

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JANUARY 15, 2021

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)  
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 (*via speakerphone*)

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Slayton called the Regular Workshop to order at 9:00 a.m. Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Slayton confirmed that he would be available for a February 2, 2021 Joint Meeting with the Planning Board. (NOTE: *The scheduling of this joint session previously discussed at the January 14, 2021 Special Workshop at which Chair Slayton was not present.*)

II. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Theresa McCants, Director-Budgeting, highlighted important dates/times outlined on the proposed budget and TRIM calendar:

July 22, 2021 Special Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Purpose: Approval to advertise 2021-2022 tentative budget.

July 29, 2021 Special Meeting/Public Hearing, 5:01 p.m. Purpose: Adoption of 2021-2022 tentative budget and millage.

September 9, 2021, 8:30 a.m. Purpose: Approval of Annual Financial Report & Cost Report.

September 16, 2021 Special Meeting/Public Hearing, 5:01 p.m. Purpose: Final adoption of 2021-2022 budget and millage.

*\*All sessions to be held in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive.*

Superintendent Smith listed all changes made to the January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting agenda since initial publication and prior to this session.

III. MINUTES

c. [12-15-20 Regular Meeting](#)

Dr. Edler requested that the minutes from the December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting be updated to reflect “Reverend” rather than “Mr.” under Section I.a., *Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance*.

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

3. [Escambia Literacy Ambassador Resolution](#)

NOTE: To align with the timing of Literacy Week, January 25-29, resolution was presented this month for the School Board adoption; but would not be formally tendered to Mr. Sandy Sansing until the February Regular School Board Meeting.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-No items submitted

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

1. Rule(s) Adoption  
Mrs. Hightower asked that future agendas indicate a public hearing for each rule adoption.

b. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Curriculum  
-No items discussed

2. Finance and Business Services

- E. Purchasing

14. Student Furniture for Holm Elementary School

Upon inquiry by Chair Slayton, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, confirmed the reason for this late agenda addition, was to facilitate the replacement of classroom furniture damaged and/or destroyed due to Hurricane Sally.

3. Human Resource Services

-No items discussed

4. Operations

- A. Facilities Planning

1. Final Payments

- a. Brown-Barge Middle School New Gymnasium and Track-Hewes and Company, LLC
      - b. Brown-Barge Middle School New Gymnasium and Track-Quina Grundhoefer Architects, PA

Upon inquiry by Mr. Fetsko, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent-Operations, said his staff would be in contact with Brown-Barge's principal to determine if there was interest in conducting a grand opening ribbon cutting for the school's new gymnasium and track.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Sales Agreement between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Florida Hindsight Investments, Inc.

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent-Operations, advised that this parcel of land, donated many years ago to the School District, had no intrinsic value to Navy Point Elementary School given that it was located across the street and therefore not contiguous to that particular campus.

- c. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

-No items submitted

- d. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

-No items discussed

- e. INTERNAL AUDITING

-No items submitted

- f. ITEMS FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

-No items submitted

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

-No registration forms submitted

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 9:21 a.m.