

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JANUARY 11, 2018

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Workshop at 3:00 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mr. Gerald W. Boone (District II)
Vice Chair: Mr. Patricia Hightower (District IV)
Board Members: Mr. Kevin L. Adams (District I)
Ms. Lee H. C. Hansen (District III)
Mr. Bill Slayton (District IV)

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Meeting advertised in *Pensacola News Journal* on January 2, 2018 - Legal No. [2605707](#)

NOTE: Minutes from this session have been prepared according to *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

Video from this session is available at <http://escambiacountysdfl.swagit.com/play/01112018-612>

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Boone called the Special Workshop to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Calendar

NOTE: *In addition to reviewing and discussing their monthly schedules of workshops/meetings, the School Board Members also reviewed and/or discussed events outlined on the School District's calendar. January 2018*

There were no changes to the School Board's schedule of workshops/meetings for January.
February 2018

Special Meeting re: Out-of-Field Teachers – At the request of the Superintendent, the School Board agreed to schedule a Special Meeting for February 2, beginning at 8:00 a.m., at Escambia Westgate Center, 10050 Ashton Brosnaham Road. The purpose of the special session was for the School Board to consider the appointment of out-of-field teachers prior to the February FTE Survey Week.

- Cost of Football Playoffs – *Slayton*

At previous sessions, Mr. Slayton had requested the Superintendent provide information regarding the new Florida High School Athletics Association (FHSAA) football playoff structure, including how teams would now earn points, and the qualifying criteria for the point system. For this session, Mr. Slayton asked the Superintendent to discuss the ramifications of the new FHSAA system in terms of costs incurred by individual high schools for each playoff game. The Superintendent provided a financial report to School Board Members that outlined each school's income and expenses for each FHSAA playoff game. Mr.

Slayton felt it important for everyone to understand that winning a FHSAA playoff game was not always financially beneficial for a school.

- Making Sure Students have Access during their Temporary Disabilities – Hightower

At the request of Mrs. Hightower, the Superintendent explained the process by which a school would provide appropriate accommodations for a student with a temporary physical impairment by way of a temporary 504 plan initiated by the school guidance counselor. *[Although Mrs. Hightower did refer to a specific incident, the discussion at this session focused primarily on the general process for accommodating a student's temporary physical impairment.]*

- Booker T. Washington High School Health Science Academy – Superintendent

Students enrolled in the Health Science Academy at Booker T. Washington High School addressed the School Board regarding their experiences in this program.

- Progress Report for Selected Schools – Superintendent

Mr. Denny Wilson, Director of Continuous Improvement, reviewed information outlined in the [progress report](#) from priority schools*. An administrator from each priority school reviewed their portion of the progress report and then responded to any specific questions and/or concerns from School Board Members. (*Lincoln Park Primary, Montclair Elementary, Oakcrest Elementary, Warrington Elementary, and C.A. Weis Elementary.)

III. PUBLIC FORUM

-None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Workshop adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair