

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, AUGUST 13, 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) – *by speaker phone*

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Ellen D. Odom

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Timothy A. Smith

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Slayton called the Regular Workshop to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- COVID-19 Guidelines – Update provided by Ms. Martha Hannah, Coordinator-Health Services
- Pre-K Enrollment – Update provided by Dr. Laura Colo, Director-Title I

III. MINUTES

-No items discussed

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

-No items discussed

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-No items submitted

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

1. Rule(s) Adoption

A. Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendments to the School District of Escambia County Student Progression Plan

Mr. Adams expressed concerns with the removal of accountability standards, specifically with regard to first grade retention as outlined on page 20 of 92; and he advised that he would not support the approval of this item for that reason. Discussion ensued.

2. Permission to Advertise

-No items submitted

b. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Curriculum

B. Continuous Improvement

3. Turnaround School Supplemental Services Plan (TSSSA) - Holm Elementary School

4. Turnaround School Supplemental Services Plan (TSSSA) - Warrington Elementary School

5. Turnaround School Supplemental Services Plan (TSSSA) - Warrington Middle School

6. Turnaround School Supplemental Services Plan (TSSSA) - Escambia County School District

At the request of Chair Slayton, Mr. Steve Marcanio, Assistant Superintendent-Curriculum & Instruction, gave a brief explanation for these items.

F. High School Education

1. [Agreement Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and BTO Media, LLC Blab TV](#)
2. [Agreement Between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Sinclair Communications, LLC DBA WEAR TV/WFGX](#)

Upon inquiry by Chair Slayton, Mr. Steve Marcanio, Assistant Superintendent-Curriculum & Instruction, confirmed that both of these agreements related to the broadcast of football games.

2. Finance and Business Services

A. Finance

3. [2021-2022 Miscellaneous Salary Schedule](#)

At the request of Mr. Adams, both Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent-Finance & Business Services, and Mr. Keith Leonard, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resource Services, confirmed an increase in substitute teacher pay at all degree levels. It was noted that substitute teacher pay rates along with all other pay rates for positions required to meet Florida Minimum Wage would be effective September 1, 2021.

E. Purchasing

24. [Architectural/Engineering Services for Prototypical Performing Arts Auditorium - Escambia High School](#)

Upon inquiry by Mr. Adams, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent-Operations, and Mr. Keith Wasdin, Director-Facilities Planning, discussed the most probable location of this auditorium on the Escambia High School campus.

3. Human Resource Services

There were no questions specific to any items listed under this section; however, Mr. Keith Leonard, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resource Services, was asked to provide an update on staffing for both instructional positions and education support (ESP) positions.

4. Operations

-No items discussed

c. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

-No items discussed

d. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. [Administrative Appointments](#)

Mr. Keith Leonard, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resource Services, advised that the backup for this item would post by the end of the day today.

e. INTERNAL AUDITING

-No items discussed

f. ITEMS FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

-No items submitted

VII. [PUBLIC FORUM](#)

-No registration forms submitted

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, several School Board Members requested an update on the transition to the Board Docs. There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 10:18 a.m.