

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, MAY 11, 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)  
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://escambiacountysdfl.swagit.com/play/05112018-598>

[*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 9:05 a.m.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reschedule Special Workshop – As Room 160 at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center was not available for the June 7 Special Workshop, the School Board agreed to change the date of that session to June 4.

C.A. Weis Elementary School – The Superintendent shared the news that the University of Central Florida (UCF) Center for Community Schools had announced that C.A. Weis Elementary School had become the first elementary school in the State of Florida to become a UCF-Certified Community Partnership School.

Secondary Report Cards – The Superintendent said the School District would notify parents of a delay in report cards for secondary students, as semester grades could not be calculated until end-of-course exam scores were received from the State of Florida.

Resolution – Appointed vs. Elected Superintendent – The Superintendent reported that the Board of County Commission had approved, and forwarded to the Supervisor of Elections, the School Board's request to place the matter of appointed vs. elected superintendent on the November 2018 Florida general election ballot.

III. MINUTES

-No items discussed

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- Escambia Charter School Financial Corrective Action Plan

*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. Ms. Smith announced that the Board of Escambia Charter School had decided to close the school at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Smith confirmed that all payrolls would be met and all outstanding debt would be paid using funds appropriated for June 2018; in addition, a final audit would be conducted in July 2018. The Superintendent and School Board Members each took a moment to express their appreciation of Escambia Charter School for providing students with an alternative high school learning environment over the last twenty-two (22) years. Ms. Vicki Mathis, Director of Alternative Education, briefed the School Board on how her office would assist in the placement of current students enrolled in Escambia Charter. (Placement of students for the 2018-2019 school year would be determined based on grade level, GPA, and age.)*

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

E. Purchasing

18. [Emergency Purchase – Tate High School Erosion Remediation](#)

Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, provided a brief explanation regarding the severe erosion at Tate High School that necessitated emergency repair.

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

**ADD**

e. INTERNAL AUDITING

-No items submitted

f. ITEMS FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

1. [Final Order: DOAH Case No. 17-5600, Escambia County School Board vs. Deborah Peterson](#)

It was noted that both Mr. Joseph L. Hammons, attorney to the Superintendent, and Mr. Ronald G. Stowers, attorney for Deborah Peterson, would present at the May 15, 2018 Regular Meeting.

VII. [PUBLIC FORUM](#)

-No registration forms submitted

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair