

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, NOVEMBER 8, 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)

Board Member-Elect: Mr. Paul Fetsko (District II)

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Meeting advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on November 1, 2018 – Legal No. [3230220](#)

Minutes prepared according to *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*

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[*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 3:00 p.m.

II. OPEN DISCUSSION

- West Florida High School Pre-Professional Nursing Academy – Superintendent

Students enrolled in the Pre-Professional Nursing Academy at West Florida 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.

Presentation from Florida School Boards Association (FSBA): It was noted that School Board Members would need to discuss the scheduling of a presentation from the FSBA on the process for transitioning from an elected to appointed superintendent. This discussion was to occur either during the November Organizational Meeting or the December Special "Open Discussion" Workshop. January 2019 Agenda Deadline: The Superintendent was to make a recommendation in December, regarding an appropriate deadline for January 2019 School Board agenda items.

- Information on how to Effectively Search Board Minutes – Hightower

Mrs. Hightower noted that when using the search window provided on the School Board webpage, a number of the search results had had nothing to do with School Board meeting agendas or minutes but rather advertisements related to the search term/subject. Mr. Jeff Elliot, Coordinator of Student Data Systems, said unfortunately, because the School District was utilizing the free Google search feature, advertisements would continue to come up first in search results.

Update on Florida's ESSA Plan and the Impact on the District – Hansen

As requested, the Superintendent gave a brief update on the local impact of Florida's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan (approved by the U.S. Department of Education on September 26, 2018).

- iReady Program Update – Hansen

As requested, the Superintendent provided a brief update on the iReady program, advising that the most recent data had shown every school was implementing with fidelity. The Superintendent said proficiency rates had shown progress for students, with the average proficiency being above 75% for most schools. The Superintendent advised that staff would continue to monitor iReady data every ten (10) days, providing feedback for teachers so they could adjust instruction in their classroom and/or seek additional training when necessary. Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, the Superintendent said the School Board could expect to receive reports beginning probably in January 2019, after data from the AP3 predictability test was processed.

- Garden Street Property Sale Update – Hansen

Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, reported that the School District had received final approval from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on the restricted covenant for the property located at 215 West Garden Street. The buyers were scheduled to appear before the Architectural Review Board (ARB) on November 15th to seek permission to demolish the building located on that property. If approval was secured from the ARB, the buyers would then have ninety (90) days to execute closing.

- Capital Projects Update – Superintendent

At the request of the Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Noles, Director of Facilities Planning, gave an update on capital outlay project requests, using information outlined in a [documents](#) provided to School Board Members.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

-No registration forms submitted

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Workshop adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair