

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting/Public Hearing at 5:30 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. Gerald Boone

Board Members: Mr. Jeff Bergosh
Mrs. Linda Moultrie
Mr. Bill Slayton

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on August 19, 2009 - Legal No. 1419324

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Reverend Hosea Moultrie, of All Faith Community Church, gave the invocation and Eddie Brothers, a senior at Escambia High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Superintendent listed the amendments that had been made to the agenda since it was initially published. Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to adopt the agenda (as amended), carried unanimously.

II. PUBLIC HEARING FOR INPUT ON DISTRICT'S TENTATIVE FACILITIES WORK PROGRAM

Mrs. Hightower called for public input on the District's tentative facilities work program; however, there were no speakers.

III. ADOPTION OF DISTRICT'S TENTATIVE FACILITIES WORK PROGRAM
(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "A")

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt the District's Tentative Facilities Work Program, carried unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATION OF 2009-2010 MILLAGE RATES AND DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET
(Backup documentation for this section was **AMENDED**)

[Backup documentation regarding the final millage rates and the final budget (including resolutions 10-03, 10-04 & 10-05) are filed as Exhibit "B" in the Supplementary Minute Book.]

Mrs. Laura Shaud, Director of Budgeting, gave a brief presentation regarding the 2009-2010 millage rates and the 2009-2010 budget. Her presentation included an explanation of the "rolled-back rate" and other information as required by the Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) Act. Mrs. Shaud pointed out that the increase in the total millage rate for 2009-2010 (over that which was levied in 2008-2009) was due to an increase (as determined by the State) in the minimum Required Local

Effort portion of the millage formula. She noted that the 2009-2010 budget did not include any tax increase; and although the total millage rate for 2009-2010 was slightly higher than that which was levied in 2008-2009, the actual taxes generated for 2009-2010 would be less than what was generated in 2008-2009 due to a decline in the tax roll (as certified by the Property Appraiser).

V. PUBLIC HEARING FOR INPUT ON MILLAGE RATES AND DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding various aspect of the millage rates and the budget for fiscal year 2009-2010: James Sideris, Kathy Breakall, and Richard R. Green, Sr.

Motion was made by Mr. Bergosh and seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to handle *Section VII* and *Section VIII* prior to *Section VI*. Motion carried 4 to 1, with Mr. Slayton voting “No.”

VI. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

(NOTE: *Section VII and VIII were handled prior to Section VI.*)

1. Resolution Number 10-03 – Resolution Determining Revenues and Millages Levied

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt *Resolution Number 10-03*, was approved 4 to 1, with Mr. Bergosh voting “No.”

2. Resolution Number 10-04 – Resolution Determining Critical Needs Revenues and Millages Levied

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt *Resolution Number 10-04*, was approved unanimously.

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3. Resolution Number 10-05 – Resolution Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Motion by Mrs. Moultrie, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt *Resolution Number 10-05*, was approved 4 to 1, with Mr. Bergosh voting “No.”

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

(NOTE: *Section VII and VIII were handled prior to Section VI.*)

1. Required Local Effort [5.612 mills]

On motion by Mrs. Moultrie, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, adoption of the 2009-2010 Required Local Effort millage rate at 5.612 mills, was approved unanimously.

2. Discretionary - Operating [0.748]

On motion by Mrs. Moultrie, seconded by Mr. Boone, adoption of the 2009-2010 Discretionary – Operating millage rate at 0.748 mills, was approved unanimously.

3. Discretionary - Critical Operating Needs [0.250]

On motion by Mrs. Moultrie, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, adoption of the 2009-2010 Discretionary – Critical Operating Needs millage rate at 0.250 mills, was approved unanimously.

4. Discretionary - Local Capital Improvement [1.250]

Motion was made by Mrs. Moultrie and seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt the 2009-2010 Discretionary – Local Capital Improvement millage rate at 1.250 mills. Mr. Bergosh reiterated comments he had made at previous meetings regarding his opposition to increasing the total millage rate for 2009-2010 over that which was levied in 2008-2009 (*see minutes: July 14, 2009 Special Workshop, July 15, 2009 Regular Workshop, July 23, 2009 Special Meeting, July 30, 2009 Special Meeting, September 10, 2009 Special Workshop*). He suggested that the Board consider reducing the Capital Improvement portion of the local millage to 1.110 mills (instead of 1.250 mills), such that the total millage (State & local combined) levied for 2009-2010, would remain at the 2008-2009 level of 7.72 mills. Mr. Bergosh offered a motion to adopt the 2009-2010 Discretionary – Local Capital Improvement millage rate at 1.110 mills. Motion died for lack of a second. Original motion to adopt the 2009-2010 Discretionary – Local Capital Improvement millage rate at 1.250 mills was approved 4 to 1, with Mr. Bergosh voting “No.”

5. Total Millage [7.860]

On motion by Mrs. Moultrie, seconded by Mr. Boone, adoption of the 2009-2010 total millage rate at 7.860 mills, was approved 4 to 1, with Mr. Bergosh voting “No.”

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010
(NOTE: *Section VII and VIII were handled prior to Section VI.*)

1. General Fund [\$308,690,164.80]

On motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Slayton, adoption of the 2009-2010 General Fund budget in the amount of \$308,690,164.80, was approved unanimously.

2. Special Revenue Funds – Food Service [\$25,006,253.14]

On motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, adoption of the 2009-2010 Special Revenue Funds – Food Service budget in the amount of \$25,006,253.14, was approved unanimously.

3. Special Revenue Funds – Federal Programs [\$40,803,126.46]

On motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Slayton, adoption of the 2009-2010 Special Revenue Funds – Federal Programs budget in the amount of \$40,803,126.46, was approved unanimously.

4. Special Revenue Funds – State Fiscal Stabilization Funds [\$13,201,437.00]

On motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, adoption of the 2009-2010 Special Revenue Funds – State Fiscal Stabilization Funds budget in the amount of \$13,201,437.00, was approved 4 to 1, with Mr. Bergosh voting “No.”

5. Special Revenue Funds – Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds [\$20,720,211.00]

On motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Slayton, adoption of the 2009-2010 Special Revenue Funds – Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds budget in the amount of \$20,720,211.00, was approved 4 to 1, with Mr. Bergosh voting “No.”

6. Special Revenue Funds – Other ARRA Stimulus Grants [\$100,000.00]

On motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, adoption of the 2009-2010 Special Revenue Funds – Other ARRA Stimulus Grants budget in the amount of \$100,000.00, was approved 4 to 1, with Mr. Bergosh voting “No.”

7. Debt Service Funds [\$11,367,225.49]

On motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, adoption of the 2009-2010 Debt Service Funds budget in the amount of \$11,367,225.49, was approved unanimously.

8. Capital Projects Funds [\$131,306,909.37]

On motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, adoption of the 2009-2010 Capital Projects Funds budget in the amount of \$131,306,909.37, was approved 4 to 1, with Mr. Bergosh voting “No.”

9. Internal Service Funds [\$60,803,034.37]

On motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Slayton, adoption of the 2009-2010 Internal Service Funds budget in the amount of \$60,803,034.37, was approved unanimously.

10. Total Budget [\$611,998,361.63]

On motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, adoption of the 2009-2010 total budget in the amount of \$611,998,361.63, was approved 4 to 1, with Mr. Bergosh voting “No.”

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair