

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020
RESCHEDULED TO SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

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)

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Also present: Mr. Joseph L. Hammons, Esquire - Hammons Law Firm (entered at 5:22 p.m.)

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

Advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on August 17, 2020 – Legal No. [4331327](#)
Rescheduling advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on September 19, 2020 – Legal No. 4383597

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt the agenda, *as amended*, carried unanimously.

II. PRESENTATION OF 2020-2021 MILLAGE RATES AND DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET

Ms. Theresa McCants, Director - Budgeting, gave a brief presentation on millage rates and the District School budget for fiscal year 2020-2021.

~~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 2020-2021

-No registration forms submitted

VI. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution Number 2021-03 – Resolution Determining Revenues and Millages Levied

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to approve Item VI.1, *Resolution Number 2021-03 – Resolution Determining Revenues and Millages Levied*, carried 4 to 1, with Mr. Adams voting “No.”

2. Resolution Number 2021-04 – Resolution Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to approve Item VI.2, *Resolution Number 2021-04 – Resolution Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021*, carried 4 to 1, with Mr. Adams voting “No.”

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

1. Required Local Effort

Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2020-2021 Required Local Effort millage rate at 3.829 mills, carried unanimously.

2. Discretionary – Operating
Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt the 2020-2021 Discretionary - Operating millage rate at 0.748 mills, carried unanimously.
3. Capital Outlay
Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2020-2021 Local Capital Improvement (Capital Outlay) millage rate at 1.351 mills, carried 4 to 1, with Mr. Adams voting “No.”
4. Total Millage
Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt the 2020-2021 Total Millage rate at 5.928 mills, carried 4 to 1, with Mr. Adams voting “No.”

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

1. General Fund
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2020-2021 General Fund budget in the amount of \$367,681,980.52, carried unanimously.
2. Special Revenue – Food Service
Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2020-2021 Special Revenue – Food Service budget in the amount of \$29,219,752.60, carried unanimously.
3. Special Revenue – Other Federal Programs
Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt the 2020-2021 Special Revenue – Federal Programs budget in the amount of \$41,866,420.13, carried unanimously.
4. Special Revenue – Cares Act - ESSER
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt the 2020-2021 Special Revenue – Cares Act – ESSER* budget in the amount of \$5,179,741.00, carried unanimously. **Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief fund*
5. Special Revenue – Cares Act – Other
Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2020-2021 Special Revenue – Cares Act – Other budget in the amount of \$1,581,017.94, carried unanimously.
6. Debt Service Funds
Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt the 2020-2021 Debt Service Funds budget in the amount of \$66,759,290.17, carried unanimously.
7. Capital Project Funds
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt the 2020-2021 Capital Project Funds budget in the amount of \$178,140,191.05, carried 4 to 1, with Mr. Adams voting “No.”
8. Internal Service Funds
Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2020-2021 Internal Service Funds budget in the amount of \$64,329,665.60, carried unanimously.
9. Total Budget
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt the 2020-2021 Total Budget in the amount of \$754,758,059.01, carried unanimously.

IX. [PUBLIC FORUM](#)

-No registration forms submitted

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL