

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, MAY 15, 2020

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)

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Meeting advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on May 4, 2020 – Legal No. [4174704](#)

Minutes prepared according to *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*

[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

Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent-Finance & Business Services and Ms. Theresa McCants, Director-Budget, reviewed the latest information on the budget. Mr. Steve Marcanio, Assistant Superintendent-Curriculum, reviewed changes expected for summer programs (originally approved at the March Regular Meeting).

DISCUSSION ON APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT (*moved forward as time certain*)

School Board Members discussed the following topics with Florida School Board's Association (FSBA) Superintendent Search Team [Andrea Messina, John Reichert, and Dr. Bill Vogel (all present via phone)]:

- Semi Finalists to Finalists Process
- Tour Stops

Item IV.1, Escambia Children's Trust Resolution (*moved forward*)

The following individual requested to the address the School Board regarding this item: M.J. Ziembra and Walker Wilson.

The Regular Workshop recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m., with all School Board Members, the Superintendent, and Mrs. Waters.

Section II, Comments from the Superintendent (*continued*)

The Superintendent provided an update on high school graduations. The Superintendent listed changes made to the May 19, 2020 Regular Meeting agenda since initial publication and prior to this workshop session.

III. MINUTES

-No items discussed

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. Escambia Children's Trust Resolution

-Addressed earlier in this session

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-No items submitted

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

-No items discussed

b. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Curriculum

K. Workforce Education

1. [Escambia County School District Middle School Career Academy Application Jim C. Bailey Middle School NFA ACE Flight Academy](#)

Dr. Michelle Taylor, Director-Workforce Education, responded to questions posed by Mr. Fetsko regarding this item.

2. Finance and Business Services

E. Purchasing

20. [Change Notice #1 to Purchase Order #5422000035 – Architectural/Engineering Services for Pine Meadow Elementary School Outdoor Covered Play Area and Multipurpose Room](#)
22. [Change Notice #1 to Purchase Order #5422000036 – Architectural/Engineering Services for Beulah Elementary School Outdoor Covered Play Area and Multipurpose Room](#)
23. [Change Notice #1 to Purchase Order #5422000037 – Architectural/Engineering Services for Longleaf Elementary School Outdoor Covered Play Area and Multipurpose Room](#)

Mr. Anthony Knowles, Director-Facilities Planning, responded to questions posed by Mr. Slayton regarding these items.

3. Human Resource Services

-No items discussed

Mr. Keith Leonard, Director-Human Resource Services, provided an update on the School District's recruitment efforts

4. Operations

-No items discussed

c. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

-No items submitted

d. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

-No items discussed

e. INTERNAL AUDITING

-No items submitted

f. ITEMS FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

Mrs. Waters advised that an item, Beach Tax Settlement, was forthcoming.

VII. [PUBLIC FORUM](#)

-No registration forms submitted

VIII. DISCUSSION ON APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT

1. Semi Finalists to Finalists Process

2. Tour Stops

*-Items addressed earlier in this session*

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL