

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, AUGUST 16, 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: Mrs. 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 the *Pensacola News Journal* on August 1, 2018 – Legal No. [3066573](#)

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

[*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. The Superintendent reported on an overall great start to the 2018-2019 school year.

II. OPEN DISCUSSION

- 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.

-August 2018

There were no changes to the remaining schedule of workshops/meetings for August.

-September 2018

There were no changes to the schedule of workshops/meetings for September.

-October 2018

There were no changes to the schedule of workshops/meetings for October.

-November 2018

Due to Fall Break being November 19 through November 23, the School Board made the following changes to their schedule of workshops/meetings for November*:

-Special Workshop, date changed from November 15 to November 8

-Regular Workshop, date changed from November 16 to November 9

-Regular Meeting, date changed from November 20 to November 13

-Installation Ceremony & Organizational Meeting tentative scheduled for November 20, 9:00 a.m.

**All sessions to be held in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive*

- Update on Beulah Middle School – Adams

Mr. Adams said he had submitted this topic just in case there were issues regarding the opening of Beulah Middle School; however, he was pleasantly surprised that everything came together just prior to the first day of school. He thanked the Superintendent and his staff, the school faculty and administration and everyone else involved in getting the new school off to a great start for the 2018-2019 school year.

- Report on Open Positions as of the First Day of School – Slayton

At the request of the Superintendent, Mr. Keith Leonard, Director of Human Resource Services, and Ms. Elizabeth Oakes, Director of Personnel Services, responded to Mr. Slayton’s request for a report on open positions as of the first day of school.

- District Software Management – Hansen

At the request of the Superintendent, Mr. Tom Ingram, Director of Information Technology (IT), responded to Ms. Hansen’s inquiry regarding the School District’s management of software, by reviewing the process followed for evaluating software.

- District IT Improvement Plan – Hansen

At the request of the Superintendent, Mr. Tom Ingram, Director of Information Technology (IT), responded to Ms. Hansen’s inquiry regarding the School District’s IT improvement plan, specifically the 5-year cycle for replenishing computer equipment in schools and district offices.

- Crime Stoppers P3 App Update – Superintendent

At the request of the Superintendent, Mr. Jeremy Tompkins, Court Liaison, introduced Sergeant Melanie Peterson, Coordinator of Gulf Coast Crime Stoppers, who updated the School Board on P3 Tips, a new Crime Stopper app that allows a user to submit an anonymous tip from an android or IOS device.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

-No registration forms submitted

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Workshop adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair