

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, DECEMBER 8, 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: 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 November 17, 2017 - Legal No. [2542875](#)

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/12082017-535>

[*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 [December 12, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda](#) since publication and prior to this session.

2018-2019 Budget

[[Handouts](#) provided to School Board Members]

At the request of the Superintendent, Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Business Services, gave a brief update Governor's proposed budget for 2018-2019.

III. MINUTES

-No items discussed

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

-[Jacqueline Harris Preparatory Academy](#)

This student presentation occurred at the onset of this session.

-Charter School Quarterly Report

Escambia Charter School

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. As requested during the last workshop, the representatives from Escambia Charter School provided copies of [minutes from recent Board of Directors meetings](#) and the School's [financial statement for October 2017](#).

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-No items submitted

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

-No items discussed

b. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Curriculum

-No items discussed

2. Finance and Business Services

No specific items under this section were discussed; however, Mr. Slayton did request an update on the schedule of completion of the District's two new schools: Kingsfield Elementary and Beulah Middle School. Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, said he was not aware of any delays; both schools remained on target for opening in August 2018.

E. Purchasing

9. [Annual Agreement: As Needed Real Estate Services](#)

At the request of Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, explained the reasoning for the decision to shift to a professional service contract for real estate services.

3. Human Resource Services

No specific items under this section were discussed; however, Mr. Slayton did engage in a discussion with Dr. Alan Scott, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services, regarding teacher recruitment.

4. Operations

-No items discussed

c. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

-No items discussed

d. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

-No items discussed

e. INTERNAL AUDITING

2. School Internal Accounts Audits

- A. [2016-2017 Internal Accounts Audits without findings](#)
- B. [2016-2017 Internal Accounts Audits with findings](#)
- C. [District-Wide Report on School Internal Accounts](#)

Mr. Adams and Mrs. Hightower each expressed their appreciation for the work done by the School Board's Internal Auditing department. Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. David Bryant, Director of Internal Auditing, took a few moments to explain his department's process for handling recurring/continuing audit issues.

f. ITEMS FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

-No items discussed

VII. [PUBLIC FORUM](#)

-None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Mrs. Waters advised of an adverse ruling on the beach tax case, which would be discussed with the School Board and Superintendent, during the Executive Session scheduled for January 5, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., in the Superintendent's Conference Room.

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

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair