THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, MARCH 23, 2021

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Workshop at 4:00 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)
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
    Chair Slayton called the Special Workshop to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION RE: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
    [*Handouts provided to School Board Members:* Suggested Changes – Escambia County Comprehensive Plan; Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning; A Summary of Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning; and Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning] The vast majority of the discussion among School Board Members, the Superintendent, and staff focused on infrastructure and sidewalks. There was much discussion regarding proposed changes to the interlocal agreement with the county as well as changes to the county's comprehensive plan, which would ensure more sidewalks are constructed and connected closer to schools. School Board Members expressed support for changing the interlocal agreement with the county to provide more connected sidewalks so students can walk to school more safely. There was interest in eventually holding a joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners to request updates to the documents. Chair Slayton asked School Board Members to review all parts of the interlocal agreement; meanwhile, he and Superintendent Smith would look into holding another workshop on the issue to better prepare before approaching the county.

III. PUBLIC FORUM
    -No registration forms submitted

IV. ADJOURNMENT
    There being no further business, the Special Workshop adjourned at 5:10 p.m.