

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, NOVEMBER 9, 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)

Board Members-Elect: Mr. Paul Fetsko (District II)
Dr. Laura Dortch Edler (District III)

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Mr. Bill Slayton, Board Member-District V, was not present.

Meeting advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on November 1, 2018 – Legal No. [3230220](#)
Minutes prepared according to *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*

[*General discussion among School Board Members, the Superintendent, and staff occurred throughout this session.*]

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Boone called the Regular Workshop to order at 9:03 a.m.

Mr. Boone recognized the presence of School Board Member-Elect, Mr. Paul Fetsko-District II and School Board Member-Elect Dr. Laura Dortch Edler-District III. The Superintendent presented plaques to Mr. Boone and Mrs. Hightower for serving as Chair and Vice Chair respectively, from November 2017 to November 2018. The Superintendent presented a plaque to Ms. Hansen for serving as School Board Member-District III since being appointed by the Governor in December 2017. Mr. Boone was also recognized for twelve (12) years of service as School Board Member-District II.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent listed changes made to the November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting agenda since initial publication and prior to this session.

III. MINUTES

-No items discussed

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

-No items submitted

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-No items submitted

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

1. Rule(s) Adoption

-No items submitted

2. Permission to Advertise

-No items submitted

b. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Curriculum

B. Continuous Improvement

1. [The School District of Escambia County Strategic Plan 2018-2019](#)

Mrs. Hightower thanked the Superintendent and his staff for making the changes that were requested at a previous session.

3. [2018-2019 School Improvement Plans](#)

Mrs. Hightower said she had been unable to access the electronic copies of these plans using the website outlined on the executive summary sheet (www.floridacims.org). Mr. Steve Marcanio, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, said the link would not be operational until later in the month. It was noted that the School Board's approval of this item was essentially a formality given that the plans had already been submitted to the Florida Department of Education. Mrs. Hightower wanted to be sure that School District staff was communicating the Strategic Plan to the schools and that the school's improvement plans were directed to improving the School District's Strategic Plan.

4. [2018-2019 School Advisory Council \(SAC\) Memberships](#)

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Steve Marcanio, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, confirmed that all school advisory councils were in compliance as required by Florida Statutes.

2. Finance and Business Services

E. Purchasing

5. [Architectural/Engineering Services for Repurpose West Florida High School to Success Academy/Second Chance Buildings #25 and #26](#)

Upon inquiry by Mr. Adams, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, took a moment to explain the reconfiguration and system modifications that would occur in Buildings #25 and #26.

- 3. Human Resource Services
 - A. Instructional/Professional
 - 1. [Appointments](#)

The Superintendent and Ms. Elizabeth Oakes, Director of Personnel Services, responded to questions posed by Mrs. Hightower regarding those situations where an individual may be appointed to a position even though they may not have all of the specified qualifications.

- 4. Operations
 - G. Protection Services
 - 1. 2018-2019 Florida District Safe Schools Assessment

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, the Superintendent and Ms. Jennifer Ellis, Manager of Protection Services, confirmed that with each year, the School District was continuing to make great strides in remedying safety issues.

- c. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD
 - No items submitted
- d. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
 - 2. Student Discipline
 - B. Expulsions

The Superintendent advised of a possibility that the number of student expulsions could increase due to a new law that requires a threat to a school to result in expulsion.

- e. INTERNAL AUDITING
 - No items submitted
- f. ITEMS FROM GENERAL COUNSEL
 - No items submitted

- VII. [PUBLIC FORUM](#)
 - No registration forms submitted

- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair