

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, MARCH 11, 2021

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Workshop at 3:00 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mr. William E. Slayton (District V) [*present via speakerphone*]  
Vice Chair: Mr. Kevin L. Adams (District I)  
Board Members: Mr. Paul Fetsko (District II)  
Dr. Laura Dortch Edler (District III)  
Mrs. Patricia Hightower (District IV)

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Timothy A. Smith

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Adams called the Special Workshop to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION:

- BoardDocs Update – Superintendent

[*Previously addressed at the February 11, 2021 Special Workshop and February 12, 2021 Regular Workshop.*] Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent-Operations, advised that the purpose of this demonstration would be to resolve any questions or concerns School Board Members might have with regard to document retention, accessibility, archiving, etc. A sales representative from BoardDocs provided a brief virtual demonstration of the BoardDocs school board management software. Mr. Tom Ingram, Director-Information Technology (IT), was to provide School Board Members with an updated BoardDocs implementation plan/timeline.

- Escambia High School Pharmacy Services Academy

Students enrolled in the Pharmacy Services Academy at Escambia High School, provided a virtual presentation outlining their experiences in this program.

- Calendar

The School Board made no changes to the remaining schedule of workshops/meetings for March 2021.  
The School Board made no changes to the current schedule of workshops/meetings April for 2021.

- Public Forum Update

The Superintendent provided an update on issues raised by individuals who registered to address the School Board during February workshops/meetings. He advised that staff had been in contact with the individuals who expressed concerns with the health screening process, the individual who expressed concerns on behalf of remote and hybrid teachers, and the individuals who addressed concerns with the hourly pay rate for school bus operators.

- ~~FISH Report Related to Capacity at Elementary, Middle, and High Schools—Fetsko~~

- ~~Student Enrollment at Each Level—Fetsko~~

- ~~Relationship Between Capacity and Enrollment as it Pertains to Construction in the Future~~

- Legislative Update – Adams

Vice Chair Adams, as the School Board's representative to the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA), gave a brief update on recent and upcoming legislative matters. Mr. Adams suggested writing to Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran requesting a waiver of accountability consequences based on results of the 2020-2021 state exams, given the learning environment for students had been significantly

impacted by COVID. The Superintendent was to compose this letter, which would be signed by himself and each of the School Board Members.

- Scribbles Student Record System – *Superintendent*

Mr. Chris McFarland, Coordinator-School Choice, gave a brief presentation regarding the [Scribbles Student Record System](#). He then responded to questions regarding the specifics of this online student record request and payment solution. Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Steve Marcanio, Assistant Superintendent-Curriculum, confirmed that the agreement with Scribbles would not require School Board approval, given there was no cost associated with that agreement. Mrs. Hightower wanted assurance that the services provided under this particular agreement conformed to school district standards and specifications, particularly concerning compliance with safeguards that protect student education records. At the request of Mrs. Hightower, the Superintendent agreed to submit the agreement to the School Board's acting General Counsel, Mr. Joe Hammons, for legal review.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

-No registration forms submitted

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Dr. Edler took a moment to recognize the Impact 100 group for awarding a grant to C.A. Weis Elementary School for the construction of a community walk path.

There being no further business, the Special Workshop adjourned at 4:25 p.m.