

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES, MARCH 20, 2006

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Workshop Meeting at 4:00 p.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. Norm Ross, Deputy Superintendent (representing Mr. Jim Paul)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bergosh called the Regular Workshop to order at 4:00 p.m.

A. Open Discussion

The following issues were addressed during open discussion:

- Public Records Law
- Legislative Update
- Pensacola Beach Taxation
- Budget Update
- Citation from the Department of Solid Waste Management on 604 West Young Street

(It was noted that this issue had been resolved)

II. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Ross listed the additions, amendments, deletions, and corrections to the March 21, 2006 Regular Meeting agenda. It was noted that Mrs. Odom had submitted a memorandum to the

Board in response to concerns expressed at the February 21, 2006 Regular Meeting regarding late additions to meeting agendas. (NOTE: *A late addition is defined as any item added to the agenda after initial publication.*) Mrs. Odom recommended that when a request for an addition or revision to the agenda was made, that a memorandum be attached to the backup documentation with an explanation as to why the addition or revision was necessary. It would then be appropriate when handling the adoption of the meeting agenda, for the Board as a whole, to determine whether good cause had been shown for the addition or revision request. It was noted however, that with regard to deletions, there was no need for a determination of good cause as the Superintendent had the ability to at any time pull a recommendation from the table.

III. TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

1. School Attendance Zone Advisory Committee (SAZAC) Discussion

Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, reviewed a document provided to the Board entitled "SAZAC Process Summary" which outlined the following information:

- Purpose of SAZAC
- Responsibility of SAZAC
- Roles & Responsibilities of Committee Members
- Work Groups
- "Other alternatives for closures and consolidations" -

Submission for SAZAC Consideration Methodology

- Public Input
- Timeline

(NOTE: *The Superintendent entered the meeting at 5:05 p.m. during this presentation.*)

Mrs. Odom advised that advertisements for all SAZAC Committee meetings would need to include the following disclaimer: "*One or more Board Members may be present.*"

IV. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

Notice of Intent to Advertise Amendment to School District Rule 3.02(5)(f)5.d., Homeless Children

(Item II.B.2 on March 21, 2006 Regular Meeting agenda)

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Marcia Nowlin, Director of Title I, explained that this rule revision would clarify the definition of a “homeless child” and the specific services provided by the District for such students.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Curriculum and Instruction

2. Contract between Workforce Escarosa, Inc. and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida for Youth Services WIA 2005-2006-04

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Stidham, Mr. Carl Leiterman, Director of Career and Technical and Adult Education, explained that the Workforce Escarosa Board of Directors had agreed to increase the School Board’s WIA Youth Program Service contract by \$15,000.00 in order to provide enough revenue to cover the increase in salaries of staff assigned to the contract and to provide additional revenue to cover youth salaries impacted by the increase in minimum wage.

6. The School District of Escambia County, Florida Elementary Summer Reading Camp – 2006

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Dr. Deborah Malishan, Director of Elementary Education, explained that for the past several years, the Voyager program had been used during summer reading camp; the program had provided such good results during the summer that some of the elementary schools were now using that program as a supplement during the regular school year. Because the State requires that a different program be used during the summer than what is used during the regular school year, it was necessary to implement a new program (Kaleidoscope).

7. Addendum to the Charter School Contract by and between the School Board of Escambia County,

Florida and Escambia Charter School, Inc.

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Florida and New Road to Learning, Inc. dba Jacqueline Harris Preparatory Academy

9. Addendum to the Charter School Contract by and between the School Board of Escambia County,

Florida and Reaching Your Dream, Inc. dba Ruby J. Gainer School for Reaching Your Dream

10. Addendum to the Charter School Contract by and between the School Board of Escambia County,

Florida and Pensacola Beach Elementary School, Inc.

Ms. Vicki Mathis, Director of Alternative Education, indicated that she was hopeful that all other charter school contracts (Bryneville Elementary School, Capstone Academy, and Beulah Academy of Science) would be presented in May.

12. Purchase Agreement between the School Board of Escambia County and Renaissance Learning

Ms. Shelia Montgomery, Secondary Mathematics Specialist and Mrs. Carolyn Spooner, Director-High School Education, explained that the purpose of this Accelerated Math web-based software was to provide low-performing ninth grade students the opportunity to gain the necessary skills in order to be successful in Algebra. They were hopeful that at some point, after the needs of high school students had been addressed, that the Accelerated Math program could be provided in middle school (eighth grade).

B. Finance

No discussion was held.

C. Human Resource Services

1. Instructional/Professional

g. Special Requests

6. Approve agreement between PrideRock Holding Company, Inc. and The Escambia County School District for fingerprinting services.

Mr. Bill Threadgill, Human Resources Specialist, gave a brief review of information outlined in the backup documentation for this item.

Dr. Alan Scott, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services, noted that if this agreement was approved, a revision would need to be made to the Personnel Planning Document (PPD) with regard to the elimination of two Security Credential Technician positions (Professional/Technical Salary Schedule).

D. Purchasing

33. Change Notice #1 to Purchase Order #278730

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Stidham, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, explained that this item was a request for authorization to a change notice to Purchase Order #278730 to increase the contract amount by \$3,600.00 for reimbursement for the cost of fingerprinting fees which were excluded from the contractor's bid. He noted that the contract was in place prior to the implementation of fingerprinting requirements.

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

No items submitted.

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 Report

Ms. Vickie Mathis, Director of Alternative Education, indicated that she had provided the Board with a quarterly report on charter schools.

2. Negotiations for Final Disposition of Pickens Property

Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, gave a brief update regarding negotiations for final disposition of the former J. Lee Pickens School. He noted that the District was entering into detailed negotiations with the Community Land Trust Group and was attempting to arrange for a one-for-one swap of a parcel of their property on Texar Drive for the Pickens School building and property.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chairman