

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 16, 2016

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  
Board Members: Mr. Jeff Bergosh  
Mr. Gerald Boone

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

*Vice Chair Linda Moultrie and Board Member Patricia Hightower were not present for this session.*

Meeting advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on August 15, 2016 – Legal No. 1505105

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/09162016-523>

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

At the request of the Superintendent, Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Services, gave a brief update on FTE, noting that the School District's overall FTE seemed to be a little down, predominantly at the elementary level.

III. MINUTES

-No items discussed

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

[Charter School Quarterly Report](#)

Ms. Dee Wolfe-Sullivan, Principal of Byrnesville Elementary School, addressed the School Board regarding a corrective action plan to address the issue of students being counted as bus riders during FTE.

Ms. Jackie Smith, Board Chair for Escambia Charter School, addressed the School Board regarding a corrective action plan to address deteriorating financial conditions.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-No items submitted

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

-No items discussed

b. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Curriculum

D. Evaluation Services

1. [2016-2017 Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar](#)

Mr. Bergosh initiated a discussion on this item specifically with regard to the amount of testing required by the State versus testing required by School District. Mr. Slayton felt it was important for parents to understand that the majority of the testing outlined in the assessment calendar was required by the State, not the School District. The Superintendent took a moment to review and clarify the information outlined on the assessment calendar.

K. Workforce Education

2. [Agreement Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.](#)

Mr. Slayton commented on the “remarkable” opportunity for students enrolled George Stone Technical Center’s Marine Engine Technology Program to enroll in the Yamaha Training Program.

2. Finance and Business Services

E. Purchasing

8. [Chromebooks for Various Schools](#)

Upon inquiry by Mr. Slayton, the Superintendent clarified that this purchase would move the School District to where 100% of students in grades 3 through 12 would have a Chromebook tablet.

3. Human Resource Services

-No items discussed

4. Operations

A. Facilities Planning

2. Miscellaneous

b. [Sales Agreement Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Two Hundred Garden West, Inc.](#)

Mr. Bergosh thanked Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, for taking time to discuss some of the particulars of the agreement for the sale of the former McDaniel building. The Superintendent advised that this would be the last of the major property sales.

c. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

-No items submitted

d. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

2. Student Discipline

Mr. Bergosh thanked Mr. Jeremy Thompkins, Court Liaison, for responding to questions and concerns and providing additional information relating to the Superintendent’s recommendations for student discipline.

- 4. Other
  - C. [Jani-King](#)
    - 1. Exceptions to Recommended Order
    - 2. Final Order

These items were addressed earlier in the session.

- e. INTERNAL AUDITING
  - No items submitted
- f. ITEMS FROM GENERAL COUNSEL
  - No items submitted

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

-Carissa Bergosh, School Liaison Officer (SLO) – Pensacola NAS, addressed the Superintendent and School Board with concerns expressed by military families regarding elementary schools located near Pensacola NAS which had been closed for capacity, including Hellen Caro, Blue Angels, Myrtle Grove, and Pleasant Grove.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL