

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, AUGUST 12, 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
Vice Chair: Mrs. Linda Moultrie
Board Members: Mr. Jeff Bergosh
Mrs. Patricia Hightower

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Board Member Gerald Boone was not present for this session.

Meeting was advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on July 25, 2016 – Legal No. [1442100](#)

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/08122016-533>

[*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.

Installation Ceremony & Organizational Meeting

(NOTE: *This matter was previously discussed at the [August 11, 2016 Special Workshop](#).) It was noted that the Installation Ceremony & Organizational Meeting had been tentatively scheduled for November 15th, beginning at 5:00 p.m., with the November Regular Meeting to follow at 5:30 p.m. There was much discussion on this matter, but ultimately it was decided that the November Regular Meeting would remain as scheduled for November 15th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. but the Installation Ceremony & Organizational Meeting would be moved to November 28th, beginning at 5:30 p.m.*

II. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent commented on the successful start to a new school year. He commended the Human Resource Services department on their summer recruiting efforts, noting that 347 teachers had been hired since the end of the last school year and 97% of classes were staffed on the first day of school.

The Superintendent listed the changes that had been made to the [August 16, 2016 Regular Meeting agenda](#) since initial publication and prior to this session.

III. MINUTES

-No items discussed

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

-No items submitted

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-No items submitted

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

2. Permission to Advertise

B. [The School Board of Escambia County, Florida Approval to Advertise Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendments to Rules and Procedures of the District School Board: Chapter 3 - School Operations](#)

There were no questions or concerns related to this item, which was to advertisement amendments to Section 3.02, *Office of School Choice* and Section 3.20, *Random Drug Testing of Students*. Mr. Bergosh did however, pose a question related to Section 3.17, *Booster Clubs and PTAs*.

3.17 BOOSTER CLUBS AND PTAS

(5) Oversight/Financial Consideration

E. The Superintendent, with the input of interested parties, shall develop and submit for Board approval guidelines for the operation including minimum operating and reporting requirements of booster clubs and PTAs and shall publish the guidelines in a manual entitled "Outside Support Organizations."

Mr. Bergosh noted that Section 3.17 referenced a manual (entitled "Outside Support Organizations") that would be developed by the Superintendent, with the input of interested parties. Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, the Superintendent confirmed that the School Board would have an opportunity to review and offer input on that manual before it was published. The Superintendent said he intended for the committee that worked on that manual to present to the School Board during a Special "Open Discussion" Workshop in either September or October.

b. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Curriculum

F. High School Education

2. [Amendment to the Dual Enrollment Inter-Institutional Articulation Agreement Between the District Board of Trustees of Pensacola State College, Florida and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida](#)

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Steve Marcanio, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, said he felt confident that school guidance counselors were doing their part to inform parents of the dual enrollment opportunities that were available during orientation meetings and other school-level events. Mr. Slayton suggested that it might be helpful to have the School District's Public Relations Coordinator to reach out to the various media outlets and see if they were interested in doing an article about dual enrollment opportunities.

2. Finance and Business Services

E. Purchasing

10. [Emergency Purchase for Woodham Middle School](#)

ADD

Mr. Slayton expressed his appreciation for the "quick action" of staff from the Operations department who responded to the recent chiller failure at Woodham Middle School.

- 3. Human Resource Services
 - A. Instructional/Professional
 - 7. Special Requests
 - a. [Approve the following eligibility requirements for The Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Scholarship Program:](#)

Section 1012.731, F.S. establishes the following eligibility requirements for the scholarship. The individual applying for a scholarship must:

- 1. Be a classroom teacher as defined in section 1012.01(2)(a), F.S., who is employed by a Florida school district, charter school or the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind (FSDB) in 2016-2017;
- 2. Submit an official record that demonstrates his or her composite score on either the ACT or SAT was at or above the 80th percentile based on the National Rank in effect when the assessment was taken; and
- 3. A. Be newly hired by the district school board and not have been evaluated pursuant to section 1012.34, or
B. Have received an evaluation of highly effective on his or her evaluation for the school year immediately preceding the year in which the scholarship will be awarded.

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, the Superintendent confirmed that the verbiage outlined in Item V.b.3.A.7.a. was taken directly from state statute; and the Department of Education (DOE) had advised that school boards must approve the verbiage before School Districts could receive the funding for qualifying teachers. The Superintendent said that an email notification had been sent to all teachers in the School District to make them aware of this opportunity and to inform them of the criteria for qualification and the deadline for submissions.

- 4. Operations
 - No items submitted
- c. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD
 - No items submitted
- d. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
 - No items discussed
- e. INTERNAL AUDITING
 - 1. [Inventory Adjustment Reports for eighty-two \(82\) cost centers](#)
 - 2. [2015-2016 Summary of Inventory Reports Submitted](#)

Mr. David Bryant, Director of Internal Auditing, took a moment to highlight some of the information outlined in the inventory reports.

- f. ITEMS FROM GENERAL COUNSEL
 - No items submitted

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Slayton called for public forum; however, there was no one who registered to speak.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL