

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, AUGUST 17, 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: 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 Regular Workshop to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

August Regular Meeting Agenda - The Superintendent listed changes made to the August 21, 2018 Regular Meeting agenda since publication and prior to this meeting.

Enhanced Safety – The Superintendent reported that the School District was continuing efforts to enhance safety with fencing, single points of access, armed security, and mental health services.

Student Enrollment - Mr. Steve Marcanio, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, provided an update on student enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year as of August 16, 2018: elementary schools – projected 18,338/current 17,857; middle schools - projected 8,132/current 8,556; high schools - projected 10,306/ current 10,826.

III. MINUTES

-No items discussed

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

-No items discussed

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](#)

It was noted that Chapter 2 was previously approved for advertisement at the July 17, 2018 Regular Meeting. Due to an error in the Notice of Intent, the subsequent advertisement of public hearing published in the *Pensacola News Journal* referenced the wrong policy section. As such, it was necessary to request that the School Board approve an updated Notice of Intent, referencing the correct policy section and advertising a public hearing for October.

b. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Curriculum

C. Elementary Education

1. [Agreement Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Western Governors University](#)
2. [Agreement Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and the Baptist College of Florida](#)

Upon inquiry by Board Members, Mr. Steve Marcanio, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, explained that each of these universities had requested that their students, who live in the local area, be provided a directed teaching opportunity in the Escambia County. Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Marcanio said the accreditation of these universities was confirmed prior to the negotiation of these agreements.

H. Professional Learning

1. [Agreement Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and United States Baseball Federation, Inc.](#)

Mrs. Hansen noticed that the Fun at Bat program provided among other things, an emphasis on character development; since a number of other existing programs also focus on character development, she wanted to make sure that all would be teaching the same attributes. Ms. Casandra Waller, Specialist- Physical Education, Health, Wellness, Drivers Education, clarified that this was more a supplemental, rather than comprehensive program that would help support the responsible behavior and values brand in physical education.

2. Finance and Business Services

D. Payroll and Benefits Accounting

1. [Financial Status Report: Employee Benefit Trust Fund](#)

Upon inquiry by Mr. Slayton, Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Business Services, gave a brief update on the employee benefit trust fund, which had fared well over the prior year.

E. Purchasing

3. [Support Engineers for Micro Focus and District-Wide Software Applications](#)

Upon inquiry by Ms. Hansen, Mr. Tom Ingram, Director of Informational Technology (IT), said he was not aware of a local vendor who would be able to assist in this particular area of support.

4. [School Psychologist Services](#)

Upon inquiry by Ms. Hansen, the Superintendent confirmed that this was separate from the mental health initiative mandated by the State of Florida.

5. [Video Surveillance Security System for McArthur Elementary School](#)

6. [Video Surveillance Security System for Lipscomb Elementary School](#)

7. [Video Surveillance Security System for McMillan Pre-K Center](#)

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, after these three projects, there would be only five sites remaining. Upon inquiry by Mr. Adams, the Superintendent confirmed that in the event of an active situation, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office would have the ability to access, in real-time, the video surveillance security system on each campus.

3. Human Resource Services

A. Instructional/Professional

4. [Out-of-Field](#)

Dr. Alan Scott, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services, took a moment to address the current out-of-field teacher situation, which was typical prior to the FTE survey count in October of each school year.

4. Operations

A. Facilities Planning

1. Final Payments

a. [Bellview Elementary School Outdoor Covered Play Area and Multipurpose Room](#)

Upon inquiry by Mr. Slayton, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, confirmed that there were less than six (6) outdoor covered play area and multipurpose room projects to complete.

2. Miscellaneous

a. [Declaration of Restrictive Covenant](#)

At the request of the Superintendent, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, gave a brief explanation regarding this Declaration of Restrictive Covenant in regards to the sale of the property located at 215 West Garden Street.

c. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

-No items submitted

d. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

4. Other Items

A. [Pediatric Services of America, Inc., a/k/a PSA Healthcare v. Escambia County School District](#)

The Superintendent advised that the final order had agreement from both parties, PSA Healthcare and the School District. Essentially, the order would require the School District, within 30 days, to rebid and configure an entirely different evaluation committee. In the meantime, the School District would continue to contract with the party that won the first bid, until the rebid process was complete and a new contract, if necessary, was developed.

f. ITEMS FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

-No item submitted

VII. [PUBLIC FORUM](#)

-No registration forms submitted

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL