

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, NOVEMBER 14, 2014

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

Board Members: Mr. Jeff Bergosh
Mr. Bill Slayton

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

(NOTE: Board Member Gerald W. Boone was not present for this session.)

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://escambiacountysdfi.swagit.com/play/11142014-513>

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Moultrie called the Regular Workshop to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent advised that the ratification vote from employee groups was overwhelmingly in favor of the pay raise that the School Board had recently approved. He said the Payroll Department would be working diligently to enter the new salary schedules into the payroll system and that "retro pay" would hopefully be included in the December payroll for all employees.

The Superintendent advised that as of the October FTE count, the School District appeared to be in compliance with Class Size at all levels for all schools. (Final determination from the Department of Education had yet to be received.)

III. MINUTES

- a. 09-11-14 Special Workshop
- b. 09-12-14 Regular Workshop
- c. 10-21-14 Regular Meeting

There were no questions or comments regarding any of the minutes as listed (Items a through c).

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. PTA Presentation
- b. Stellar Employee of the Month
- c. Resolution – Recognition of Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis & Overholtz Foundation
- d. Recognition of Unsung Heroes

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Moultrie, the Superintendent explained that the purpose of this month's Unsung Heroes recognition was to recognize the School District's School Resource Officers.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

1. Rule(s) Adoption
-None
2. Permission to Advertise
-None

b. CONSENT AGENDA

The Superintendent listed the changes that had been made to the agenda after publication and prior to this workshop. He advised that several more changes were forthcoming.

1. Curriculum
-No items discussed
2. Finance and Business Affairs
 - A. Finance
 3. District School Board of Escambia County, Florida: Auditor's Reports Required by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circular A-133, as Restated for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Services, confirmed that the "restatement" would not affect the School District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) from last year because the federal audit was separate from the CAFR. NOTE: *The "restatement" was necessary because expenditures incurred during the year ended June 30, 2013 for the School Improvement Grants Cluster (CFDA Nos. 84.377 and 84.388 ARRA) were misclassified on the District's SEFA as expenditures under the Title I, Part A Cluster (CFDA Nos. 84.010 and 84.389 ARRA). As a result, the expenditures for both federal programs were not reported correctly and the School Improvement Grants Cluster was not properly identified as a major federal program in the District's single audit.*

C. Budgeting

4. Auction List I for November 2014

Mr. Bergosh wondered why there were a number of document cameras included on Auction List I for November 2014. The Superintendent was to determine the reason and relay that information to Mr. Bergosh prior to the November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting.

E. Purchasing

ITEMS PREPARED BY PURCHASING:

1. Bid Award: Fast Food Partnership, RFP #151003

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, Ms. Jaleena Davis, Director of Food Services, confirmed that both Domino's and Pizza Hut had reformulated their pizza recipes to adhere to the new USDA's regulations for school lunch.

17. Annual Agreement Renewal: Consultant Services for the School Board

Mr. Bergosh questioned whether the agreement with Mixon and Associates, Inc. should be for the School District rather than the School Board; noting that Mixon typically worked with the Superintendent and his staff on legislative matters. Mrs. Waters clarified that it was the School Board, both statutorily and constitutionally, that acted as the contracting party and had the authority to enter into a contract that would bind the School District; she likened the situation to a "doing business as" situation in which the School Board was "doing business" in the name of the Escambia County School District.

28. Modular Relocation from Ernest Ward Middle School to Scenic Heights Elementary School

Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, responded to questions posed by Mrs. Hightower as to where the modular would actually be located on the Scenic Heights Elementary School campus.

3. Human Resource Services

A. Instructional/Professional

7. Special Requests

- d. For Board Information: Report the death of Cynthia L. Thoede, teacher at Suter Elementary School on September 27, 2014.
- e. For Board Information: Report the death of Paula J. Hendrieth, teacher at Holm Elementary School on October 17, 2014.

On behalf of the School Board, Mrs. Moultrie offered condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Cynthia L. Thoede and Ms. Paula J. Hendrieth.

4. Operations

-No items discussed

c. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

1. Selection of Florida School Boards Association Legislative Liaison and Alternate

Mr. Bergosh indicated that he wished to "rotate out" of being the Florida School Boards Association Legislative Liaison as his schedule was unable to accommodate the necessary travel. Mrs. Moultrie who was currently serving as the FSBA alternate indicated that she would be happy to assume the role of legislative liaison and Mrs. Hightower offered to serve as the alternate. (Final determination would be made at the November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting.)

2. School Board Appointee to Escambia County Planning Board

Mrs. Hightower indicated that she would like to continue serving on the Escambia County Planning Board if no other School Board Member wished to do so. (Final determination would be made at the November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting.)

3. School Board Appointee to Community Action Committee Board

Mrs. Moultrie indicated that she would like to continue serving on the Community Action Committee Board if no other School Board Member wished to do so. (Final determination would be made at the November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting.)

4. School Board Appointee to Early Learning Coalition Board

It was noted that Mr. Boone was the School Board's current appointee to the Early Learning Coalition Board. (Final determination would be made at the November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting.)

5. School Board Appointee to Escambia County School District Audit Committee

Mr. David Bryant, Director of Internal Auditing, said the School Board's current appointee to the Escambia County School District Audit Committee was willing to continue serving. (Final determination would be made at the November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting.)

6. School Board Appointee to Escambia County Value Adjustment Board

Mr. Bergosh indicated that he was interested in serving as the School Board's appointee to the Escambia County Value Adjustment Board if Mr. Boone no longer wished to do so. (Final determination would be made at the November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting.)

7. Reappointment of Gerald Adcox as the School Board's Appointee to Escambia County Value Adjustment Board

Mrs. Linda West, Coordinator of Board Affairs, said the School Board's current appointee to the Escambia County Value Adjustment Board was willing to continue serving. (Final determination would be made at the November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting.)

d. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

2. Student Discipline

A. Disciplinary Reassignment

B. Expulsions

-None

Mr. Bergosh thanked Mr. Darriel White, Court Liaison, for providing detailed backup documentation to support the recommendations listed under Item V.d.2.A., *Disciplinary Reassignments*.

e. INTERNAL AUDITING

-No items submitted

f. ITEMS FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

-No items submitted

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

Prior to public forum; Mrs. Hightower took the opportunity to thank Mrs. Moultrie for her service as School Board Chair for 2013-2014. It was noted that a new Chair and Vice-Chair for 2014-2015 would be selected at the November 18, 2014 Installation Ceremony & Organizational Meeting.

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL