

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES, OCTOBER 9, 2006

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Workshop Meeting 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:

Chairman: Mr. Gary L. Bergosh (*not present*)

Vice Chairman: Mrs. Patty Hightower

Board Members: Mrs. Cary Stidham

Dr. Charles E. Glover, Sr.

Mr. Pete Gindl, Sr.

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Ellen Odom

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Jim Paul

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Hightower called the Regular Workshop to order at 9:00 a.m.

A. Open Discussion

The following issues were briefly discussed during Open Discussion:

- Middle School Mathematic Proposal for 2006-2007 8th Grade Students*
- Proposal for Changes in the Science Curriculum and Graduation Requirement for High School Students *
- 2006-2007 Hiring Freeze (effective October 10, 2006)*
- 2006-2007 Instructional Diversity Report (October 9, 2006)*

**Handout provided to Board Members (for informational purposes only)*

- Constitutional Challenge to Florida Schools of Excellence Commission

(NOTE: *This issue was previously addressed at the September 15, 2006 Regular Workshop.*)

Mrs. Hightower explained that the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) was requesting

that school boards around the State participate as a plaintiff in litigation challenging Chapter 2006-302, Laws of Florida, which creates the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission. She noted that this item could be added to the October 10, 2006 Regular Meeting agenda or possibly addressed a Special Meeting in the near future.

II. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent had no comments on the agenda as presented.

III. TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

No items submitted.

IV. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

No items submitted.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Escambia County School District Strategic Plan 2003-2008 (2006-2012 update)

Mrs. Hightower suggested possible changes to the format of the Strategic Plan for easier reading; she also cited various errors within the backup documentation that would need to be corrected prior to the October 10, 2006 Regular Meeting.

5. Subaward Grant Agreement by and between Florida's Great Northwest, Inc., and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Carl Leiterman, Director of Workforce Education, clarified information outlined in the backup document regarding the funding for this item.

7. No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 Supplemental Educational Services Contractual Agreement 2006-2007 (Good Schools for All)

Mrs. Odom noted that the provider's contact information would need to be inserted on page 14 of the backup documentation. Mrs. Marcia Nowlin, Director of Title I, indicated that she would provide the corrected backup documentation prior to the October 10, 2006 Regular Meeting.

9. Amendment to the Original Charter Application for United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Florida, Inc., d/b/a Capstone Academy and Addendum to Original Charter Contract

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Ms. Vickie Mathis, Director of Alternative Education, explained that the purpose of this item was to add transportation services to the original charter application and original charter contract between the School Board and United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Florida, Inc., dba Capstone Academy for enrolled students ages 3 to 5 years of age. She explained that the original charter did not offer transportation services to Capstone students;

however Capstone had since requested to add transportation services, which they were hopeful, would help to increase student enrollment.

B. Finance

No discussion was held.

C. Human Resource Services

1. Instructional/Professional

g. Special Requests

11. Approve amendment to the following pages in the 2006-2007 Department Personnel Planning Document to reflect the noted change:

Pages 38 & 39 – Title I (4405) – Add on Social Worker-Title I position. The position will be funded from Title I-School-Wide Federal Project (5302).

12. Approve job description for Social Worker-Title I.

(NOTE: *This discussion addresses both Items 11 & 12*) Upon inquiry by Mrs. Stidham, Dr. Alan Scott, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services, explained that as is standard procedure, a motion would be presented to Staff on whether or not to lift the current hiring freeze to fill this particular position.

D. Purchasing

16. SuccessMaker Software for Various Schools

Mrs. Hightower requested a listing of the total number of SuccessMaker software licenses at each school site (including this purchase and prior purchases), as well as the total number of students number of students enrolled at each of those school sites.

18. Unauthorized Purchase of Security Guard Traffic Services for Various Schools

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Stidham, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, explained that this was a request for authorization to issue a purchase order and payment for security guard traffic services at Lipscomb Elementary, McArthur Elementary, Ferry Pass Middle, and Escambia Westgate Center for the period of August through December 2006. It was noted that services were required until the end of the 2006-2007 school year; and services to be rendered for the remaining of the school year would be competitively bid with an anticipated award date in December.

22. Bid Award: Hurricane Repairs at Various Schools, Group VII

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Ron Peacock, Director of Facilities Planning, explained that the repairs listed for Brown Barge Middle School were necessary to restore the facility back

to its original condition prior to Hurricane Ivan. He noted that the funds for this repair project were covered by the FEMA project worksheet and could not be used at any other site.

E. Operations

No discussion was held.

F. Student Transfers

No discussion was held.

G. Internal Auditing

No items submitted.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items submitted.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Items from the Board

1. Resolution for "A Commitment to Public Schools"

Mrs. Stidham advised that this was a resolution to be sent to the new Governor and the 2007 Legislature asking for their support of public education by calling on them to: continue class size reduction, provide adequate funding for public schools; provide support for schools in need; and pay teachers and all support employees a competitive wage. Dr. Glover expressed concern with the wording of the resolution as presented; he also stated that he saw no real need in adopting a resolution of this nature.

(NOTE: The Superintendent left the meeting at 10:50 a.m. during the discussion on this item.)

B. Items from the Superintendent

No discussion was held.

C. Items from the General Counsel

No items submitted.

VIII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. Charter School Quarterly Update

Mrs. Vicki Mathis, Director of Alternative Education, indicated that she had provided the Board with a quarterly report on charter schools prior to this meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chairman