

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JANUARY 12, 2018

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. 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 V)

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/01122018-507>

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent listed the changes made to the [January 16, 2018 Regular Meeting agenda](#) since publication and prior to this session.

III. MINUTES

-No items discussed

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

-Escambia Charter School Financial Corrective Action Plan Discussion

It was noted that Escambia Charter School remained under a financial monitoring plan. The School's principal, Ms. Taravell McKinnies, and Ms. Jacquelyn Smith, Board Chair-Escambia Charter School were present to respond to questions posed by the Superintendent and School Board Members. The Superintendent's staff provided a packet of information to School Board Members. The Superintendent noted that the Department of Education was aware that Escambia Charter School was in financial urgency and had requested some specific information. While the School had responded to that request, the Superintendent said they had failed to answer each request thoroughly. The School was asked to respond appropriately to each request, including any necessary actions, person(s) responsible and a timeline where applicable; that response was expected within the week. In addition, the School was asked to: adjust their budget projections using a base of average FTE for the past three to five years; provide a listing of employees and their salaries; provide a repayment schedule for the \$150,000 line of credit; ensure the School's website was current with regard board meeting minutes; attempt a redirect from the School's old website (echarter.org) to the new website (echarter.org).

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-No items submitted

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

2. Permission to Advertise

- A. [Approval to Advertise Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendments to Rules and Procedures of the District School Board: Chapter 2, Human Resource Services](#)

Staff responded to general questions posed by Mrs. Hightower regarding proposed amendments to various sections of Chapter 2, Human Resource Services.

- B. [Approval to Advertise Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendments to Rules and Procedures of the District School Board: Chapter 4 – Instruction](#)

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b. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Curriculum

H. Professional Learning

1. [Agreement Between SMG and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida](#) (All County Orchestra)

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Steve Marcanio, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, said it was his understanding that the School District would incur no cost for this agreement.

2. Finance and Business Services

-No items discussed

3. Human Resource Services

-No items discussed

4. Operations

2. Miscellaneous

- a. [Brown Barge Middle School Reclassification](#)

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, said part of this reclassification was due to the construction of a new gymnasium that would carry 120 student stations. (Reclassification from 895 existing permanent stations to a recommended 1,015 permanent stations.)

c. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

-No items submitted

d. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

2. Student Discipline

- A. [Disciplinary Reassignments](#)

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, the Superintendent explained how the amendment was due to a court ruling. His recommendation was that the School Board approve the assignment and the final order from the hearing officer.

e. INTERNAL AUDITING

-No items submitted

[AMEND](#)

- f. ITEMS FROM GENERAL COUNSEL  
-No items submitted

- VII. PUBLIC FORUM  
-None

- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL