

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JULY 29, 2021

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: 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)

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Ellen D. Odom

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Timothy A. Smith

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NOTE: The minutes from this session have been prepared according to *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chair Slayton called the Special Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. Superintendent Smith listed the changes made to the agenda since initial publication and prior to this session. Chair Slayton advised that Florida Statutes and School Board Rule require that changes made to an agenda after publication be based on a finding of good cause, as determined by the person designated to preside over the meeting, and stated in the record. Several School Board Members voiced concerns regarding the lateness of the additional items; however, given the urgent nature of those items, Chair Slayton determined there was good cause for those additions. On motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, adoption of the agenda (*as amended*), carried unanimously.

II. FINANCE

1. Presentation of [2021-2022 Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget](#)

[NOTE: *Documents outlining the 2021-2022 tentative millage rates and tentative budget provided to School Board Members prior to the Special Meeting.*] Ms. Theresa McCants, Director of Budgeting, recapped the budget materials that were previously approved for advertising at the July 22, 2021 Special Meeting. She provided the definition of “rolled-back rate” and reviewed other information as required by the Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) Act. Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent-Finance & Business Services, responded to questions posed regarding information outlined in the Supplementary Budget Information 2021-2022 (*handout provided to School Board Members*).

III. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING FOR INPUT ON 2021-2022 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES & TENTATIVE BUDGET

Chair Slayton called for public input on the 2021-2022 tentative millage rates and tentative budget; however, there were no speakers.

IV. ADOPTION OF 2021-2022 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES

1. Required Local Effort

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt the 2021-2022 tentative Required Local Effort millage rate at 3.695 mills, carried unanimously.

2. Discretionary – Operating
Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2021-2022 tentative Discretionary–Operating millage rate at 0.748 mills, carried unanimously.
 3. Local Capital Improvement (Capital Outlay)
Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to adopt the 2021-2022 tentative Local Capital Improvement (Capital Outlay) millage rate at 1.214 mills, carried unanimously.
 4. Total Millage
Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2021-2022 tentative total millage rate at 5.657 mills, carried unanimously.
- V. ADOPTION OF 2021-2022 TENTATIVE BUDGET
1. General Fund
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2021-2022 tentative General Fund budget in the amount of \$364,960,413.26, carried unanimously.
 2. Special Revenue – Food Services
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2021-2022 tentative Special Revenue–Food Services budget in the amount of \$27,741,665.00, carried unanimously.
 3. Special Revenue – Federal Programs
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2021-2022 tentative Special Revenue–Federal Programs budget in the amount of \$43,974,771.09, carried unanimously.
 4. Special Revenue – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER)
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2021-2022 tentative Special Revenue – Cares Act – ESSER budget in the amount of \$871,899.66, carried unanimously.
 5. Special Revenue – Other Cares Act Relief (Including GEER)
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2021-2022 tentative Special Revenue – Cares Act – Other budget in the amount of \$170,519.60, carried unanimously.
 6. Special Revenue – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II (ESSER II)
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2021-2022 tentative Special Revenue – ESSER II budget in the amount of \$34,418,040.00, carried unanimously.
 7. Debt Service Funds
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2021-2022 tentative Debt Service Funds budget in the amount of \$18,681,634.03, carried unanimously.
 8. Capital Projects Funds
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2021-2022 tentative Capital Projects Funds budget in the amount of \$172,966,027.83, carried unanimously.
 9. Internal Service Funds
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the 2021-2022 tentative Internal Service Funds budget in the amount of \$61,654,068.07, carried unanimously.
 10. Total Budget
Motion by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2021-2022 tentative total budget in the amount of \$725,439,038.54, carried unanimously.

VI. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-01 – A RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt Resolution Number 2022-01, carried unanimously.

VII. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-02 – A RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt Resolution Number 2022-02, carried unanimously.

VIII. SET DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING

Motion by Mrs. Hightower, seconded by Mr. Fetsko, to set the final Budget Hearing for September 16, 2021, beginning at 5:01 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, carried unanimously.

IX. ~~PUBLIC FORUM~~ [Agreement Between The School Board of Escambia County, Florida And The Escambia County, Florida Sheriff's Office For The School Resource Officer Program](#)

Motion was made by Mr. Fetsko to approve *Agreement Between The School Board of Escambia County, Florida And The Escambia County, Florida Sheriff's Office For The School Resource Officer Program*. Mr. Adams seconded the motion for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. ~~ADJOURNMENT~~ [Agreement Between The School Board of Escambia County, Florida And The City of Pensacola Police Department For The School Resource Officer Program](#)

Motion was made by Mr. Fetsko, seconded by Mr. Adams, to approve *Agreement Between The School Board of Escambia County, Florida And The City of Pensacola Police Department For The School Resource Officer Program*. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. PUBLIC FORUM

The following individuals registered to address the School Board during Public Forum:

Christine Harper *Yielded time to James Harper*

Ronald Jarin *Yielded time to James Harper*

Dr. James Harper

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair