

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, MAY 16, 2007

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 1:45 p.m.\*, in Conference Room B, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building, 215 West Garden Street, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mrs. Patricia Hightower Vice Chair: Mr. Pete Gindl, Sr. (*not present*)

Board Members: Mr. Jeff Bergosh  
Mr. Gerald Boone  
Mrs. Claudia Brown-Curry

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Ellen Odom

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Jim Paul (*not present*)

(\*Meeting was originally scheduled for 1:00 p.m. but later postponed to 1:45 p.m. due to deletion of 1:30 p.m. interview)

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. There being no objection, the agenda as outlined, was followed.

II. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

1. Discussion of Interview Process

Board Members discussed the interview process that would be followed and reviewed a list of questions that would be posed to each applicant.

2. Interviews of Applicants for General Counsel Position

The Board conducted individual interviews with the following candidates for the position General Counsel:

*Richard Lewis (Time Certain — 1:30 p.m.) (applicant withdrew)*  
*Patrick Martin (Time Certain — 2:15 p.m.)*  
*Mike Burns (Time Certain — 3:00 p.m.)*  
*Donna Waters (Time Certain — 3:45 p.m.)*

After discussion regarding each of the candidates, Board Members indicated which applicant they believed to be the strongest candidate for the position of General Counsel: Mrs. Hightower selected Mrs. Donna Waters; Mr. Bergosh chose Mr. Mike Burns; Mr. Boone chose Mrs. Donna Waters; and Mrs. Brown-Curry selected Mrs. Donna Waters. Motion was then made by Mrs. Hightower, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, that Mrs. Donna Waters be offered the position of School Board General Counsel, subject to the negotiation of a mutually acceptable contract. Motion was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair