

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MINUTES, FEBRUARY 14, 2006

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 8:30 a.m., in the Board Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building, 215 West Garden Street, 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/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Bergosh called the Special Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. There being no objection, the agenda as outlined was followed.

II. BUDGET PROCESS

At the request of the Superintendent:

Mrs. Barbara Linker, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Services, reviewed information outlined in a handout provided to the Board entitled "*School District of Escambia County – Impact of Funding Changes – FY 2005-06 3<sup>rd</sup> FEFP Calculation Comparison to FY 2006-07 Governor’s Budget.*"

Mrs. Laura Shaud, Director of Budgeting, reviewed information outlined in a handout provided to the Board entitled "*School District of Escambia County 2005-2006 Reserves September 15, 2005 and Unreserved Beginning Fund Balance 1995-1996 through 2005-2006.*"

*(It was noted that additional budgetary information would be available at the end of May)*

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, Mr. Kevin Windham, Director of Risk Management, indicated that the District would more than likely face medical insurance cost increases in 2006-2007. He noted that any cost increases would need to be borne by either plan changes or increased premiums to employees and dependents.

School Board Members Budget Priorities for 2006-2007

- *Increase in employee salaries*

Mrs. Stidham and Mrs. Hightower wanted to have a specified amount budgeted “up front” for employee salary increases. Mr. Bergosh, Dr. Glover, and Mr. Gindl did not wish to commit to a specified budget amount until further budgetary information was received. However, all Board Members agreed with Mr. Bergosh’s suggestion of asking the Superintendent and his staff to develop various proposals for finding funds that could be used to increase employee salaries.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Hightower, seconded by Mrs. Stidham, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 10:00 a.m., was approved unanimously.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

Chairman