

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, MAY 10, 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)
Board Members: Mr. Kevin L. Adams (District I)
Ms. Lee H. C. Hansen (District III)

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Vice Chair Patricia Hightower (District IV) and Board Member Bill Slayton (District V) were not present.

Meeting advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on April 24, 2018 – Legal No. [2876716](#)

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

Video from this session is available at <http://escambiacycountysdfl.swagit.com/play/05102018-703>

[*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

- Escambia High School Engineering Academy – Superintendent

Students enrolled in the Engineering Academy at Escambia High School, addressed the School Board regarding their experiences in this program.

- Calendar

In addition to reviewing and discussing their monthly schedules of workshops/meetings, School Board Members also reviewed and/or discussed various events posted on the School District's calendar.

- Tour of New School Facilities

The School Board accepted the Superintendent's offer to join him and his Executive Staff on a tour of the School District's two newly constructed facilities. That tour was to occur on May 31, commencing at 9:00 a.m. at Kingsfield Elementary School, and continuing at Beulah Middle School around 10:30 a.m.

- Special Workshop (Budget)

The School Board scheduled a Special Workshop for June 7, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center. The primary purpose of this Special Workshop was to discuss current and next year's budget.

- Legislative Update – Superintendent
Mr. Jim Hamilton, Mixon & Associates, along with Ms. Jessica Janasiewicz, Governmental Consultant, Rutledge Ecenia, P.A., reviewed [highlights from the recent Legislative session](#).
- George Stone Technical Center Name Change – Superintendent
NOTE: *This item appears on the May 15, 2018 Regular Meeting agenda as Item V.a.2.B, [Approval to Advertise: Notice of Intention to Rename George Stone Area Vocational-Technical Center](#). Dr. Michelle Taylor, Director of Workforce Education, along with Mr. Thomas Rollins, principal of George Stone Technical Center, gave a brief [presentation](#) regarding the proposal to change the name of George Stone Technical Center to George Stone Technical College.*
- Low 300 Reading Plan – Superintendent
[[Handout](#) provided to School Board Members]
Mr. Denny Wilson, Director of Continuous Improvement, along with Ms. Lisa Marsh, Specialist-Elementary English Language Arts, and Dr. Patti Thomas, Director of Elementary Education, provided an update on requirements for the 300 lowest-performing schools in the state of Florida, as defined by House Bill 7055.

III. [PUBLIC FORUM](#)

The following individual registered to address the School Board:

- Donna Harper
Special Problem or Issue: Teacher Appreciation Week

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Workshop adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair