

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JUNE 16, 2020

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Regular Meeting at 5:30 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 Dortch Edler (District III)

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

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

Not present: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters, School Board General Counsel

Meeting advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on June 3, 2020 – Legal No. 4209841

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Hightower called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

a. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

(NOTE: *It is the tradition of the Escambia County School Board to begin their business meeting with an invocation or motivational moment followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*) Mr. Fetsko introduced Mr. Taylor Brown, Youth Coordinator at Highland Baptist Church in Molino, Florida. Mr. Brown delivered the invocation and Mr. Fetsko led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

b. Adoption of Agenda

The Superintendent listed all changes made to the agenda since initial publication. Mrs. Hightower advised that Florida Statutes and School Board Rule require that changes made to an agenda after publication be based on a finding of good cause, as determined by the person designated to preside over the meeting, and stated in the record. Mrs. Hightower called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the June 16, 2020 Regular Meeting, as amended for good cause. Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt the agenda as amended, carried unanimously.

c. Committee/Departmental Reports

1. Stellar Employee of the Month
 2. School Related Employee of the Year
- Handled later in the session.*

II. PUBLIC FORUM

-No registration forms submitted

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS MOVED FORWARD: Item V.d.1.A., Administrative Appointments

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation as outlined in Item V.d.1., Administrative Appointments (as amended), carried unanimously.

III. MINUTES

- a. 05-15-20 Regular Workshop
- b. 05-19-20 Regular Meeting

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to approve the minutes for the May 15, 2020 Regular Workshop and the May 19, 2020 Regular Meeting, carried unanimously.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-No items submitted

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

1. Rule(s) Adoption

A. Resolution to Rename the Ransom Middle School Innovation Center

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt a resolution naming the innovation center at Ransom Middle School the “Sandra Goldsby Ames Innovation Center” carried unanimously.

B. Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendments to the School District of Escambia County, Florida Rights and Responsibilities Handbook

Mrs. Hightower called for public hearing on this item; however, no individuals registered to speak. Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt amendments to the School District of Escambia County, Florida Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, carried unanimously.

2. Permission to Advertise

A. Approval to Advertise Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendments to the School District of Escambia County Student Progression Plan

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, to advertise amendments to the School District of Escambia County, Florida Student Progression Plan, carried unanimously.

Stellar Employee of the Month

The Superintendent announced that Sherri Robbins, Guidance Secretary at Workman Middle School, was the Stellar Employee for the month of June. Ms. Robbins received a plaque and pin from the School District and a check for \$100 from Members First Credit Union.

School Related Employee of the Year

The Superintendent announced that Juanita Williams, Bus Assistant serving Sherwood Elementary, was the 2020 Florida School Related Employee of the Year. Ms. Williams received a plaque from the School District and a check for \$100 from Members First Credit Union.

b. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, to approve the Consent Agenda (as amended), carried unanimously.

1. Curriculum

A. Alternative Education

-No items submitted

B. Continuous Improvement

1. School Choice Student Transfers

2. Contract for External Operator for Holm Elementary School Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and the Rensselaerville Institute

3. Contract for External Operator for Warrington Middle School Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and the Rensselaerville Institute

4. Contract for External Operator for Warrington Elementary School Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and the Rensselaerville Institute

C. Elementary Education

-No items submitted

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- D. Evaluation Services
-No items submitted
- E. Exceptional Student Education
1. Contract Between Lakeview Center, Inc. and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida
 2. Cooperative Agreement Between the Florida Department of Education and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida
 3. Cooperative Agreement Between the Florida Department of Education and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida
- F. High School Education
1. Agreement Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and the National Highway Safety Administration
 2. Collegiate High School Dual Enrollment Inter-Institutional Articulation Agreement Between the District Board of Trustees of Pensacola State College, Florida and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida
- G. Middle School Education
-No items submitted
- H. Professional Learning
1. FDLRS Autism Spectrum Disorder Endorsement Programs
- I. Student Services
-No items submitted
- J. Title I
1. Contract for Services Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Opening Doors Northwest Florida
 2. Agreement Between the School Board of Seminole County, Florida, O/B/O (East Coast Technical Assistance Center) and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida
 3. Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement Between the School Board of Santa Rosa County, Florida and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida
 4. Memorandum of Understanding Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Every Child a Reader in Escambia
 5. Partnership for Professional Innovation Agreement Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and the University of West Florida
- K. Workforce Education
1. Agreement Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Camp Fire USA Gulf Wind Council, Inc.
 2. Agreement Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Childhood Dreams Learning Center, Inc.
 3. Agreement Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Young Men's Christian Association of Pensacola, Florida, Inc.
 4. Agreement Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Creative School Age Child Care, Inc.
 5. Memorandum of Understanding Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Escambia County, Florida
 6. Cooperative Agreement Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Pensacola Electrical Apprenticeship College, Group Non-Joint
- L. Other
-No items submitted
2. Finance and Business Services
- A. Finance
1. Legal Services – General Fund
 - a. The Hammons Law Firm \$ 105.00
 - b. The Hammons Law Firm \$ 941.00
 - c. The Hammons Law Firm \$ 227.50
 - d. Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell \$ 1,184.00

- e. Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell \$ 740.00
- f. Carver, Darden, Koretzky, Tessier, Finn, Blossman & Areaux LLC \$ 87.50
- g. Resolutions in Special Education \$ 4,161.00
- h. Resolutions in Special Education \$ 2,432.00
- 2. Legal Services - Risk Management Fund
 - a. The Hammons Law Firm \$ 9,055.50
- 3. Report No. 2020-202, a Report on Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Students and Student Transportation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019
- 4. Statement from Florida Association of District School Superintendents for 2020-2021 annual dues
- B. Accounting Operations
 - 1. Check Register for May 2020
- C. Budgeting
 - 1. Recap of General Fund Reserves (Non-Categorical)
 - 2. Resolutions to amend District School Budget:
 - a. Resolution 9 – General Operating Fund
 - b. Resolution 9 – Special Revenue – Federal Program
 - c. Resolution 9 – Capital Projects Fund
 - d. No item submitted – Special Revenue - Food Service Fund
 - e. No item submitted – Debt Service Fund
 - 3. Scrap List I for June 2020
 - 4. Auction List I and II for June 2020
 - 5. Financial Statements by Fund
- D. Payroll and Benefits Accounting
 - 1. Financial Status Report: Employee Benefit Trust Fund
- E. Purchasing

ITEMS PREPARED BY PURCHASING:

 - 1. Bid Extension: Miscellaneous Paper Products & Cleaning Supplies for School Cafeterias, Bid #190102
 - 2. Bid Extension: Paper Products & Cleaning Supplies for School Cafeterias, Bid #181302
 - 3. Bid Extension: Computer and Peripheral Repair Services, RFP #103304
 - 4. Bid Renewal: Fresh Produce for Direct Delivery to School Cafeterias (Includes Farm-to-School Program), RFP #162102
 - 5. Bid Renewal: Miscellaneous Paper Products & Cleaning Supplies for School Cafeterias, Bid #192902
 - 6. Bid Renewal: Interpreting Services, RFP #152605
 - 7. Bid Renewal: Speech Language Pathologist, School Psychologist, Occupational Therapist, and Physical Therapist Services, RFP #190806
 - 8. Bid Renewal: Lighted Sports Field Maintenance, Bid #172903
 - 9. Annual Agreement Renewal: Beverage Vending
 - 10. Agreement: K12 Virtual School Program Curriculum and Materials for Part-Time and Credit Recovery Students
 - 11. Annual Agreement Renewal: K-12 Human Capital Management Platform
 - 12. Software Agreement Renewal: Hosted School Nutrition, Point of Sale, and Online Payment
 - 13. Annual Agreement Renewal: Skyward/Enterprise Resource Planning Software
 - 14. Annual Agreement Renewal: GPS Software and Hardware for Transportation Fleet
 - 15. Annual Agreement Renewal: MicroFocus Network Software Licenses
 - 16. GoGuardian Software
 - 17. Annual Agreement Renewal: i-Ready Diagnostic and Instruction Software and Services Agreement
 - 18. Renewal and Amendment 2 to Annual Agreement: Renaissance Learning Hosting
 - 19. Annual Agreement Renewal: Renaissance Learning STAR360 Assessment Software Licenses
 - 20. Annual Agreement: Renaissance Learning Software Licenses
 - 21. Amendment 1 to Kronos Addendum

22. Renewal of Annual Agreement: Custodial Services
23. Renewal and Amendment 2 to Annual Agreement: School Health Services
24. Annual Agreement Renewal: Workers' Compensation Managed Care Services
25. Annual Agreement Renewal: Wertz York Capital Management Group, LLC
26. Tires and Related Services
27. Agreement: Use License Agreement for Pensacola Bay Center
ITEMS PREPARED BY FACILITIES PLANNING:
28. Annual Agreement Renewal: Annual Purchase Agreement for Fencing at Various Schools Throughout the District
29. Bid Award: Beulah Elementary School - Outdoor Covered Play Area and Multipurpose Room
30. Bid Award: Longleaf Elementary School - Outdoor Covered Play Area and Multipurpose Room
31. Bid Award: Pine Meadow Elementary School - Outdoor Covered Play Area and Multipurpose Room
32. Change Notice #1 to Purchase Order #5421900206 – Brentwood Elementary School – Covered Play Area and Multipurpose Room
33. Change Notice #1 to Purchase Order #5422000133 – Pensacola High School Tennis Courts and Bus Loop
34. Emergency Purchase of 3-Ply Disposable Face Masks

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3. Human Resource Services
 - A. Instructional/Professional

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1. Appointments
2. Reappointments
3. Transfers
-No items submitted
4. Out-of-Field
-No items submitted
5. Resignations/Retirements/Other
6. Leaves of Absence
-No items submitted
7. Special Requests
-No items submitted
- B. Educational Support Personnel
 1. Appointments
 2. Temporary Promotions
-No items submitted
 3. Resignations/Retirements/Other
 4. Terminations
-No items submitted
 5. Leaves of Absence
 6. Special Requests
-No items submitted
- C. Risk Management
 1. Property, Boiler & Machinery, and Crime Insurance
- D. Employee Services
-No items submitted
- E. Affirmative Action
-No items submitted

4. Operations
 - A. Facilities Planning
 1. Final Payments
 - a. West Florida High School Resurface Tennis Courts and Track Events (E. Burgess Road)

- 2. Miscellaneous
 - No items submitted
 - B. School Food Services
 - No item submitted
 - C. Maintenance and Custodial Services
 - No items submitted
 - D. Transportation
 - No items submitted
 - E. Central Warehouse
 - No items submitted
 - F. Information Technology
 - No items submitted
 - G. Protection Services
 - 1. 2019-2020 Facility Life Safety Inspections
 - H. Energy Management
 - No items submitted
- c. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD
- 1. Selection of the Florida School Boards Association Advocacy Committee Member and Alternate
Mr. Fetsko nominated Mr. Adams to serve as the Florida Schools Boards Association Advocacy Committee Member. Nomination seconded by Mr. Slayton and approved unanimously.
Mr. Slayton nominated Mrs. Hightower to serve as the Florida Schools Boards Association Advocacy Committee Alternate. Nomination seconded by Mr. Adams and approved unanimously.

d. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. Administrative Appointments

A. Administrative Appointments

Item handled earlier in this session

B. Reappointment of Administrative Personnel for the fiscal year 2020-2021

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, to accept the Superintendent's recommendations as outlined in Item V.d.1.B., Reappointment of Administrative Personnel for the fiscal year 2020-2021, carried unanimously.

2. Student Discipline

A. Disciplinary Reassignments

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to accept the Superintendent's recommendations for student discipline as outlined in Item V.d.2.A., *Disciplinary Reassignments*, carried unanimously.

B. Expulsions

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to accept the Superintendent's recommendations for student discipline as outlined in Item V.d.2.B., *Expulsions*, carried unanimously.

3. Employee Discipline

-No items submitted

4. Other Items

A. Escambia County Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors Nominees

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to accept the Superintendent's recommendations as outlined in Item V.d.4.A., *Escambia County Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors Nominees*, carried unanimously.

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- B. Agreement for Legal Services Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Joseph L. Hammons, Attorney at Law, and The Hammons Law Firm (Counsel for Superintendent)
- C. Agreement for Legal Services Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Joseph L. Hammons, Attorney at Law, and The Hammons Law Firm (Risk Management)
- D. Agreement for Legal Services Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Steven J. Baker, P.A., Attorney at Law (Risk Management)
- E. Agreement for Legal Services Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Leonard J. Dietzen, III, Attorney at Law, and Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell PA

Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to accept the Superintendent’s recommendations as outlined in Item V.d.4.B., Item V.d.4.C., Item V.d.4.D., and Item V.d.4.E., carried unanimously.

e. INTERNAL AUDITING
-No items submitted

f. ITEMS FROM GENERAL COUNSEL
-No items submitted

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL