

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES, NOVEMBER 17, 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 Vice Chairman: Mrs. Patty Hightower

Board Members: Mrs. Cary Stidham (*not present*)

Dr. Charles E. Glover, Sr.

Mr. Pete Gindl, Sr.

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Ellen Odom

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Jim Paul

Board Members-Elect: Mr. Jeff Bergosh

Mr. Gerald Boone

Mrs. Claudia Brown-Curry

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bergosh called the Regular Workshop at 9:00 a.m.

At this time, the Superintendent presented plaques to Mr. Gary Bergosh and Mrs. Patricia Hightower, in appreciation for serving as Board Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively, for 2005-2006. Mr. Bergosh was also presented a plaque in appreciation for services rendered as Board Member, District I for November 2000 through November 2006; and Dr. Charles Glover was presented a plaque in appreciation for services rendered as Board Member, District III for March 2005 through November 2006. Though not in attendance for this meeting, it was noted that Mrs. Cary Stidham would also receive a plaque in appreciation for services rendered as Board Member, District II for November 1998 through November 2006.

Dr. Glover expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the Board Member for District III since March 2005. He welcomed Mrs. Claudia Brown-Curry, newly elected Board Member for District III, to take his seat at the Board table. Mr. Bergosh expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the Board Member for District I since November 2000. He welcomed both Mr. Jeff Bergosh, newly elected Board Member for District I, and Mr. Gerald Boone, newly elected Board Member for District II, to join him at the Board table.

(NOTE: *Dr. Glover left the meeting at this time.*)

A. Open Discussion

1. Update on District Properties for Lease or Sale and Any Services Rendered under Contracts Issued to Scoggins III, Inc. and The Staubach Company (Board approval June 20, 2006)

Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, noted that the following services were currently be provided by either Scoggins III, Inc. or the Staubach Company: the generation of a comprehensive property assessment model; the negotiation of two property acquisitions; on-going property searches; and the review of a standardized property sale and purchase contract. He advised that the following District properties were currently under lease: the old Carver/Century building (leased to New Life Church); the former Gibson building (leased to the Head Start Organization); and the former Petree building (leased to ARC Gateway and presently being reviewed for possible property donation). He also advised that the Spring Street properties adjacent to the McDaniel Building on Garden Street were currently under lease to the Escambia County Property Appraisers Office, but they were expected to vacate those premises by the end of year.

Scheduling of December Regular Meeting

It was noted that by following the typical board meeting schedule, the December would be held on December 19, 2006 (third Tuesday of the month); however, due to a conflict with the 28-day advertising requirement for any rule amendments approved at the November Regular Meeting, it would be necessary to move the December Regular Meeting to a later date. It was suggested that the December Regular Meeting be scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2006. The Board indicated that they would officially schedule the December Regular Meeting at their November 21, 2006 Organizational Meeting.

II. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent had no comments on the agenda as presented. However, he did request that the following item be moved forward on the agenda:

Proposed Attendance Zone Changes Presentation (Item 2, "Committee/Departmental Reports" (Section VIII))

Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, gave a brief PowerPoint® presentation regarding the proposed attendance zone changes developed by the School Attendance Zone Advisory Committee (SAZAC) and reflected in the Notice of Intent to Modify, Change, and/or Delete School Attendance Zone Boundaries. (NOTE: *The information provided in this presentation was also outlined in the SAZAC work product and recommendations documentation.*)

III. TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

No items submitted.

IV. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

Mrs. Hightower requested that all future proposed additions or revisions to School District Rules be posted to the District's website so that the public would have access to and could review the information prior to its advertisement and adoption.

Notice of Intent to Advertise Addition of School Board Rule 6Gx17-2.45(1)(2) – Emergency Duty

Summary: This rule provides for payment of additional wages to administrative personnel assigned to emergency duty by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee.

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Barbara Linker, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Services, indicated that she was hopeful that the funding for these additional wages would eventually be provided by Emergency Operations and/or FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), but if not, then the funding would have to come from the District's General Operating Fund.

Notice of Intent to Advertise Addition of School Board Rule 6Gx17-5.11 – Purchase of Food for Parental Involvement

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Marcia Nowlin, Director of Title I, explained that the purpose of this rule was to allow the purchase of food with federal funds for parent involvement activities (as authorized by Section 1001.43(2)(g), Florida Statutes) when federal guidelines permit such use.

Notice of Intent to Advertise Amendment to School Board Rule 6Gx17-7.09 – Student Progression Plan

Staff members responded to questions posed by Mrs. Hightower regarding various aspects of the Student Progression Plan as outlined in the backup documentation.

Notice of Intent to Modify, Change, and/or Delete School Attendance Zone Boundaries

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting during the presentation regarding proposed attendance zone changes.

- V. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Curriculum and Instruction
 - B. Finance
 - C. Human Resource Services
 - D. Purchasing
 - E. Operations
 - F. Student Transfers

G. Internal Auditing

There was no discussion on any items listed under the Consent Agenda (*Sections A through G*).

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items submitted.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Items from the Board

1. Appointment to the Escambia County Planning Board for December 2006-December 2007

It was noted that at the November 21, 2006 Regular Meeting, the School Board would appoint a non-voting representative to the Escambia County Planning Board.

2. Appointments to the Escambia County Value Adjustment Board for December 2006-December 2007

It was noted that at the November 21, 2006 Regular Meeting, the School Board would appoint two representatives to the Escambia County Value Adjustment Board.

3. School Board Members Salaries for 2006-2007 as Recommended by the Florida School Boards Association

It was noted that at the November 21, 2006 Regular Meeting, the School Board would establish their salaries for 2006-2007 in accordance with section 1001.395, Florida Statutes.

B. Items from the Superintendent

2. Appointment of ABC School Program Committee

Mr. Ronnie Arnold, Associate Superintendent for Public & Interagency Affairs, advised that as required by Section 1013.501, Florida Statutes, the District would need to nominate and the Board would need to approve, the nominees for the formation of a Business-Community (ABC) school evaluation committee, composed of one school district administrator, at least one member of the business community, and at least one member of a local chamber of commerce. (NOTE: *Further explanation regarding ABC schools and a list of nominees for this committee was outlined in the backup documentation for this item.*)

C. Items from the General Counsel

1. Proposed Settlement Agreement in re: School Board v. STEC Construction and ABBA Bonding

Mrs. Odom recommended the approval of the proposed settlement agreement in regards to School Board v. STEC Construction and ABBA Bonding.

VIII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. Update on O.A.S.I.S. High School Preparatory Academy (Over Age Student Intensive Studies)

Dr. Ruth Forrester, Principal/OASIS High School Preparatory Academy, gave a brief report on the performance of the OASIS students from the 2005-2006 inaugural class. (NOTE: *This information was outlined in a handout entitled, "Report for the Escambia County School Board on O.A.S.I.S. High School Preparatory Academy Students from the 2005-2006 School Year."*)

2. Proposed Attendance Zone Changes Presentation

This presentation was given earlier in the meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chairman