

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JULY 23, 2007

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 5:30 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

Vice Chair: Mr. Pete Gindl, Sr.

Board Members: Mr. Jeff Bergosh
Mr. Gerald Boone (*not present*)
Mrs. Claudia Brown-Curry

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Norm Ross, Deputy Superintendent (*represented Mr. Jim Paul*)

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Hightower requested an opportunity to discuss changing the time of the August 17, 2007 Regular Workshop; there being no objection, it was decided that this issue would be discussed prior to the adjournment of this meeting. On motion by Mr. Gindl, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, adoption of agenda was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

II. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED TENTATIVE MILLAGE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES

Mrs. Laura Shaud, Director of Budgeting, gave a brief review of the proposed tentative millage rates and tentative budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. (Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "A")

III. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE 2007-2008 TENTATIVE MILLAGE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET

Motion was made by Mr. Gindl, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to approve for advertising, the 2007-2008 tentative millage and tentative budget. At the request of Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Ross reaffirmed the Superintendent's commitment to increasing employee salaries. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

IV. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "B")

A. Rule(s) Adoption

1. Amendments to School District Rule 6Gx17-7.02 – Code of Conduct: Elementary Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, Revisions 2007-2008
2. Amendments to School District Rule 6Gx17-7.02 – Code of Conduct: Secondary Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, Revisions 2007-2008

Motion was made by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mr. Gindl, to adopt *Amendments to School District Rule 6Gx17-7.02 – Code of Conduct: Elementary Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, Revisions 2007-2008* and *Amendments to School District Rule 6Gx17-7.02 – Code of Conduct: Secondary Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, Revisions 2007-2008*. Mrs. Hightower called for public hearing. Ms. Debra Odom, School Bus Operator, requested to the address the Board regarding her appreciation for the section entitled “bus rule infractions” that was added to both the Elementary and Secondary Rights and Responsibilities Handbooks. Motion was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

V. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit “C”)

1. District Exclusive Authority Application Report

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mr. Gindl, to approve the *District Exclusive Authority Application Report*, carried 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

August 17, 2007 Regular Workshop

The Board agreed to change the time of the August 17, 2007 Regular Workshop from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., so that Board Members would be able to attend various events later that afternoon.

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair