

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JULY 13, 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)

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

*\*Board Members, Mrs. Patricia Hightower (District IV) and Mr. Bill Slayton (District V) were not present.*

Meeting advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on July 1, 2017 - Legal No. [2232123](#)

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://escambiacountysdf1.swagit.com/play/07132017-573>

[*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

At the request of the Superintendent, School Board Members who were present, agreed to cancel the August 10 Special "Open Discussion" Workshop and add the "open discussion" segment to the August 11 Regular Workshop instead. His reason for requesting the change was due to the first day of school occurring on August 10.

- School Grades – Adams

At the request of Mr. Adams, the Superintendent took a few moments to address school grades. The Superintendent said the Escambia County School District had a "good year" with fourteen (or approximately 27%) schools improving their letter grade. He noted that in 2015-2016, there were five 'F' schools, but for 2016-2017, there were only two, with only one of those having received a repeat 'F' grade. He noted however, that school was only one point from receiving a 'D' status, so in essence, the school had made progress. The number of " schools remained the same, but the number of 'A' schools had increased. As had long been the goal in Escambia County, for every school achieve a 'C' or higher, there were now 78% of schools scoring 'C' which had done so. He explained that each school district receives a grade that is a composite of all schools; as such, the Escambia County School District's grade had actually improved by three percentage points, going from 49 to 52, but remained in 'C' status although a 'B' status of 52 was within "striking distance" for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year.

- Progress Reports for Selected Schools – Superintendent

Principals from the five (5) schools that scored an “F” in 2015-2016, presented their final summary update from the 2016-2017 school year: Warrington Elementary, Montclair Elementary, C.A. Weis Elementary, Oakcrest Elementary, and Lincoln Park Elementary.

The Superintendent noted that only two (2) schools had scored an “F” in 2016-2017 and those schools would provide progress reports as they progressed through the 2017-2018 school year.

III. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent noted any changes made to the agenda for the July 18, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda since initial publication and prior to this workshop session.

IV. MINUTES

-No items discussed

V. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

-No items discussed

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 discussed

b. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Curriculum

H. Professional Learning

1. [Add-On Certification Program for Driver Education Endorsement 2017-2022](#)

The Superintendent took a moment to acknowledge the work of Ms. Cassandra Waller, in offering this program for Driver Education Endorsement in seeking out this opportunity for teachers to, at no cost, obtain the required endorsement for Driver Education.

I. Student Services

1. [Memorandum of Understanding Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Motivational Coaches of America, Inc.](#)

At the request of Mrs. Moultrie, the Superintendent took a moment to explain the purpose of this program, which is to provide on-site, school-based behavioral interventions utilizing the evidence-based Motivational Coaches of America school program targeting youth within identified schools (Bellview Middle and Warrington Middle).

2. Finance and Business Services

-No items discussed

3. Human Resource Services

-No items discussed

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  
-None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair