

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, OCTOBER 16, 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

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Hurricane Sally Restoration/Recovery Update (postponed from October 15, 2020 Special Workshop)
[Handout distributed to School Board Members]

-Update provided by Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent-Operations

Learning Model Update

-Update provided by the Superintendent

Approximate percentage of students participating in the various learning models as of 10/16/2020

-Traditional – 62% (23,256 students)

-Remote – 35% (13,180 students)

-Virtual – 3% (1,208 students)

COVID-19 Report [*located under “Quick Links” drop-down on School District website*]

-Demonstration provided by the Superintendent

Real-time dashboard providing high-level summary data regarding the current number of COVID-19 positive students/staff* and current number of students/staff excluded from school/work**.

**Students/staff excluded from school/work due to a positive COVID-19 test confirmed by the Florida Department of Health or lab test result. **Students/staff excluded from school/work due to: isolation for a positive COVID-19 test result, quarantine due to close contact to a positive case, or are waiting for COVID-19 test results.*

III. MINUTES

-No items discussed

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

-No items discussed

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

1. Rule(s) Adoption
-No items discussed
2. Permission to Advertise
-No items submitted

b. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Curriculum
-No items discussed
2. Finance and Business Services

C. Budgeting

3. [Scrap List I and II for October 2020](#)

Upon inquiry by Mr. Fetsko, Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent-Finance & Business Services, confirmed that it was necessary to “scrap” old software licensing in order to remove them from the School District’s property records.

E. Purchasing

5. [Hurricane Sally Purchases](#)

The Superintendent advised the School Board that an amendment to this item had posted just prior to this session. (Executive Summary updated such that the “Amount of Purchase” correctly reflected \$499,725.64 thus mirroring the “Expenditure Grand Total” on the provided supporting documentation.)

3. Human Resource Services

E. Affirmative Action

1. [2019-2020 Annual Educational Equity Update](#)

The Superintendent advised the School Board of corrections made to the 2019-20 Athletic Participation Monitoring Form for Bailey Middle School (page 24 and Part V: Employment Equity on page 52).

4. Operations

G. Protection Services

1. [2020-2021 FSSAI School Security Risk Assessment Recommendations](#)

The School Board agreed to schedule an Executive Session for December 10, 2020, beginning at 2:00 p.m., with location to be determined.

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

-No items submitted

VII. [PUBLIC FORUM](#)

-Darzell Warren, representing Escambia Education Association, registered to address the School Board regarding salaries.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 10:36 a.m.