

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, OCTOBER 14, 2010

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Workshop at 3:00 p.m., in the Board Room, at 215 West Garden Street, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mr. Gerald W. Boone Vice Chair: Mr. Jeff Bergosh

Board Members: Mrs. Linda Moultrie  
Mrs. Patricia Hightower (*not present*)  
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 October 2, 2010 - Legal No. 1489852*

[General discussion took place among Board Members, the Superintendent, and staff throughout this meeting.]

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Boone called the Special Workshop to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Legal Representation – topic submitted by Jeff Bergosh

(NOTE: *The topic of legal representation in BP Oil litigation was previously addressed during the September 30, 2010 Special Meeting.*)

Mrs. Waters suggested the formation of a small committee to consider the qualifications and proposals of those law firms interested in representing the School Board in BP Oil litigation. Mr. Bergosh suggested that the committee be comprised of three (3) individuals: Mrs. Waters, one (1) member of the Superintendent's staff and one (1) representative of the School Board.

The Superintendent suggested the formation of a coalition committee between the attorneys from the School Board, the Escambia County Commission and the Pensacola City Council. He believed that the formation of such a committee would save a great deal of time in deciding on a law firm that could represent all three entities. Mrs. Waters advised that she would be meeting with the attorneys for both the Commission and the City Council on October 18<sup>th</sup>. If during that meeting, it was decided that a coalition committee would be formed, Mrs. Waters would represent the School Board. If such a committee was not formed, Mrs. Waters would proceed with formation of a small committee consisting of herself, one (1) member of the Superintendent's staff and one (1) representative of the School Board. Mrs. Waters was to report back to the Board after the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to confirm which type of committee would be established.

- November 2010 School Board Meeting Dates – topic submitted by Gerald Boone

The Board agreed to the following schedule for November 2010:

Regular Board Workshop (agenda will include an "open discussion" segment)  
November 12, 2010, beginning at 8:00 AM  
Room 160, J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive

Installation Ceremony  
November 16, 2010, beginning at 5:00 PM  
Room 160, J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive

Regular Board Meeting (agenda will include annual “organization” of the Board)  
November 16, 2010, immediately following the Installation Ceremony, but no earlier than 5:30 p.m.  
Room 160, J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive

- School Calendar – *topic submitted by Bill Slayton*  
Upon inquiry by Mr. Slayton, the Superintendent confirmed that December 17<sup>th</sup>, the last day of school before the Christmas Break, was designated as a full-day of school and not a half-day.
- Process for Naming New Elementary School – *topic submitted by the Superintendent*  
[Handout provided to Board Members]  
The School Advisory Council chairpersons from Hallmark and Yniestra Elementary schools, outlined the timeline and process that would be followed for naming the new downtown elementary school. It was noted that the naming process would adhere to School Board Rule 3.11, *Selection of School Names*.
- Misconduct Investigative Procedure – *topic submitted by the Superintendent*  
[Handout provided to Board Members]  
Dr. Alan Scott, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services, briefly outlined the District’s misconduct investigative procedure.
- Grade Book Task Force Briefing – *topic submitted by the Superintendent*  
[Handout provided to Board Members]  
Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, briefly outlined the findings and recommendations of the Grade Book Task Force.
- Class Size Update – *topic submitted by the Superintendent*  
Mr. Paul Fetsko, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, reported that all District schools were in compliance with the class level, hard-cap class size count for this school year.

### III. PUBLIC FORUM

- Fran Barker, speaking as individual, questioned why there were no after-school care programs for disabled Exceptional Student Education (ESE) students. The Superintendent assured Ms. Barker that he would have the Director of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) contact her to discuss her concerns.

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Special Workshop adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair