

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JUNE 11, 2010

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Regular Workshop at 8:00 a.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: 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 May 28, 2010 - Legal No. 1467732*

[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 9:02 a.m.

II. OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Update on Dr. Ruby J. Gainer School for Reaching Your Dream – *Gerald W. Boone*

Mrs. Waters advised that a lawsuit had been filed on behalf of the School Board, against Reaching Your Dream, Inc., in order to settle the question of ownership with regard to the property of the now closed Dr. Ruby J. Gainer School for Reaching Your Dream (charter school), located at 1600 East Moreno Street (*see*: March 2, 2010 Special Board Meeting minutes). She was to provide additional information on this case following the June 15, 2010 hearing.

2. Update on the Naming of the New Administration Building – *Linda Moultrie*

The Superintendent advised that this issue would be addressed in July by way of a “notice of intent” to advertise to transfer the name of the current administration building at 215 West Garden Street, Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building, to the new administration building at 75 North Pace Boulevard.

3. Report on Scheduling of Fine Arts Programs for Next School Year – *Bill Slayton*

Mr. Slayton acknowledged that he had received some information regarding this topic from Dr. Sandra Durr, Fine Arts Specialist; however, he asked for additional details that would help to explain the information provided. [NOTE: *There was much discussion regarding the need for increasing the fine arts programs in schools, but no other information than that requested by Mr. Slayton was required.*]

The following issue was also addressed during *Open Discussion*:

Scheduling of Town Hall Meetings (*see*: May 14, 2010 Regular Workshop minutes)

The Superintendent and the Board agreed to schedule the following Town Hall Meetings for the purpose of presenting the District's strategies for meeting Class Size Reduction requirements:

- August 26, 2010, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Northview High School
- August 31, 2010, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Woodham Middle School

III. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent listed the changes that had been made to the June 14, 2010 Regular Meeting agenda since its initial publication.

IV. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

School District Rule 6Gx17-7.02 – Code of Conduct: Elementary Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, Revisions 2010-2011

School District Rule 6Gx17-7.02 – Code of Conduct: Secondary Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, Revisions 2010-2011

At the request of Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Waters stated that she would prepare a memorandum, to be incorporated into the backup documentation for these two items, that would authorize staff to make any non-substantial editorial changes (i.e., typographical and formatting corrections) following the Board's adoption, yet prior to actual publication/printing of the Elementary and Secondary Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbooks.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Youth Services for the Workforce Escarosa, INC. Workforce Investment Act (WIA) within Escambia County, Florida (Continuation Grant Application)

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, Mr. Carl Leiterman, Director of Workforce Education, explained that the recruitment of participants was accomplished externally, by way of referrals from EscaRosa, and internally, through student organizations. *No additional information was required.*

17. Addendum to the Charter Contract between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Byrneville Elementary School, Inc.

Mr. Bergosh referred to Article 2.0: Students, Section 2.1 Community, which read: *The total student population receiving an educational program shall not exceed the maximum capacity of the School unless and until the School with the BOARD's approval elects to add on to the existing facility.* Mr. Bergosh questioned why this provision was applicable to only Byrneville Elementary School and not other charter schools. Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, advised that this provision was only applicable to Byrneville Elementary School as it was conversion charter that was resident to a facility owned by the School District. *No additional information was required.*

30. Establishment of Warrington Middle School Health Academy

Mr. Bergosh questioned whether there was enough demand at Warrington Middle School to justify the establishment of a health academy. In response, Mr. Steve Marcanio, Director of Middle School Education, pointed out that the decision to establish a health academy at

Warrington Middle School was actually based upon the interest of students at that school. *No additional information was required.*

B. Finance

-No items discussed

C. Human Resource Services

1. Instructional/Professional

g. Special Requests

13. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the School District of Escambia County and the Escambia Education Association Concerning Teaching an Additional Period for Compensation.

Mr. Bergosh commented that his only concern with this agreement was the statement, *“if qualifications are substantially equal, district seniority shall be the determining factor for selection.”* His belief was if there was more than one candidate for the additional period, the principal should have the ability to choose the best candidate. He noted however, that he intended to support this agreement as it would assist the District in meeting Class Size Reduction requirements. *No additional information was requested.*

D. Purchasing

14. Annual Agreement: Custodial Services

Mr. David Pittman, representing the Union of Escambia ESP (Education Staff Professionals), requested to address the Board regarding this item. Mr. Pittman expressed various objections to this particular agreement. He stated that he was hopeful that in the near future, the District and the Union could find a way for the contracted custodial services in Zone 3 to be brought back in-house.

15. Install Network Access to Stadium Press Boxes at Pensacola, Pine Forest and Escambia High Schools

Mr. Slayton requested additional information regarding the purpose of installing network access to the football and baseball stadium press boxes at Pensacola, Pine Forest and Escambia high schools.

19. Lease Payments for Dell Computers at West Florida High School of Advanced Technology

Mr. Slayton said he had no objection to the 3-year computer replacement cycle for West Florida High School, yet he would like to see the same cycle implemented at other schools in the District. (It was noted that the computer replacement cycle at other schools in the District was 5 years.) Mr. Slayton requested a report showing the student-to-computer ratio for West Florida High School, the student-to-computer ratio for other high schools in the District, and the cost to bring other high schools to the same ratio as West Florida High School.

22. Annual Agreement: Refuse Collection Services

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, advised that this agreement with Waste Management, Inc. represented the overall best possible contract in the State for refuse collection services. (*Method of Procurement: Orange County School District Bid #08-03-38*).

23. Agreement: School Based Health Service Rate Adjustment Petition

Mr. Bergosh questioned whether this service could be done in-house by existing staff. Dr. George Ziolkowski, Director of Exceptional Student Education (ESE), explained that this entity, Public Consulting Group, Inc., would work in conjunction with the District to prepare a school-based health service rate adjustment proposal that would be submitted to the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration for consideration. He noted that the District itself, could not re-establish its own rate. Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Dr. Ziolkowski, stated that he expected the savings from the rate adjustment would well exceed the \$30,000 cost of this agreement.

28. Change Notice #2 to Purchase Order #301274 – New Downtown Elementary School

Mr. Bergosh initiated a discussion regarding his concerns with this additional expenditure request of \$84,000 for interior design services for the new downtown elementary school. Specifically, he questioned whether these services represented the most cost-effective approach for the coordination and administration of the furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the new school. The Superintendent, staff, and other Board Members believed that this expenditure was well worth the money for the significant task of not only coordinating and administering the furniture, fixtures and equipment, but also for integrating those items into the total school design. Mr. Bergosh stated that he would research this issue further and address it at the June 14, 2010 Regular Meeting.

E. Operations

1. Facilities Planning

B. Miscellaneous

2. Sales Agreement between the School Board of Escambia County, FL and T Investments, LLC

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, advised that the sale of this property was contingent upon successful rezoning of the property to commercial zoning classification.

3. Purchase Agreement between Cervantes, LLC and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Moultrie, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, confirmed that the offered price of \$295,000 was below the appraised value of \$300,000. At the request of Mrs. Moultrie, Mr. Dennis briefly explained the purpose of the environmental disclosure as outlined in the contract addendum (*included in the backup documentation for this item*).

F. Student Transfers

-No items discussed

G. Internal Auditing

-No items discussed

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-No items submitted

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Items from the Board

-No items submitted

- B. Items from the Superintendent  
-No items discussed
- C. Items from the General Counsel  
-No items discussed

VIII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. Charter School Quarterly Report

NOTE: *Ms. Vickie Mathis, Director of Alternative Education, provided the Board with a quarterly report (June 2010) on charter schools prior to this meeting.* Representatives from the following charter schools were in attendance for this meeting: Capstone Academy, Byrneville Elementary, Pensacola Beach Elementary, Escambia Charter, Jacqueline Harris Preparatory Academy, and Beulah Academy of Science. Mr. Bergosh noticed from the report that Capstone Academy had not maintained an adequate cash balance over the past several months. Mr. Tom Harrell, principal of Capstone Academy, responded that this issue was being addressed. There were no other questions posed by Board Members.

IX. PUBLIC FORUM

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair