

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JUNE 30, 2010

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Workshop at 2:00 p.m., in the Board Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building, 215 West Garden Street, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mr. Gerald W. Boone Vice Chair: Mr. Jeff Bergosh

Board Members: Mrs. Linda Moultrie (*entered at 2:15 p.m.*)
Mrs. Patricia Hightower
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 May 28, 2010 - Legal No. 1467732

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Boone called the Special Workshop to order at 2:07 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION: 2010-2011 BUDGET

(NOTE: *General discussion occurred throughout the meeting.*)

Mrs. Laura Shaud, Director of Budgeting, noted that the purpose of this workshop was to provide an opportunity to discuss and/or pose questions regarding information outlined in the following materials that had been provided to the Board:

- Book I – Departmental Budgets, *published June 9, 2010*
- Book II – Discretionary Local Projects, *published June 9, 2010*

Book I – Departmental Budgets

Supplies: Mrs. Hightower commented that departments had done well at maintaining or decreasing their supply budgets. She did however, question the reason for the additional \$1,000 budgeted for the Superintendent's Cost Center (4001). The Superintendent stated that he would need to verify for sure, but believed that the additional amount was to cover the cost of supplies needed for the recently-established Investigator position.

Advertising: Mrs. Hightower asked the Superintendent and staff to look into the possibility of further reducing the District's advertising expenses. She was hopeful that new legislation would allow for the School District to utilize its website as a no-cost alternative to newspaper publications.

Postage: Mr. Slayton noticed that \$65,000 had been budgeted for postage, including the postage necessary for mailing of report cards. He asked for a 'break-down' on the cost of postage necessary for mailing report cards and for the cost of postage for all other mailings.

Book II – Discretionary Local Projects

Comprehensive Student Drug Prevention Program: Mr. Bergosh noted that he was very pleased to see that the funding for this undertaking had been identified. The Superintendent stated that the plan for this program would be submitted to the Board in August or September.

Board Members were reminded of the following upcoming meetings regarding the 2010-2011 budget:

- Special Workshop – July 15, 2010, beginning at 8:00 a.m.
(Purpose: Discussion regarding 2010-2011 Budget)
Hall Center, Room 160, 30 East Texar Drive
- Special Meeting – July 22, 2010, beginning at 4:30 p.m.
(Purpose: Permission to advertise 2010-2011 Tentative Millage and Tentative Budget)
McDaniel Building, Board Room, 215 West Garden Street
- Special Meeting – July 29, 2010, beginning at 5:30 p.m.
(Purpose: Adoption of 2010-2011 Tentative Millage and Tentative Budget)
McDaniel Building, Board Room, 215 West Garden Street

III. PUBLIC FORUM

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

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Workshop adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair