

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, APRIL 16, 2009

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Workshop meeting 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 March 23, 2009 - Legal No. 1391653 IT

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Workshop to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. OPEN DISCUSSION

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

▪ Budget Update

(Handouts provided to Board Members)

Mrs. Laura Shaud, Director-Budgeting, reviewed the following information:

- Projected Recurring and Non-Recurring 2009-10 Budget Reductions
- Instructional and Non-Teaching Support Staffing Changes for 2009-10
- Impact of Funding Changes, FY 2008-09 Revised 3rd FEFP Calculation Compared to FY 2009-10 House Recommended Budget

▪ Start Times for 2009-10 School Year*

(Handouts provided to Board Members)

The Superintendent announced the following start/end times for the 2009-10 school year as recommended by the School Start Time Realignment Task Force:

	START	FINISH
<i>Elementary</i>	7:45	2:00
<i>High</i>	8:30	3:05
<i>Middle</i>	9:20	4:00

**All times subject to minor changes due to site specific operational constraints.*

In order to assure a smooth transition to the new times, the Superintendent stated that staff would begin to communicate this information to parents/guardians through all available resources (ConnectEd, PTA, PTSA, SAC, District and school websites, local print media, local television, local radio, etc.).

Four Day Summer Work-Week

The Superintendent advised that a four day work-week (10-hour days) would be implemented for District employees during the summer months of June and July. The Superintendent asked Mr. Keith Leonard, Director of Human Resource Services, to provide Board Members with additional information on how this change would affect instructional and educational support personnel.

Professional and Administrative Contracts for 2009-10

Due to the uncertainty of the budget situation, the Superintendent stated that he would not be issuing any professional or administrative personnel contracts prior to June 2009.

Wellness Center

The Superintendent announced that staff had been working on a plan to establish a Wellness Center for District employees. He stated that a complete presentation on this topic would be given to the Board prior to the Center's grand opening in August 2009.

Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business

(Handout provided to Board Members)

NOTE: *This issue was previously addressed at the January 16, 2009 Regular Workshop.* Mr. Bergosh expressed his desire to see the category of "service disabled veteran-owned small businesses" added to the District's procurement program. Mrs. Laura Shaud, Director of Budgeting, stated that such a category would be added to the District's procurement program (outlined in Chapter 5 policy), within the next several months.

Briefing on 2009 National School Boards Association Convention

(Handout provided to Board Members)

Mr. Bergosh reviewed some of the "highlights" from the 2009 National School Boards Association Convention that he had recently attended in San Diego, California. He encouraged the other Board Members to consider attending the next NSBA Convention which would be held April 10-13, 2010 in Chicago, Illinois.

Master Board Training

It was noted that the Superintendent and School Board Members would be attending the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) Master Board Forum on April 30, 2009 and May 1, 2009 in Panama City, Florida. Mrs. Holley DeWees, Administrative Recording Secretary, was tasked with placing the appropriate advertisement of this training forum in the local newspaper.

III. PRESENTATIONS

-None

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 4:55 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair