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: 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 Regular Workshop to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
- Letter from Commission of Education - Mr. Steve Marcanio, Assistant Superintendent-Curriculum, provided School Board Members a copy of a letter that Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran recently sent to textbook publishers regarding adjusted prices of the ELA textbook adoption.

- Letter to Commission of Education – Superintendent Smith shared a letter he had composed 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. This letter was requested by Mr. Adams during the March 11, 2021 Special Workshop and was to be signed by each School Board. (*including mandatory retention for third grade students, school grades, and district grades)

III. MINUTES
-No items discussed

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS
- Charter School Quarterly Report

Ms. Kerri Coots, Director-Alternative Education, advised that two charter schools had contractual concerns in need of corrective action:

Byrneville Elementary – There was no representative from Byrneville Elementary present; however, Ms. Coots, advised that Ms. Dee Wolfe-Sullivan, principal of Byrneville Elementary, had responded that corrective actions had been taken to address the concerns cited in the quarterly report.

Pensacola Beach Elementary – Mr. Jeff Castleberry, principal of Pensacola Beach Elementary, addressed the School Board to confirm that corrective actions had been taken to address concerns cited in the quarterly report.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
-No items submitted

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
      H. Professional Learning  
       1. 2020-2021 Instructional Materials Adoption Escambia County School District  
          Ms. Michelle White, Coordinator-Media Services, gave a brief overview of the District’s instruction
          mal materials adoption process and timeline. If approved by the School Board at the March 23, 2021
          Regular Meeting, the public would then have 30 calendar days to contest the adoption.

   2. Finance and Business Services
      E. Purchasing
         ITEMS PREPARED BY PURCHASING:
         1. Bid Award: Grounds Maintenance, RFP #211303  
            It was noted that Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent-Operations, had reached out
            to each School Board Member to advise them of this annual agreement (renewable annually for a
            period of up to five (5) years) to provide grounds maintenance services.

         3. Amendment III to Annual Agreement: School Health Services  
            There were no questions on this item; however, School Board Members and the
            Superintendent took a moment to thank Ms. Martha Hanna, Coordinator-Health Services and her
            team as they continued to help navigate the School District through the COVID-19 crisis.

         5. Football Helmets  
            Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent-Operations, gave a brief overview concerning the life span
            of football helmets.

         22. Energy Savings Performance Contract – Bellview Middle School  
            Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent-Operations, provided a brief overview concerning this
            Energy Savings Performance Contract for Bellview Middle School.

   3. Human Resource Services
      -No items discussed

   4. Operations
      -No items discussed

c. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD
   1. General Counsel Contract  
      Chair Slayton gave a brief overview of the process by which the General Counsel contract was
developed. He noted only one item of concern, being that which dealt with termination without
cause. There was much discussion regarding this item; however, no changes were requested.

d. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
   2. Student Discipline
      B. Expulsions  
      There were no questions or concerns specific to any items under V.d.2.B., Expulsions;
however, the Superintendent and School Board Members engaged in lengthy discussion regarding
student behavior and student discipline.
e. INTERNAL AUDITING
   - No items submitted

f. ITEMS FROM GENERAL COUNSEL
   - No items submitted

VII. PUBLIC FORUM
    - No registration forms submitted

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
    Prior to adjournment, Ms. Kim Stefansson, Coordinator-Public Relations, advised that information had been added to the Food Services webpage and pinned to the Public Relations Facebook page advising families that public schools would not be providing meals over Spring Break (March 15 – March 19), and suggesting they visit summerbreakspot.org or call 211 to locate meal sites near them. There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 11:15 a.m.