

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, MAY 7, 2008

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 4:30 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, 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. Jim Paul

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Motion by Mr. Gindl, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to adopt the agenda (*as amended*), was approved unanimously.

II. PUBLIC FORUM

(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "A")

The following speakers requested to address the Board regarding the School District's budget situation for the upcoming school year: Gene Mitchell, James Nims, Lillian Robertson, Madonna Jackson-Williams, Beverly Patteson, Gail Husbands, and Linda Holt.

III. BUDGET

The Superintendent advised that there was no further information with regard to the budget situation than what had already been provided at recent meetings.

Board Members individually expressed their desire to keep any budget cuts as far away from the classroom as possible.

IV. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "B")

AMENDED

1. Department Personnel Planning Document

The following speakers requested to address the Board regarding the proposed Department Personnel Planning Document: David Pittman, Gail Husbands, and Tom Wazlavek (NOTE: *Mr. Wazlavek chose not to speak, but rather to yield his time to Gail Husbands*).

Motion was made by Mr. Boone and seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to approve the Department Personnel Planning Document (*as amended*). Mr. Bergosh advised that although he had seconded

the motion, he had no intention of actually casting a vote to approve this item. He believed that there were still additional positions that could be eliminated in order to achieve a budgetary savings.

NOTE: *General discussion amongst Board Members and the Superintendent occurred throughout the meeting.*

Motion was made by Mrs. Hightower and seconded by Mr. Boone, to postpone any decision on the Personnel Planning Document (PPD) until the May 20, 2008 Regular Meeting; with a Special Workshop to be scheduled in the interim, to provide an opportunity for the Board, the Superintendent, and his staff, to discuss the budget situation and the PPD at length. Motion was approved unanimously.

The Board agreed to schedule the Special Workshop for May 15, 2008, at 11:30 a.m., with location to be determined at a later time.

Mrs. Brown-Curry requested that the Superintendent provide Board Members with a copy of the budget reduction recommendations that had recently been submitted to him by several groups of school-level administrators.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m., was approved unanimously.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair