

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, NOVEMBER 17, 2020

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened an Installation Ceremony & Organizational Meeting at 5:00 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

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

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Timothy A. Smith

*Also present: Mr. Joseph L. Hammons, Esquire - Hammons Law Firm*

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

- I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER  
Mr. Adams called the session to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
Reverend Hugh Hamilton, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Pensacola, Florida, delivered the invocation. Mr. Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
- III. INSTALLATION & REMARKS  
Dr. Timothy A. Smith, joined by his wife Kim, was installed as Superintendent of Schools. Oath of office was administered by the Honorable T. Michael Jones.  
Mrs. Patricia Hightower, joined by her husband Jimmy, was installed as School Board Member-District IV. Oath of office was administered by the Honorable T. Michael Jones.  
Mr. William E. Slayton, joined by his wife Judy, was installed as School Board Member-District V. Oath of office was administered by the Honorable T. Michael Jones.
- IV. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD  
(Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 1001.371) Superintendent Smith called the organizational portion of the meeting to order at 5:23 p.m. Motion by Mrs. Hightower, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the agenda (specifically Section IV., *Organizational of the Board*), carried unanimously.
  - A. Election of Chairman for 2020-2021  
Mrs. Hightower nominated Mr. Bill Slayton, School Board Member-District V, to serve as Chairman for 2020-2021. Mr. Fetsko seconded that nomination. There being no further nominations, the Superintendent called for the vote. The nomination of Mr. Slayton to serve as Chairman for 2020-2021 carried unanimously.

B. Election of Vice Chairman for 2020-2021

Mr. Fetsko nominated Mr. Kevin Adams, School Board Member-District I, to serve as Vice Chairman for 2020-2021. Mrs. Hightower seconded that nomination. There being no further nominations, the Superintendent called for the vote. The nomination of Mr. Adams to serve as Vice Chairman for 2020-2021 carried unanimously.

C. Designation of Date, Time, and Location of Regular Monthly Workshop and Meeting

Motion made by Mr. Slayton and seconded by Mr. Adams, to designate the third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in Room 160 of J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, as the date, time, and location of the School Board's regular monthly meeting, carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Slayton and seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to designate the Thursday prior to the Regular Meeting, beginning at 3:00 p.m., in Room 160 of the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, as the date, time, and location of the School Board's special monthly workshop (*open discussion and presentations*) and the Friday prior to the Regular Meeting, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in Room 160 of the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, as the date, time, and location of the School Board's regular monthly workshop (*agenda review*). Motion carried unanimously.

D. Appointment of Parliamentarian

Motion by Mrs. Hightower, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to appoint the School Board's General Counsel as Parliamentarian, carried unanimously.

E. Selection of Parliamentary Procedure

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, to designate the latest version of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* as the parliamentary procedure followed in the conduct of official business of the School Board, carried unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the session adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair