

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, MARCH 5, 2009

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened a Public Hearing (re: the intent to modify, change, and/or delete attendance zone boundaries resulting in the closure of Carver-Century K-8) at 5:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria, at Carver-Century K-8 School, 440 East Hecker Road, Century, 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 February 26, 2009 - Legal No. 1387166*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Hightower called the Public Hearing to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

(NOTE: *No action was taken at this meeting. The role of the Board during this session was simply to hear from the local community regarding the proposed closure of Carver-Century K-8 School.*) The meeting began with the Superintendent presenting the primary reasons for his recommendation to modify, change, and/or delete attendance zone boundaries that would result in the closure of Carver-Century K-8 School. Mrs. Hightower then called for public hearing regarding the Superintendent's recommendation.

The following speakers expressed their feelings about the proposed closure; and each speaker urged the Board to reject the Superintendent's recommendation to close the school:

(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "A")

- Mayor Freddie W. McCall (representing the Town of Century)
- Jessie M. McCants
- Elizabeth H. Lowery
- Pastor W.H. Carter (representing Pilgrim Lodge Baptist Church)
- Mary Watson
- Sharon Scott (representing Century City Council – Seat 5)
- Doshia Lett
- Dan Sales (representing Alger-Sullivan Historical Society, Century Lions Club)
- Jacqueline Hayes
- Mary Grice
- Betty C. Johnson
- Heather Findley
- Leonard White
- Kim Peeples
- Annie C. Savage
- Lillian Robertson
- Eddie Lee Ray

- Dorothy E. Newton
- Cynthia Scott
- Jack Moran
- Gary Riley (representing the Town of Century)

Each Board Member then took a moment to address the closure issue and/or to respond to comments made by the speakers. It was noted that a final decision on the closure of Carver-Century K-8 School would be made at March 17, 2009 Regular Board Meeting.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair