

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
MINUTES, NOVEMBER 13, 2009

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Regular Workshop at 9:00 a.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 (*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 (*not present*)

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters (*not present*)

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 Regular Workshop to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent listed the changes that had been made to the November 17, 2009 Regular Meeting agenda since its initial publication.

III. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

Amendment to School District Rule 6Gx17-2
(*Item III.A.1, November 17, 2009 Regular Meeting agenda*)

Staff responded to various questions posed by the Board regarding the proposed revisions to School District Rule 6Gx17-2. No additional revisions were requested by the Board.

Notice of Intent to Advertise to Amend School District Rule 6Gx17-3 – School Operating Procedures
(*Item III.B.1, November 17, 2009 Regular Meeting agenda*)

It was noted that this particular item was a ‘late’ addition to the November 17, 2009 Regular Meeting agenda. Several Board Members were concerned that they would not have adequate time to thoroughly review the information before the November 17, 2009 Regular Meeting. The Superintendent agreed to pull this item from the agenda and resubmit the following month.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Curriculum and Instruction

1. No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 Supplemental Educational Services Contractual Agreement 2009-2010 (Reach for Tomorrow)

Mrs. Marcia Nowlin, Director of Title I, responded to Mr. Bergosh's inquiry as to Beulah Elementary was not included as a recipient for Supplemental Educational Services. She explained that for those schools that had been Title I eligible for three consecutive years and during those three years had not met the requirements for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), the students who attended those eligible schools, who were eligible for free and reduced price meals, could choose to participate in Supplemental Educational Services. She noted that this was only the first year that Beulah Elementary had been Title I eligible and therefore, the school would not be given the option to participate in Supplementary Educational Services.

Mr. Bergosh noted that the "signature page" for this contract provided only a generic signature line for Reach for Tomorrow, Inc. He believed it was always good to know the name of the representative(s) that one was doing business with; therefore, he requested that the contract reflect the actual name and title of the individual who would be signing the contract on behalf of Reach for Tomorrow, Inc.

B. Finance

-No items discussed

C. Human Resource Services

2. Educational Support Personnel

- f. Special Requests

2. Former employee # 5211-9620-2 was suspended without pay on 08/22/07, pending an investigation of misconduct. On 10/17/07, this employee retired and was terminated. On 06/18/08, criminal charges were dropped. Request for payment of back-pay, in the amount of \$8, 964.08, to this former employee for the period of 08/22/07 to 10/17/07.

In response to concerns expressed by Mr. Bergosh, Dr. Alan Scott, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Services, advised that this particular recommendation was the result of an order issued by the Division of Administrative Hearings. Dr. Scott offered to thoroughly explain the situation to Mr. Bergosh after this meeting.

3. Request approval of three job descriptions from the Educational Support Personnel, Human Resources Division.

Human Resources Generalist, Paygrade 19

Lead Payroll Specialist, Paygrade 22

Property Audit Specialist – Internal Auditing, Paygrade 15

Upon inquiry by Mr. Boone, Dr. Alan Scott, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services, confirmed that these three revised job descriptions were the result of desk audits that were requested by each of the employees currently in these positions. (NOTE: *These job descriptions were previously submitted on the August 18, 2009 Regular Meeting agenda, but subsequently deleted to allow an opportunity for the appropriate supervisors to review the information prior to Board approval.*)

D. Purchasing

7. SMART Interactive Whiteboards and Accessories for Various Schools

Mr. Slayton commented that before these ‘expensive’ SMART Interactive Whiteboards were given to schools, there should be a confirmation from each school that the teachers receiving these items were committed to using them for classroom instruction.

9. Temporary Employment Services for Redeemer Lutheran School

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Moultrie, Mrs. Marcia Nowlin, Director of Title I, explained that the District would pay Landrum Staffing Services (vendor) directly for services contracted by Redeemer Lutheran School. It was noted that District would be acting as a conduit for the school’s allocation of federal Title I funds.

14. Dell Computers and Lexmark Printers for Various Schools and Departments

16. LCD Projectors for Various Schools

18. Apple Computers for Various Schools and Departments

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, Mr. John Dombroskie, Director of Purchasing, and Mr. Don Manderson, Director of Instructional Technology, confirmed that these purchases were being made, in part, with funds from the Microsoft Settlement allocation.

20. Architectural/Engineering Services for Former Gulf Power Building

Upon inquiry by Mr. Boone, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, clarified that purchase would provide architectural/engineering design services needed for interior renovations for Phases 3 & 4 at the former Gulf Power building.

22. Unauthorized Purchase of ESE Teacher Training at Various Schools

Upon inquiry by Mr. Boone, Mr. John Dombroskie, Director of Purchasing and Dr. George Ziolkowski, Director of Exceptional Student Education (ESE), explained that this unauthorized purchase had occurred because the consultant started work without a Purchase Order, without a signed professional services agreement, and without having been fingerprinted/background checked per Florida Statute. The consultant was notified to cease work until all the proper steps had been completed. Dr. Ziolkowski noted however, that there had been an assumption on his part that the individual already had the necessary clearances because the individual had been working within the School District for over a year through the company with which she was employed.

E. Operations

1. Facilities Planning

B. Miscellaneous

4. Agreement (Right of First Refusal) between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and the First West Florida Baptist District Association, Inc.

Mr. Bergosh noted that the “signature page” for this agreement provided only a generic signature line for First West Florida Baptist District Association, Inc. He believed it was always good to know the name of the representative(s) that one was doing business with; therefore, he requested that the contract reflect the actual name and title of the individual who would be signing the contract on behalf of First West Florida Baptist District Association, Inc.

2. Information Technology

A. Miscellaneous

- 1. Declaration and Establishment of Utility Easement by the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Southern Light, LLC

Mr. Bergosh noted that the “signature page” for this agreement provided only a generic signature line for Southern Light, LLC. He believed it was always good to know the name of the representative(s) that one was doing business with; therefore, he requested that the contract reflect the actual name and title of the individual who would be signing the contract on behalf of Southern Light, LLC.

F. Student Transfers

-No items discussed

G. Internal Auditing

-No items submitted

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-No items submitted

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Items from the Board

- 1. Appointments for Legislative Liaison and Legislative Liaison Alternate to the Florida School Boards Association, November 2009 to November 2010

Mr. Bergosh expressed an interested in serving as the Legislative Liaison to the Florida School Boards Association for November 2009 to November 2010. It was noted that the appointments for Legislative Liaison and Legislative Liaison Alternate would be made at the November 17, 2009 Regular Meeting.

B. Items from the Superintendent

-No items discussed

C. Items from the General Counsel

-No items submitted

VII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

-No items submitted

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

 Superintendent

 Chair