

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, MAY 14, 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 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 April 25, 2009 - Legal No. 1398553 IT*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Workshop to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. OPEN DISCUSSION

*NOTE: General discussion amongst Board Members and staff took place throughout the meeting.*

Budget Update/Overview

*(Handouts provided to Board Members)*

Mrs. Barbara Linker, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Business Services, reviewed information outlined in the following handouts entitled:

- Impact of Funding Changes, FY 2008-09 2<sup>nd</sup> FEFP Calculation Compared to FY 2009-10 Final Conference Report
- Impact of Funding Changes, FY 2008-09 4<sup>th</sup> FEFP Calculation Compared to FY 2009-10 Final Conference Report
- Base Student Allocation 2001-02 through 2009-10 Historical Information
- 2009-10 Revenue/Needs Forecast
- Projected Recurring 2009-10 Budget Reductions
- District Millage Levies, 2009-2010 FEFP Final Conference Report  
*(without potential additional discretionary millage)*
- Ad Valorem Tax Levies by Fund, Final Conference Report, 2009-2010 Fiscal Year  
*(without potential additional discretionary millage)*
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*(without potential additional discretionary millage)*

Closure & Consolidation Long Range Plan Development Task Force

*(Handout provided to Board Members)*

Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, reviewed information outlined in a handout entitled, School Facility Closure and Consolidation Plan, April 2009 Update. Several Board Members suggested that the “School Operating Performance Rubric” be reference in School Board Policy.

Title I and IDEA Stimulus Positions

For the remainder of this session, Board Members heard from staff and principals regarding the Superintendent’s plan to use “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)” stimulus funds to create various temporary positions needed to achieve the following goals of the District’s Focused Curriculum Plan:

- No schools will score below a “C” on the state accountability measures as of June 2010.
- All schools under the Differentiated Accountability model must meet the requirements set forth by the Department of Education under those guidelines.
- The District will double the number of students scoring levels four (4) and five (5) on the FCAT by June 2012.
- Within three (3) years, 90% of the District’s second graders will read on grade level.
- Schools will increase attendance rates by 3% or have an average daily attendance of 95% and the number of out-of-school suspensions will decrease by at least 10%.

The temporary positions recommended by the Superintendent included reading coaches, in-school-suspension teachers, technical coordinators, psychologists and behavior analysts, in addition to interns and teacher assistants. The Superintendent requested that the Board schedule a Special Meeting near the end of May to consider his plan for the use of “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)” stimulus funds.

Due to time constraints, the following discussion topics were deferred to the May 15, 2009 Regular Workshop:

- Discussion of Utilization of ARRA Stimulus Funds – *Jeff Bergosh*
- Additional Three Modules for Master Board Training – *Patty Hightower*
- Schedule for Board Workshops for the Months of June and July – *Patty Hightower*
- Florida High School Activities Association Rules to Limit Number of Games for All Sport Except Football – *Bill Slayton*
- Cancellation of District Activities/Events – *Bill Slayton*
- Middle School Bands – *Bill Slayton*

III. PRESENTATIONS

-No items submitted

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Hightower called for public forum; however, there were no speakers.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Workshop adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair