

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MINUTES, JANUARY 13, 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

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

Mr. Bergosh called the Regular Workshop to order at 9:15 a.m.

A. Open Discussion

- Pensacola Beach Property Taxation Lawsuit\*
- Volunteer Pre-K Legislation; Summer Pre-K Sites

*\*(Lawsuit filed by Pensacola Beach leaseholders against the County, contesting the right of the County to assess property taxes on their leasehold.)*

II. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent had no comments on the agenda as presented.

III. TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

1. Charter School Financial Status Report

Representatives from the following charter schools addressed the Board regarding their school's current financial condition and plans for significant improvement by the end of the 2005-2006 fiscal year: Capstone Academy, Ruby J. Gainer Charter School, and Escambia Charter School.

#### IV. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

The School Board will by Resolution on February 21, 2006, at its regularly scheduled Board Meeting name Northview High School's concession stand the "Vicki D. Godwin Concession Stand" as approved by Northview's School Advisory Council at their November 2005 meeting (Item II.B.1 on January 17, 2006 Regular Meeting agenda)

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Stidham, Mrs. Odom confirmed that there was no backup documentation for this particular item; she noted that the language listed on the agenda is what would be advertised (if approved) and a resolution would be presented for approval at the February Regular Meeting.

#### V. CONSENT AGENDA

##### A. Curriculum and Instruction

No discussion was held.

##### B. Finance

No discussion was held.

##### C. Human Resource Services

No discussion was held.

##### D. Purchasing

##### 5. SuccessMaker Software Technical Support Services and Professional Development

Mrs. Stidham requested data on the effectiveness of the SuccessMaker Software.

##### 6. Fast ForWord Software for Bratt and Blue Angels Elementary Schools, Pensacola Boys Base, Tate High School and the O.A.S.I.S. School

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##### 19. Annual Agreement: Roofing Consulting Services

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Stidham, Mr. Ron Peacock, Director of Facilities Planning, explained that this item was a request for Board permission to enter into an annual agreement for roofing consulting services on an "as-needed basis."

##### E. Operations

No discussion was held.

##### F. Student Transfers

No discussion was held.

#### G. Internal Auditing

The Board requested that the Internal Auditing department develop a plan of action regarding the “segregation of duties” issue that existed at most schools due to a lack of personnel.

*Chapter 7 Section 1.8 of the State Board of Education Rules states “Collecting and expending of school internal account funds shall be in accordance with the Florida Constitution, statutes, State Board of Education rules, and school board rules. Sound business practices should be observed in all transactions.” Segregation of duties within accounting function is basic to internal control. The basic premise is that no one individual should have access to both physical assets (cash) and related accounting reports or to all phases of a transaction.*

#### VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items submitted.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Items from the Board

##### 1. Participation in the Florida School Boards Association’s Lawsuit Challenging the Department of Education’s Ban on Use of Co-Teaching to Meet Class Size Reduction Transitory Goals

Mrs. Hightower asked Board Members to consider whether or not they were interested in participating in the Florida School Board Association’s lawsuit challenging the Department of Education’s ban on the use of co-teaching to meet class size reduction transitory goals. Depending on the number of districts agreeing to participate, the cost of each district to bring the matter through a trial level proceeding was anticipated to be no more than \$4,000. Staff members indicated their desire to see that the use of co-teaching was allowed to continue.

##### 2. Review the Proposed 2006-2007 Budget Calendar as Presented to the Board on December 13, 2005 and Establish Dates, Times and Places for Budget Workshops and Meetings

The Board agreed to schedule the following meetings:

- Special Meeting (Re: Budget)

February 14, 2006, at 8:30 a.m., in the Board Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building

- Special Meeting (Re: Budget)

June 13, 2006, at 8:30 a.m., in the Board Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building

- Special Meeting (Re: Budget)

June 27, 2006, at 8:30 a.m., in the Board Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building

- Special Meeting (Re: Presentation of Tentative Budget and Permission to Advertise)

July 24, 2006, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building

- Special Meeting (Re: Public Hearing and Adoption of Tentative Budget and Millage)

August 1, 2006, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building

- Special Meeting (Re: Approval of Annual Financial Report and Cost Report)

September 11, 2006, at 8:30 a.m., in the Board Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building

- Special Meeting (Re: Adoption of Final Budget and Millage)

September 14, 2006, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building

The Board agreed to change the date and/or time of the following meetings:

- March Regular Workshop changed from March 17, 2006 to March 20, 2006  
(at 9:00 a.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center)
- April Regular Workshop changed from April 14, 2006 to April 17, 2006  
(at 9:00 a.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center)

Mrs. Laura Shaud, Director of Budgeting, indicated that she would provide the Board with revised backup documentation for this item reflecting the above mentioned revisions.

#### B. Items from the Superintendent

##### 2. 6-7-8 Plan

Mrs. Carolyn Spooner, Director of Secondary Education, gave a brief PowerPoint® presentation regarding the impact of the 6-period day on a student's schedule (including required courses and the number of periods that a student would have for elective courses). She then responded to general questions posed by Board Members regarding various aspects of the Superintendent's proposed 6-7-8 Plan.

#### C. Items from the General Counsel

No discussion was held.

VIII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. Status of Educational Support Personnel (ESP) Job Study

[NOTE: *The Educational Support Personnel (ESP) Job Study was approved at the April 20, 2004 Regular Meeting (Item V.D.4).*] Mr. Jerry Caine, Educational Support Personnel Manager, briefly reviewed a memorandum provided to the Board regarding the status of the Educational Support Personnel (ESP) Job Study.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

Chairman