

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, MAY 1, 2007

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 11:30 a.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 (*entered at 11:40 a.m.*)  
Mr. Gerald Boone  
Mrs. Claudia Brown-Curry

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Ellen Odom

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

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. Motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt the agenda, was approved 3 to 0, with Mr. Bergosh and Mr. Gindl absent for vote. It was decided that the Special Meeting would recess until the arrival of Mr. Bergosh. Mr. Bergosh arrived at 11:40 a.m. and the Special Meeting reconvened at 11:43 a.m.

II. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

1. General Counsel Selection Process

At the suggestion of Mrs. Hightower, the Board reviewed (in alphabetical order) the information provided by the following applicants for the General Counsel position:

*Mike Burns*  
*Steven Katz*  
*Richard Lewis*  
*Patrick Martin*  
~~*William Nelson*~~ (*applicant withdrew*)  
*Donna Waters*

After discussion, it was decided that all applicants would proceed to the interviewing phase with the exception of Steven Katz. Mr. Katz's application was eliminated due to the fact that he was not already a member of the Florida Bar and could not practice law in Florida until he had sat for and passed the Florida Bar Exam.

The Board agreed to schedule a Special Meeting on May 16, 2007, at 1:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building, for the purpose of conducting interviews (in alphabetical order) of applicants for the General Counsel position. It was decided that Board Members would forward suggestions to Mrs. Odom regarding specific questions that should be posed to each applicant during the interview process.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair