

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, FEBRUARY 11, 2008

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Workshop at 4:00 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
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

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Workshop to order at 4:08 p.m.

II. BUDGET PROCESS

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

Mrs. Laura Shaud, Director of Budgeting, reviewed information outlined in the following handouts:

- *2008-2009 Budget Calendar*
- *Fiscal Year 2008-09 Governor's Recommended Budget*
- *Impact of Funding Changes – FY 2007-08 3rd FEFP Calculation Compared to FY 2008-09 Governor's Recommended Budget*

It was noted that additional budgetary information was forthcoming.

Mrs. Hightower noted that her top budget priority for 2008-2009 was a continued increase in teacher salaries.

In response to questions posed by Mrs. Brown-Curry, Mr. Ross advised that staff was currently in the process of evaluating all aspects of the School District operation. He assured her that Board Members would be kept abreast of information during the development of the 2008-2009 budget.

The following issues were also briefly addressed:

- Establishment of a Band Program at West Florida High School – Jeff Bergosh
(*It was noted that discussion on this issue would occur at the February Regular Workshop*)
- Legislative Update – Ronnie Arnold, Associate Superintendent for Public & Interagency Affairs
(*Handout provided to Board Members*)

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Workshop was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair