

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MINUTES, MAY 12, 2006

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Workshop Meeting at 9:00 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

A. Open Discussion

Mr. Bergosh called the Regular Workshop to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. Discussion regarding the schedule for June and July 2006 School Board Workshops and Meetings

The Board agreed to change the date of the June Regular Workshop from June 16, 2006 to June 19, 2006.

**ADD 2. Letter from Internal Auditing Committee (re: applicants for Director of Internal Auditing position)**

Mr. Bergosh stated that the Board had received a letter from the Internal Auditing Committee which indicated that after a two-week advertisement period, there had only been three (3) applicants for the position of Director of Internal Auditing and the committee had concern as to whether or not three applicants was sufficient. After discussion, the Board agreed that three (3) applicants was not sufficient and that the position should be re-advertised, with the advertisement indicating a salary range based on experience. (It was noted that the three (3) applicants that had already applied would not be required to re-apply.)

The following issues were also briefly addressed during *Open Discussion*:

- Addition of half-days to the school calendar

*(to be presented for Board approval at a meeting in the near future)*

- Request for update regarding changes to middle school curriculum *(forthcoming)*
- Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test (FCAT) Scores *(information received thus far)*
- School Grades and Annual Yearly Progress *(information expected mid-June)*
- Update on Pensacola Beach Property Taxation Issue
- Legislative Update
- One-Half Cent Sales Tax Resolution *(to be presented for Board approval in June)*
- State Textbook Committee

## II. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent listed the additions, deletions, corrections and/or amendments to the May 16, 2006 Regular Meeting agenda.

## III. TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

-No items submitted

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

### Notice of Intent to Advertise Revisions to School District Chapter 3

Discussion took place regarding the following section:

#### *3.02 Office of School Choice*

##### *(5) Student Transfer Procedure*

The following revision to a portion of 3.02(5)(c) was suggested: *The Superintendent has the authority to involuntarily transfer or assign a student to another zoned school of attendance when such placement is determined to further the interest of the School Board in maintaining a safe and orderly school environment.*

The following addition to 3.02(5) was also suggested: *(g) The voluntary transfer of a student from one school to another may be revoked if attendance, tardiness, or behavior problems develop at the receiving school and the student shall be reassigned to the attendance-zoned school.*

Discussion took place regarding the following section:

#### *3.02 Office of School Choice*

*(6) Voluntary School Choice Selection Policy*

At the request of Mrs. Stidham, Mrs. Dawn Ramirez, Coordinator of School Choice, provided a copy of a flyer that was distributed to parents indicating what schools were not accepting transfers due to facility and/or program capacity issues.

Mrs. Stidham requested information regarding the number of students (and the home school they were transferring from) who had been accepted to attend West Florida High School of Advanced Technology.

It was suggested that “Washington High School E-Commerce” be added under 3.02(6)(f)(6)(III).

It was noted that the District Wellness Policy would be added as 3.14 and following would be renumbered: 3.14 to 3.15 (Custodial Services); 3.15 to 3.16 (School Facilities); 3.16 to 3.17 (Booster Clubs and PTAs); and 3.17 to 3.18 (Charter School Reporting).

Notice of Intent to Advertise Revisions to School District Rule 7.02 – Code of Conduct, Elementary Rights & Responsibilities Handbooks

Notice of Intent to Advertise Revisions to School District Rule 7.02 – Code of Conduct, Secondary Rights & Responsibilities Handbooks

The Superintendent indicated that in June, he would bring forth a recommendation for language revision to the Rights & Responsibilities Handbooks with regard to the “flip-flop” (footwear) issue addressed by Mrs. Stidham.

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

2. Bid Award: As Needed Real Estate Services, RFP #062701

Mrs. Stidham requested a copy of the fee schedule proposed by each real estate firm for the various real estate and consulting services. Mrs. Hightower requested a listing of properties that the District planned to sale or lease.

15. Scholastic Text Talk Materials for Grades K-3

Mrs. Hightower requested information regarding the overall plan/vision for the District reading program, including the types of software programs purchased (amount of purchase and funding source) and how those programs tie into that plan/vision.

E. Operations

2. School Food Services

A. Miscellaneous

1. 2006-2007 School District Wellness Policy

Staff members responded to questions posed by Mrs. Stidham regarding various aspects of the District Wellness Policy as outlined in the backup documentation. It was noted that the District Wellness Policy would be added to Chapter 3 of the District Rules and Procedures.

F. Student Transfers

discussion was held.

G. Internal Auditing

3. Inventory Adjustment Reports

Mr. David Bryant, Interim Director of Internal Auditing, responded to questions posed by Mrs. Hightower regarding information outlined in the backup documentation.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-No items submitted

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Items from the Board

-No items submitted

B. Items from the Superintendent

No discussion was held.

C. Items from the General Counsel

No discussion was held.

VIII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. Update on 2006 Summer Reading Camp – Deborah Malishan

Dr. Deborah Malishan, Director of Elementary Education, gave a brief update regarding 2006 Summer Reading Camp.

The Regular Workshop recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 11:40 a.m., with all Board Members, the Superintendent, and Mrs. Odom present.

2. National Incident Management System Implementation – Steve Sharp

Mr. Steve Sharp, Division Chief, gave a brief presentation regarding implementation of the National Incident Management System.

3. District Pandemic Flu Planning – Steve Sharp

Mr. Steve Sharp, Division Chief, gave a brief presentation regarding District planning for pandemic flu.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

Chairman