

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JULY 31, 2007

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting/Public Hearing 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 (*not present*)

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Jim Paul

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. On motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, adoption of agenda was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

II. FINANCE

1. Presentation of 2007-2008 Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget

[NOTE: *Handouts outlining the 2007-2008 Budget were provided to the Board prior to the Special Meeting (Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "A").*] Mrs. Laura Shaud, Director of Budgeting, recapped the budget materials that were previously approved for advertising at the July 23, 2007 Special Meeting and briefly discussed the "rolled-back rate."

III. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING FOR INPUT ON 2007-2008 BUDGET

Mrs. Hightower called for public hearing for input on the 2007-2008 budget; however, there were no speakers.

IV. ADOPTION OF 2007-2008 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES

1. Required Local Effort

Motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mr. Gindl, to adopt the 2007-2008 Tentative Millage Rate – Required Local Effort as 4.960, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

2. Discretionary – Basic

Motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to adopt the 2007-2008 Tentative Millage Rate – Discretionary-Basic as 0.510, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

3. Discretionary – Supplemental

Motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2007-2008 Tentative Millage Rate – Discretionary-Supplemental as 0.250, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

4. Capital Outlay

Motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2007-2008 Tentative Millage Rate – Capital Outlay as 2.000, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

5. Total Millage

Motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2007-2008 Tentative Millage Rate – Total Millage as 7.720, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

V. ADOPTION OF 2007-2008 TENTATIVE BUDGET

1. General Fund

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget for General Fund in the amount of \$355,990,179.00, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

2. Special Revenue – Food Service

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, to adopt the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget for Special Revenue Fund-Food Service in the amount of \$24,737,540.00, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

3. Special Revenue – Other

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget for Special Revenue Fund-Other in the amount of \$34,965,245.61, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

4. Debt Service Funds

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget for Debt Service Funds in the amount of \$11,215,869.53, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

5. Capital Project Funds

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, to adopt the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget for Capital Projects Funds in the amount of \$160,028,325.64, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

6. Internal Service Funds

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, to adopt the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget for Internal Service Funds in the amount of \$67,568,455.00, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

7. Total Budget

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, to adopt the 2007-2008 Tentative Budget for Total Budget in the amount of \$654,505,614.78, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

VI. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-01 – A RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

On motion by Mrs. Hightower, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, adoption of Resolution Number 08-01, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

VII. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-02 – A RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

On motion by Mr. Gindl, seconded Mrs. Hightower, adoption of Resolution Number 08-02, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

VIII. SET DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING

Motion by Mrs. Hightower, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to set the final Budget Hearing for Thursday, September 13, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

IX. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

**ADD**

1. Recommend that employee #45020-4108-300 be suspended without pay beginning Wednesday, August 1, 2007, pending disposition of criminal charges and the School District investigation based on misconduct as more specifically identified in the notice letter to employee.

Motion was made by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation that employee #45020-4108-300 be suspended without pay beginning Wednesday, August 1, 2007, pending disposition of criminal charges and the School District investigation. Motion was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair