

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JUNE 28, 2007

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 3:30 p.m., in the Board Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building, 215 West Garden Street, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mrs. Patricia Hightower (*present via speakerphone*)

Vice Chair: Mr. Pete Gindl, Sr. (*served as Chair in Mrs. Hightower's physical absence*)

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

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Gindl called the Special Meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. Dr. Alan Scott, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services, gave the invocation and Mr. Ronnie Arnold, Associate Superintendent for Public & Interagency Affairs, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United to States of America.

II. BUDGET PROCESS

(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "A")

At the request of the Superintendent:

Mrs. Barbara Linker, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Business Services, addressed the following issues that could have a negative effect on the District's 2007-2008 budget: 1) possible State budget shortfall due to continued downward trend in collection of sales taxes; 2) possible changes proposed by FEMA, such as no longer reimbursing school districts for insurance deductibles and no longer reimbursing school districts that exceed their insurance coverage; and 3) issues related to property taxes. Mrs. Linker indicated that staff would continue to research these issues and provide the Board with additional information as it became available.

Mrs. Laura Shaud, Director of Budgeting, reviewed information outlined in the following handouts that were provided to the Board:

- *School District of Escambia County (2007-2008 Budget) - Budget Reductions and Increases to Book I – Departmental*
- *School District of Escambia County - 2007-2008 Capital Outlay Budget Requests*

(NOTE: *General discussion amongst Board Members and staff took place throughout the meeting.*)

III. OPERATIONS

(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "B")

- 1. First Extension to Purchase Agreement between D& E Property Solutions, LLC and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida

Motion was made by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mr. Boone, to approve *First Extension to Purchase Agreement between D & E Property Solutions, LLC and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida*. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 4:27 p.m., was approved unanimously.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair