

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JULY 30, 2019

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 5:01 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mrs. Patricia Hightower (District IV)
Vice Chair: Mr. Bill Slayton (District V)
Board Members: Mr. Kevin L. Adams (District I)
Mr. Paul Fetsko (District II)
Dr. Laura Edler (District III)

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Meeting advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on July 1, 2019 – Legal No. [3652688](#)

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

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Mrs. Hightower welcomed everyone in attendance as well as those watching via live streaming and thanked them for their interest in public education. She reminded those who wished to speak at Public Forum or to a specific agenda item they would need to submit a speaker request form. Mrs. Hightower then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. On motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, adoption of the agenda, carried unanimously.

II. FINANCE

1. Presentation of [2019-2020 Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget](#)

[NOTE: Documents outlining the 2019-2020 tentative millage rates and tentative budget were provided to School Board Members prior to the Special Meeting.] Ms. Theresa McCants, Director of Budgeting, recapped the budget materials that were previously approved for advertising at the [July 24, 2019 Special Meeting](#). She provided the definition of “rolled-back rate” and reviewed other information as required by the Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) Act. [NOTE: The rolled-back rate is defined as the millage rate that would generate the same ad valorem tax revenue as the prior year when applied to the current year certified tax roll. The current year total millage rate (6.0430) is 0.01% less than the rolled-back rate (6.0434). Therefore, no tax increase will apply.]

2019-2020 Tentative Millage Rates

Required Local Effort, 3.944 mills (*determined by the State*)
Discretionary – Operating, 0.748 mills
Local Capital Improvement (Capital Outlay), 1.351 mills
Total Millage, 6.043 mills

2019-2020 Tentative Budget

General Fund, \$364,326,587.09
Special Revenue – Food Services, \$29,708,713.00

Special Revenue – Other Federal Programs, \$39,591,018.76
Debt Service Funds, \$20,847,782.00
Capital Projects Funds, \$135,968,389.64
Internal Service Funds, \$61,620,262.90
Total Budget, \$652,062,753.39

III. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING FOR INPUT ON 2019-2020 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES & TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mrs. Hightower called for public hearing on the 2019-2020 tentative millage rates and tentative budget. The following individuals requested to address the School Board during the public hearing on the 2019-2020 tentative millage rates and tentative budget: Carol Cleaver.

IV. ADOPTION OF 2019-2020 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES

1. Required Local Effort

Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt the 2019-2020 tentative Required Local Effort millage rate at 3.944 mills, carried unanimously.

2. Discretionary – Operating

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2019-2020 tentative Discretionary–Operating millage rate at 0.748 mills, carried unanimously.

3. Capital Outlay

Motion by Dr. Edler, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt the 2019-2020 tentative Local Capital Improvement (Capital Outlay) millage rate at 1.351 mills, carried unanimously.

4. Total Millage

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt the 2019-2020 tentative total millage rate at 6.043 mills, carried unanimously.

V. ADOPTION OF 2019-2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET

1. General Fund

Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2019-2020 tentative General Fund budget in the amount of \$364,326,587.09, carried unanimously.

2. Special Revenue – Food Services

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt the 2019-2020 tentative Special Revenue–Food Services budget in the amount of \$29,708,713.00, carried unanimously.

3. Special Revenue – Other Federal Programs

Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2019-2020 tentative Special Revenue–Other Federal Programs budget in the amount of \$39,591,018.76, carried unanimously.

4. Debt Service Funds

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt the 2019-2020 tentative Debt Service Funds budget in the amount of \$20,847,782.00, carried unanimously.

5. Capital Projects Funds

Motion by Dr. Edler, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2019-2020 tentative Capital Projects Funds budget in the amount of \$135,968,389.64, carried unanimously.

6. Internal Service Funds

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Dr. Edler, to adopt the 2019-2020 tentative Internal Service Funds budget in the amount of \$61,620,262.90, carried unanimously.

7. Total Budget

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt the 2019-2020 tentative total budget in the amount of \$652,062,753.39, carried unanimously.

VI. ADOPTION OF [RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-01](#) – A RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt Resolution Number 2020-01, carried unanimously.

VII. ADOPTION OF [RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-02](#) – A RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Dr. Edler, to adopt Resolution Number 2020-02, carried unanimously.

VIII. SET DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Dr. Edler, to set the final Budget Hearing for September 17, 2019, beginning at 5:01 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, carried unanimously.

IX. CURRICULUM

1. [Contract Between Assistive Technology Services, Inc. and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida](#)

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, to approve Item IX.1, *Contract Between Assistive Technology Services, Inc. and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida*, carried unanimously.

2. [Contract Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Children's Home Society of Florida – Western Division](#)

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to approve Item IX.2, *Contract Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Children's Home Society of Florida – Western Division*, carried unanimously.

X. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

1. [Amend the following job description on the Administrative Salary Schedule: Court Liaison](#)

Motion by Dr. Edler, seconded by Mr. Adams, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation as outlined in Item X.1, carried unanimously.

2. [Amend the 2019-2020 Department Personnel Planning Document for cost center 4001 – Superintendent – General](#)

Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Dr. Edler, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation as outlined in Item X.2, carried unanimously.

3. [School Resource Officer Agreement – City of Pensacola Police Department](#)

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, to approve Item X.3, *School Resource Officer Agreement – City of Pensacola Police Department*, carried unanimously.

4. [School Resource Officer Agreement – Escambia County, Florida Sheriff’s Office](#)

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Dr. Edler, to approve Item X.4, *School Resource Office Agreement – Escambia County, Florida Sheriff’s Office*, carried unanimously.

XI. [PUBLIC FORUM](#)

The following individuals requested to the address the School Board during Public Forum: Carole Gauranskas, Carol Cleaver, and Heather D. Johnson.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair