

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES, JUNE 19, 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. (*was not present*)

Mr. Pete Gindl, Sr.

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Ellen Odom

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Jim Paul

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Open Discussion

As the legislative liaison (Florida School Boards Association) for the Board, Mrs. Hightower asked that if Board Members or District staff had any legislative issues that could be worked on together, those issues be presented by the August Regular Meeting.

II. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent provided a listing of the additions, deletions, amendments and/or corrections to the June 20, 2006 Regular Meeting agenda.

III. TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

1. Presentation by Ed/NTI Technologies

Representatives from Notification Technologies, Inc., gave a brief presentation regarding Connect-Ed, an Internet based notification system that provides voice message notification of attendance issues, emergencies, and community outreach opportunities to parents and staff members. (*see Item V.D.19, "Connect-Ed Service Agreement" on June 20, 2006 Regular Meeting agenda*)

ADD 2. B360 School Concurrency Briefing – Escambia County Planning (10:45 a.m.)

A brief presentation was given regarding Senate Bill 360 School Concurrency. Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, provided a handout entitled, "Working Draft of Revised Escambia County School Interlocal Agreement as of June 16, 2006."

IV. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

Mrs. Hightower requested that in the future, the backup documentation for any rule revision, include an "executive summary" sheet outlining all proposed revisions.

Notice of Intent to Adopt Revisions to School District Rules, Chapter 2

Mrs. Hightower suggested the following revision to *Section 2.04(1)*:

All prospective employees shall have completed on-line application on file ~~in the~~ with Human Resource Services before they may be considered for employment for any position.

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

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

(NOTE: Refer to discussion about Item 3, "Language Change for Dress Code," under section entitled "Items from the Superintendent.")

Notice of Intent to Advertise Revisions to School District Rules, Chapter 5

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Stidham, Mrs. Barbara Linker, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Services, advised that *Section 5.10(13), "Investments and Deposits"* was being revised based upon the recommendation of auditor; the proposed revision would update the District's investment policy by specifying the types of investments the District would make. (NOTE: *Verbiage taken directly from Florida Statutes.*)

Mrs. Odom suggested that the verbiage under *Section 5.10(6)(e)* be revised to indicate that worthless checks received through the Food Service Fund that are declared uncollectible would be referred to the State Attorney's office.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Curriculum and Instruction

23. Proposal for the School-Age Child Care Rates Schedule for 2006-2007 School Year

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Stidham, Ms. Aisha Adkison, School-Age Child Care Coordinator, explained that the approval of this proposal would allow for an increase in the school-age child care rates for non-scholarshipped parents or guardians who purchase child care services at 33 District-operated and contracted child care sites in the District. She confirmed that the rate increase was in part, due to costs associated with the Jessica Lunsford Act that went into effect on September 1, 2005.

AMENDED 32. Florida 2006-2007 Consolidated Application for Selected Federal Programs

Mrs. Marcia Nowlin, Director of Title I, provided amended backup documentation for this item and thoroughly explained the justification for the amended recommendation. Discussion took place among Board Members and staff regarding various aspects of this item. At the request of several Board Members, Mrs. Nowlin indicated that she would provide additional information (i.e., reports, spreadsheets) to support the justification for the amended recommendation.

40. Charter School Contract between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and the Escambia County Community Land Trust, Inc., d.b.a. Life Skills Center - Escambia County

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Vickie Mathis, Director of Alternative Education, stated that it was believed this charter school would probably occupy the Dixon Educational Center; however official notification regarding their location had yet to be received.

42. Alternative Certification Program Revisions for 2006-2007

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Linda Longacre, Director of Staff Development, explained that the cost increase was due to the addition of a half-time National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) to work with the NBCT-Alternative Certification Program (ACP) participants, paid for with Title II funds.

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

Upon inquiry by Mr. Paul Fetsko, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, confirmed that the recommendation on this item, was for continuation of Phase I for the 2006-2007 School Year and for the delay of Phase II until the 2007-2008 School Year

Due to conflicting information contained in the backup documentation, Mrs. Nettie Eaton, Director-Middle School Education, indicated that she would provide clarification regarding student promotion prior to the June 20, 2006 Regular Meeting.

B. Finance

15. Food Service Fund:

b) Request to Write-Off Outstanding Meal Charges

In response to concerns expressed by Mrs. Stidham regarding some schools with rather large meal charge write-offs, Dr. Deborah Malishan, Director of Elementary Education, indicated that she would work with principals to ensure they understood the alternatives.

16. Recommendation to Outsource Auditing of Schools' Internal Accounts

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Barbara Linker, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Business Services, clarified that the action requested for this item was as follows: *“Acceptance of Superintendent’s recommendation to outsource internal accounts auditing and eliminate one Auditor and one full-time Co-op Student. Upon acceptance by the Board, request that the Audit*

Committee review the proposal and bring a recommendation to the Board Chairman for consideration at the July 18, 2006 Board Meeting.”

C. Human Resource Services

1. Instructional/Professional

g. Special Requests

28. Adopt amended 2006-2007 School Calendar to include School Improvement (1/2 Day Early Release) days

It was noted that amended backup documentation for this item was forthcoming.

3. Risk Management

d. Property, Boiler & Machinery and Crime Insurance

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Stidham, Mr. Kevin Windham, Director of Risk Management, indicated that since a quitclaim deed was being issued on the Dixon School property, the property could in fact, be removed from this insurance coverage.

D. Purchasing

4. Bid Award: Band Uniforms for Ransom Middle School, Bid #064103

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. John Dombroskie, Director of Purchasing, clarified that this bid award was for the purchase of 150 band uniforms for Ransom Middle School.

29. Apple Computers and iPods for Various Schools

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Stidham, Mr. Don Manderson, Director of Instructional Technology, confirmed that the Apple iPods were for legitimate usage among teachers and students in K-12 education.

E. Operations

No discussion was held.

F. Student Transfers

No discussion was held.

G. Internal Auditing

No discussion was held.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

(Item postponed from May 16, 2006 Regular Meeting)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Items from the Board

No items submitted.

- B. Items from the Superintendent

3. Language Change for Dress Code

It was decided that the recommendation outlined in this item could actually be handled as an amendment to the following items: *Notice of Intent to Adopt Revisions to School District Rule 7.02, Code of Conduct, Elementary Rights & Responsibilities Handbooks; and Notice of Intent to Adopt Revisions to School District Rule 7.02, Code of Conduct, Secondary Rights & Responsibilities Handbooks*

The Superintendent indicated that he would delete this particular item from the June 20, 2006 Regular Meeting agenda.

- C. Items from the General Counsel

No items submitted.

(NOTE: Mr. Bergosh left the meeting at 12:55 p.m.)

VIII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. Charter School Quarterly Report – Vickie Mathis, Director of Alternative Education

Mrs. Vicki Mathis, Director of Alternative Education, indicated that she had provided the Board with a quarterly report on charter schools prior to this meeting. She noted that the only concern was the regularity of the charter schools submitting their monthly financial reports.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chairman