

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 17, 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)

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Meeting advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on July 25, 2019 – Legal No. [3701295](#)

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/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. The Superintendent explained that Items III and IV were deleted from the agenda because staff had been unable to process the District's Five-Year Plan (Tentative Facilities Work Program) given that the Florida Department of Education's web portal remained closed. Once the portal was opened, staff would process and advertise the Five-Year Plan prior to submitting to the Board for consideration for adoption. Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt the agenda, *as amended*, carried unanimously.

II. PRESENTATION OF 2019-2020 MILLAGE RATES AND DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET

Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent – Finance & Business Services, and Ms. Theresa McCants, Director - Budgeting, gave brief presentations on millage rates and the District School budget for fiscal year 2019-2020.

~~III. PUBLIC HEARING FOR INPUT ON DISTRICT'S TENTATIVE FACILITIES WORK PROGRAM~~  
~~[DELETED](#)~~

~~IV. ADOPTION OF DISTRICT'S TENTATIVE FACILITIES WORK PROGRAM~~ ~~[DELETED](#)~~

V. PUBLIC HEARING FOR INPUT ON [MILLAGE RATES AND DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020](#)

The following individuals registered to address the School Board regarding this matter: Carol Cleaver, Donna Harper, and David Pittman (yielded time to Donna Harper).

VI. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

1. [Resolution Number 2020-03 – Resolution Determining Revenues and Millages Levied](#)

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, to approve Item VI.1, *Resolution Number 2020-03 – Resolution Determining Revenues and Millages Levied*, carried unanimously.

2. [Resolution Number 2020-04 – Resolution Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020](#)

Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Adams, to approve Item VI.2, *Resolution Number 2020-04 – Resolution Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020*, carried unanimously.

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

1. Required Local Effort  
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt the 2019-2020 Required Local Effort millage rate at 3.944 mills, carried unanimously.
2. Discretionary – Operating  
Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt the 2019-2020 Discretionary – Operating millage rate at 0.748 mills, carried unanimously.
3. Capital Outlay  
Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt the 2019-2020 Local Capital Improvement (Capital Outlay) millage rate at 1.351 mills, carried unanimously.
4. Total Millage  
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt the 2019-2020 Total Millage at 6.043 mills, carried unanimously.

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

1. General Fund  
Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2019-2020 General Fund budget of \$365,609,923.17, carried unanimously.
2. Special Revenue – Food Service  
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Dr. Edler, to adopt the 2019-2020 Special Revenue – Food Service budget of \$29,663,360.84, carried unanimously.
3. Special Revenue – Other Federal Programs  
Motion by Mr. Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt the 2019-2020 Special Revenue – Other Federal Programs budget of \$39,974,911.02, carried unanimously.
4. Debt Service Funds  
Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2019-2020 Debt Service Funds budget of \$20,843,387.54, carried unanimously.
5. Capital Project Funds  
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2019-2020 Capital Project Funds budget of \$139,431,661.82, carried unanimously.
6. Internal Service Funds  
Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt the 2019-2020 Internal Service Funds budget of \$60,700,474.61, carried unanimously.
7. Total Budget  
Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Dr. Edler, to adopt the 2019-2020 Total Budget of \$656,223,719.00, carried unanimously.

IX. [PUBLIC FORUM](#)

-No registration forms submitted

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair