Academy*]
- Pensacola High School Automation and Production Technology Academy [*to replace the Pensacola High School Computer Aided Design (CAD) Academy*]
- B.T. Washington High School Sports Medicine Academy [*new*]
- B.T. Washington High School Aviation Maintenance Academy [*new*]
- Bellview Middle School Information Technology Academy [*to replace the Arts, A/V, Technology & Communications Multimedia Academy*]
- Pine Forest High School Future Teacher Academy [*new*]

Mrs. Moultrie initiated a discussion regarding the strategies that would be used by the School District to market the Pine Forest High School Future Teacher Academy.

2. Finance and Business Affairs

C. Budgeting

4. Auction List I for July 2014

Mrs. Moultrie noticed that a washer and dryer were listed on Auction List I for July 2014. She wondered if those appliances were in such condition that they could be used for the newly established Escambia County School District (ECSD) Clothing Closet located at Lincoln Park Elementary School. The Superintendent was to verify the condition of the appliances and respond to Mrs. Moultrie prior to the July 22, 2014 Regular Meeting.

E. Purchasing

18. Professional Services Agreement: Corwin Press
19. Professional Services Agreement: New Teacher Center
20. Professional Services Agreement: Teaching Channel

There was no discussion specific to these items which involved professional development services for teachers and/or administrators; however, Mrs. Moultrie initiated a discussion regarding training opportunities for Educational Support Personnel (ESP). Mrs. Moultrie asked that she be kept informed of training opportunities offered to ESP employees.

21. Bleacher Repair and Maintenance at Pensacola High School

Upon inquiry by Mr. Slayton, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, confirmed that the repairs and maintenance services provided under this contract would encompass all types (i.e., football, baseball, basketball) of bleachers at Pensacola High School. Mr. Slayton wanted to know how often the School District had football stadium bleachers inspected. Mr. Dennis believed the inspections occurred every two years; he noted that the School District would have copies of all prior inspections as required by the State of

Florida. Mr. Chuck Peterson, Director of Maintenance added that the inspections were required for SREF and were conducted by a structural engineer.

22. Agreement: Turnaround Solutions Inc. for Warrington Middle School

Dr. James Young, President of Turnaround Solutions, Inc., thanked the School Board for the opportunity for his “team” to provide educational consulting and professional development services to the administrative and instructional staff at Warrington Middle School. [A list of services to be provided by Turnaround Solutions, Inc., was included in the backup documentation for this item (see: Schedule A, Turnaround Solutions, Inc. – Services).] Mrs. Moultrie remarked that she was “excited” about the opportunity for Turnaround Solutions, Inc. to engage with Warrington Middle School and that she “like the holistic approach that the team is taking by going beyond the walls of that school – going out in the community and connecting with those parents and that’s what it probably needed at this point.” Upon inquiry by Mr. Slayton, Dr. Reggie Lipnick, principal of Warrington Middle School, confirmed that she supported the agreement with Turnaround Solutions, Inc. Mr. Steve Marcano, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, advised that the agreement with Turnaround Solutions, Inc., would be submitted to the School Board as soon as it had been reviewed and approved for legal form by the School Board’s General Counsel.

27. Bid Award: Fencing at Various Schools Throughout the District

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Moultrie, the Superintendent confirmed that this item was a request for authorization to enter into an annual agreement with A-1 Hurricane Fence Industries to provide fencing at various schools throughout the District on an “as-needed” basis.

3. Human Resource Services

C. Risk Management

1. School Resource Officer Agreement, City of Pensacola Police Department
2. School Resource Officer Agreement, Escambia County, Florida Sheriff’s Office

Mrs. Moultrie advised that she would abstain from voting on the agreement with the Escambia County Sheriff’s Office at the July 22, 2014 Regular Meeting as she was a currently an employee of that agency.

4. Operations

-No items discussed

c. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

-No items submitted

d. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

-No items discussed

e. INTERNAL AUDITING

-No items submitted

f. ITEMS FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

-No items submitted

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Moultrie called for public forum; however, there were no speakers.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL