

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, MARCH 3, 2021

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 4:45 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 Meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Slayton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

b. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Hightower, seconded by Mr. Adams, to adopt the agenda, carried unanimously.

II. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

1. Selection of General Counsel

School Board Members began by expressing appreciation to members of the search committee for the time and thought invested in selecting five finalists for the position of General Counsel. School Board Members then engaged in discussion regarding their top picks from the five finalists interviewed during the preceding Special Workshop:

Mrs. Hightower – Ellen Odom, Doug Griffin, Kia Johnson

Dr. Edler – Kia Johnson, Angela Holck

Mr. Adams – Ellen Odom, Doug Griffin, Kia Johnson

Mr. Fetsko – Ellen Odom, Kia Johnson, Doug Griffin

Chair Slayton – Doug Griffin, Ellen Odom

Motion made by Mr. Fetsko and seconded by Mr. Adams, to appoint Ellen Odom as General Counsel to the Escambia County School Board, carried 4 to 1, with Dr. Edler voting “No.”

III. PUBLIC FORUM

-No registration forms submitted

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair