

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JANUARY 11, 2019

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: 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 Dortch Edler (District III)

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Meeting advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on January 2, 2019 - Legal No. 3305232

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

Mrs. Hightower called the Regular Workshop to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent made the following announcements: Class Size Compliance – A recent report from the Florida Department of Education showed Escambia County School District as 100% compliant with class size requirements. Report Cards – Second nine-week report cards initially scheduled for release on Friday, January 11, would be postponed until Monday, January 14. School District administration had decided to postpone the release given that a recent [study](#) had implied a correlation between reports cards released on a Friday and a higher incidence of child abuse than when released on any other day of the week.

The Superintendent then listed all changes made to the January 15, 2019 Regular Meeting agenda since initial publication and prior to this session.

III. MINUTES

c. [12-18-18 Regular Meeting](#)

Mrs. Hightower requested that minutes from the December 18, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes specify the name of the PTA representative who delivered the PTA report.

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

4. [Military Recognition Day Resolution](#)

Mr. Fetsko suggested having students write “thank you” notes to the military personnel who had volunteered their service to the students and teachers in Escambia County.

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

-No items discussed

2. Finance and Business Services

E. Purchasing

2. [Bid Award: Ala Carte Snack Items and Beverages for Direct Delivery to School Cafeterias, Bid #191402](#)

Mr. Slayton said he would abstain from voting on this item at the January 15, 2019 Regular Meeting given that his son was an employee of one of the companies.

17. [Change Notice #4 to Purchase Order #5421800083 – Athletic Improvements for West Florida High School – Woodham Campus](#)

Mr. Slayton remarked that it seemed as if every month there was a new item increasing the contract for improvements at the Woodham campus. Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, responded that the increases were associate with discoveries or alternates that were a result of the work occurring.

18. [Emergency Purchase for Washington High School – Cooling Tower & Installation](#)

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, confirmed these were the actual purchases that were discussed the previous month when the School Board approved a request for the emergency order.

3. Human Resource Services

A. Instructional/Professional

7. Special Requests

- a. [Request approval, under School Board Rule 2.06 \(4\) C., for the transfer of Gerry L. Pippins from High School Assistant Principal at Northview High School to acting interim Principal at Northview High effective January 8, 2019.](#)

[AMEND](#)

Upon inquiry by Mr. Slayton, the Superintendent said he was requesting approval to temporarily fill the principal position at Northview High School and would advertise for a permanent placement (effective July 1, 2019) during the normal cycle.

4. Operations

G. Protection Services

1. [Interlocal Agreement between the Escambia County School Board and Escambia County, Florida Relating to Public Sheltering Facilities](#)

c. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

1. School Board Appointee to the Escambia County Planning Board

Mrs. Hightower offered to serve as the School Board's appointee to the Escambia County Planning Board. Mr. Adams agreed to serve as backup when necessary.

2. School Board Appointee to the Community Action Committee

Dr. Edler offered to serve as the School Board's appointee to the Community Action Committee. Mr. Fetsko agreed to serve as backup when necessary.

3. School Board Appointee to the Early Learning Coalition Board

Dr. Edler offered to serve as the School Board's appointee to the Early Learning Coalition. Mr. Fetsko agreed to serve as backup when necessary.

4. School Board Appointee to the Escambia County Value Adjustment Board

Mr. Adams offered to continue serving as the School Board's appointee to the Escambia County Value Adjustment Board.

5. School Board Appointee to the Military Affairs Committee

Mr. Fetsko offered to serve as the School Board's appointee to the Military Affairs Committee.

6. School Board Appointee to the Escambia County Public Schools Foundation

Mr. Slayton offered to serve as the School Board's appointee to the Escambia County Public Schools Foundation. Mrs. Hightower agreed to serve as backup when necessary.

d. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

2. Student Discipline

- A. [Disciplinary Reassignments](#)
- B. [Expulsions](#)

1. Recommend that consistent with the decision of the due process committee, student discipline number 19-93-301 be expelled from all public schools of Escambia County for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year and the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year with the option to enroll, if qualified and if space is available, in an alternative educational program

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exclusive of regular school placement. Placement to be at the discretion of the Superintendent and to be available as an alternative during the full expulsion time frame.

- 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 10:37 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL