

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, NOVEMBER 9, 2009

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Emergency Meeting at 10:00 a.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. Gerald Boone (*entered at 10:05 a.m.*)

Board Members: Mr. Jeff Bergosh (*via speakerphone*)  
Mrs. Linda Moultrie  
Mr. Bill Slayton

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hightower called the Emergency Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Motion was made by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to stipulate for the record, that the School Board had convened in Emergency Meeting in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 120.525, Meetings of Public Officers, (3) *If an agency finds that an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare that requires immediate action, the agency may hold an emergency public meeting and give notice of such meeting by any procedure that is fair under the circumstances and necessary to protect the public interest.* Motion was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Boone absent for vote.

II. EMERGENCY PLAN AND PREPARATION FOR HURRICANE IDA\*

*(\*As of this meeting, the hurricane had been downgraded to a tropical storm.)*

*Mr. Boone entered the meeting at 10:05 a.m.*

Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, and Mr. Steve Sharp, Manager-Safety, Security, and Emergency Operations, advised the Board of the preparations for the arrival of Tropical Storm Ida, as well as the process for post-storm recovery.

The Superintendent requested emergency authorization to exceed his spending limit\* as necessary, to facilitate the cleanup and/or repair of damage that may result from Tropical Storm Ida. Mr. Boone moved to grant the Superintendent emergency authorization to exceed his spending limit\* as necessary, to facilitate the cleanup and/or repair of damage that may result from Tropical Storm Ida, until the next meeting of the Board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergosh approved unanimously.

*\*NOTE: According to School Board Rule 6Gx17 – 5.02(4)(a), authority is vested in the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee(s) to approve or reject purchase requisitions and to authorize purchases or contracts for supplies, equipment and services when the total amount of each purchase does not exceed the category amount established in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for purchasing category two (Category Two: \$25,000).*

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Emergency Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair