

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, NOVEMBER 12, 2009

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Workshop at 3:00 p.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 (*not present*)

Vice Chair: Mr. Gerald Boone (*served as Chair in Mrs. Patricia Hightower's absence*)

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 October 23, 2009 – Legal No. 1431100

[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 3:00 p.m.

II. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Requirements for Participation in Graduation Exercises – *Gerald Boone*
Mr. Boone engaged in a discussion with Mrs. Carolyn Spooner, Director-High School Education, regarding the requirements for a students' participation in high school graduation exercises. *No additional information was requested.*
- Communication with School Board Members – *Jeff Bergosh*
Mr. Bergosh initiated a discussion regarding the Superintendent's process for notifying School Board Members of significant events that occur on a school campus. In response to Mr. Bergosh's concerns, the Superintendent stated that he would 'work-out' a better process and timeline for notifying School Board Members of such events.
- Declining Enrollment – *Linda Moultrie*
Mrs. Moultrie initiated a discussion with the Superintendent and the other Board Members regarding the issue of declining enrollment at area schools. *No additional information was requested.*
- Transportation Issues including Procedural Changes, Handbook, and Process for Input – *Bill Slayton*
Mr. Slayton initiated a discussion with Mr. John Doss, Director II-Transportation, regarding various transportation issues. Mr. Doss advised that the Transportation Department's documentation was being revised in an effort to clearly communicate to staff and to parents, the School District's transportation policies and procedures. *No additional information was requested.*

- TEMS Grade Book On-Line Program – *Bill Slayton*

At the request of Mr. Slayton, Mr. Don Manderson, Director-Instructional Technology, gave a brief update on the progress for implementation of the TEMS Grade Book on-line program. *No additional information was requested.*

- Update on Focused Curriculum Goals – *Superintendent*

The Superintendent advised that this update would be deferred to the December 10, 2009 Special Workshop.

III. PRESENTATIONS

-None

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Boone called for public forum; however, there were no speakers.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Workshop adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair