

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, MARCH 9, 2017

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 (District III)  
Vice Chair: Mr. Gerald W. Boone (District II)  
Board Members: Mr. Kevin L. Adams (District I)  
Mrs. Patricia Hightower (District IV)  
Mr. Bill Slayton (District V)

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Meeting advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on March 1, 2017 - Legal No. 1960158

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://escambiacitysdf.com/play/03092017-602>

[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. OPEN DISCUSSION  
- Calendar

*March 2017*

There were no changes to the School Board's schedule of workshops/meetings for March.

*April 2017*

There were no changes to the School Board's schedule of workshops/meetings for April.

*May 2017*

There were no changes to the School Board's schedule of workshops/meetings for May.

- Mission of Mercy – Superintendent

Dr. Kim Jernigan, Florida Dental Association Foundation Board Member and longtime Pensacola dentist, addressed the School Board regarding Mission of Mercy, a free two-day dental clinic to be held March 24-25 at Woodham Middle School.

- J.M. Tate High School Game Simulation and Animation Career Academy Presentation – Superintendent

Students enrolled in the Game Simulation and Animation Career Academy at Tate High School, addressed the School Board regarding their experiences in this program.

*The mission of the Game Simulation and Animation Academy is to prepare graduates for an entry-level position in the game software industry or continuation of their education in a college or university. Students will participate in a variety of software development roles across the game programming life*

cycle. The academy provides an overview in gaming math and physics, programming fundamentals, game design, art and graphics programming, and simulation and engine game design.

- Process of Notifying Parents of Current Status of Lockdowns/Emergency Situations – Adams

Mr. Adams questioned the delivery speed of the SchoolMessenger® notification system in terms of voice versus text notifications, as he had received reports of voice notifications taking up to 45 minutes for delivery while it appeared that the delivery of text notifications were immediate. The Superintendent advised that the timing of SchoolMessenger® notifications was the same whether voice or text in that both were sent out instantly.

- High School Vocational Builder Trades Training – Adams

Mr. Adams said a couple of business owners had contacted him inquiring as to whether the School District offered any career academies for skilled construction trades. The Superintendent suggested that Mr. Adams refer the owners to the Home Builders Association (HBA) of West Florida Green Construction Trades Academy at Pine Forest High School, which was designed to provide students with an understanding of all aspects of the building construction industry. Dr. Michelle Taylor, Director of Workforce Education, said the School District was in need of employers that were interested in “growing their own” and would commit to hiring a student as an apprentice during his/her senior year after finishing several courses in the academy.

- High School Refurbishing – Slayton  
[Topic previously addressed during the February Special Workshop]

Mr. Slayton said the Superintendent had offered to have Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations provide a presentation on this topic during the April Special Workshop.

III. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- Budget Update –  
[Handout provided to School Board Members]

Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Services, provided an analysis of the Governor’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-2018, which was the only official budget document that the School District had received at that point – (at the moment). He then reviewed the School District’s major funding issues for 2017-18: (1) implementation of some portion of Job Study recommendations; (2) provide a level of general salary increases for all employees; and (3) funding approximately 13 high priority schools for extra hour instruction. Mr. St. Cyr also gave a brief update on the School District’s bond ratings and then concluded with a review of current budget activities.

IV. MINUTES

-No items discussed

V. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

-Charter School Quarterly Report

Representatives from Byrneville Elementary and Jacqueline Harris Preparatory Academy were present to respond to any questions or concerns posed by School Board Members related to each school’s monitoring plan.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-No items submitted

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

1. Rule(s) Adoption

2. Permission to Advertise

A. [Approval to Advertise Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendments to Rules and Procedures of the District School Board: Chapter 7, Students](#)

School Board Members acknowledged that they had received a summary of the suggested changes to Chapter 7, *Students*; however, most of them had yet to have an opportunity to review that summary. The Superintendent said there were very few significant changes; most were simply bring the verbiage up to our current practice. Mr. Steve Marcanio, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, noted that there were significant revisions to Section 7.11 – *Students With Serious Communicable Diseases* and additional verbiage based on State statute requirements had been added to Section 7.18 – *Policy Against Bullying And Harassment*. Mr. Marcanio asked School Board Members to contact his office if they had any concerns.

b. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Curriculum

C. Elementary Education

1. [The School District of Escambia County, Florida Summer School Programs - 2017](#)

Mrs. Hightower – the budget for the Third Grade Summer Reading Camp (SRC) 2017 (outlined on page 4 of 23 of the backup documentation) indicated a need for only two Data Specialists to support seven school sites. Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Linda Maletsidis, Director of Elementary Education, said the two Data Specialists could work from their home school and each would handle half of the school sites. She noted that this was the same allocation as the previous year.

2. Finance and Business Services

A. Finance

3. [Amended 2016-2017 Instructional Supplements Schedule](#)

The Superintendent advised that the 2016-2017 Instructional Supplements Schedule (previously approved on October 7, 2016) was being amended to reflect the addition of one competition sport, Girls Flag Football, to increase opportunities for student participation. Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, the Superintendent confirmed that the instructional supplements schedule was bargained with the Escambia Education Association. The Superintendent responded to questions posed by Mr. Slayton specific to the Girls Flag Football.

E. Purchasing

5. [Annual Agreement Renewal: Medicaid Reimbursement Services](#)

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Moultrie, Ms. Terri Szafran, Director of Exceptional Student Education (ESE), said the School District had received no notification of any anticipated changes in the school match program resulting from vast changes to the Medicaid program under the proposed GOP bill, the American Health Care Act.

20. [Bid Award: Bellview Elementary School Outdoor Covered Play Area & Multipurpose Room](#)

21. [Bid Award: McArthur Elementary School Outdoor Covered Play Area & Multipurpose Room](#)

Upon inquiry by Mr. Slayton, Mr. Anthony Noles, Director of Facilities Planning, said these the construction duration for these two projects should be about ten months.

- 3. Human Resource Services  
-No items discussed
- 4. Operations
  - A. Facilities Planning
    - 2. [First Amendment to Sales Agreement between the School Board of Escambia County and Two Hundred Garden West, Inc.](#) (**ADD** to *March 21, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda*)

The Superintendent said the amendment would extend the original inspection period by 120 days or until a mutually agreed upon No Further Action (NFA) letter from the Department of Environmental Protection was received. (All other terms and conditions of the contract remain the same.)

- 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  
-None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair