

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JANUARY 14, 2010

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

Board Members: Mrs. Linda Moultrie  
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 January 5, 2010 – Legal No. 1443217*

[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

- Update on Students Affected by the Closing of Carver/Century - *topic submitted by Gerald W. Boone*  
Mr. Paul Fetsko, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, reported that the nearly 200 students affected by the closing of Carver/Century K-8 had transitioned “smoothly” into Bratt Elementary and Ernest Ward Middle.
- Declining Enrollment – *topic submitted by Linda Moultrie*  
Mrs. Moultrie initiated a discussion with the Superintendent and the other Board Members regarding the issue of declining enrollment at area schools, particularly the elementary schools in District III.
- Update on City/County Consolidation – *topic submitted by the Superintendent (Handouts provided)*  
Mr. Norm Ross, Deputy Superintendent and the School Board’s appointee to the Escambia County Consolidation Study Commission, provided a “draft” of the Commission’s recommendation of consolidated government.
- Custodial RFP Update – *topic submitted by the Superintendent*  
Mr. John Dombroskie, Director of Purchasing, advised that a Request for Proposal (RFP) would be issued in February for the outsourcing of custodial services in the following schools (formerly referred to as Zone 3 schools): Brentwood Elementary, Brown Barge Middle, Cordova Park, Ferry Pass Elementary, Ferry Pass Middle, Scenic Heights Elementary, O.J. Semmes Elementary, A.K. Suter Elementary, Workman Middle, Woodham Middle, and Washington High.

- IB Middle School Plan Update – topic submitted by the Superintendent  
(Handouts provided)

Staff gave a brief PowerPoint® presentation regarding Workman Middle School’s plan for becoming an International Baccalaureate® (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) School.

The following issue was also addressed:

- Discovery of Water Pipe Leakage at former Brownsville Middle School Property  
Upon inquiry by Mrs. Moultrie, the Superintendent stated that he did not believe the water leakage discovered at the former Brownsville Middle School would have any affect on the pending sale of the building/property to Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. He explained that the District’s Energy Managers had realized there was an underground leak after receiving an unusually high water bill. District-employed plumbers identified and repaired the source of the leak. In light of this situation, Mrs. Hightower requested a presentation regarding the procedures that are followed when a school facility was closed, specifically regarding the issue of continuing or terminating utilities. The Superintendent stated that such a presentation would be given by the District’s Energy Managers at the February 11, 2010 Special Workshop.

The Superintendent made the following announcements:

- Mr. David Bryant, Director of Internal Auditing, had recently received the designation of Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM); and
- Ms. Lesa Morgan, Principal of West Florida High School of Advanced Technology, had received the Florida Council of Instructional Technology Leaders (FCITL) Innovative Principal of the Year 2010 Award.

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 5:03 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair