

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, OCTOBER 15, 2010

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Regular Workshop at 9:00 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 (*not present*)
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 October 2, 2010 - Legal No. 1489852

[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 9:08 a.m.

At the request of the Superintendent, the following items were moved forward from *Section VII. Committee/Departmental Reports*:

2009-2010 Wellness Policy Operational Procedures Update, Operational Procedures Compliance Assessment Results and Wellness Goals for 2010-2011

Staff provided a brief update on the District's 2009-2010 Wellness Policy Operational Procedures and Compliance Assessment Results.

Progress Report: Downtown Elementary School – Facilities Planning

(NOTE: *At their September 13, 2010 Special Meeting, the Board was informed that the project schedule for the new Downtown Elementary School had been affected by delays that were beyond the control of the General Contractor. Those delays in turn, would affect the completion date, which corresponded with the start of the 2011 school year. The Contractor had proposed to accelerate the schedule by committing additional resources of equipment and manpower over the next several weeks in order to gain back not only the lost time, but to gain an additional two weeks to meet the substantial completion date of August 1, 2011. Mrs. Hightower requested that the Superintendent keep the Board updated as to the Contractor's progress in recovering the lost time with the accelerated schedule.*)

As requested by Mrs. Hightower at the September 13, 2010 Special Meeting, Mr. Ron Peacock, Director of Facilities Planning, provided an update on the Contractor's progress in accelerating the project schedule to recover eight (8) weeks of lost time. Mr. Peacock reported that as of October 15, 2010, the Contractor had been able to recover four (4) of the eight (8) weeks of lost time.

II. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent listed the changes that had been made to the October 19, 2010 Regular Meeting agenda since its initial publication.

III. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

-No items discussed

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Curriculum and Instruction

2. Escambia County School District Strategic Plan End of Year Report, 2009-2010

Staff responded to questions and comments by Mr. Slayton regarding the objectives listed under the District's strategic "environment" goal. *No additional information was requested.*

5. No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 Supplemental Educational Services Contractual Agreement 2010-2011 – iSpace, Inc. (no vendor number)
6. No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 Supplemental Educational Services Contractual Agreement 2010-2011 – Abacus In-Home Tutoring, Inc. (0487)
7. No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 Supplemental Educational Services Contractual Agreement 2010-2011 – West Jacksonville Restoration Center, Inc. (0285)
8. No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 Supplemental Educational Services Contractual Agreement 2010-2011 – AA PIE (All About Partners In Education, LLC) (0593)
9. No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 Supplemental Educational Services Contractual Agreement 2010-2011 – !*Oh To Be Smart Learning Institute (0351)
10. No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 Supplemental Educational Services Contractual Agreement 2010-2011 – !!!@All Things Through Learning, Inc. (0207)

Mr. Bergosh questioned why some schools with significant Title I populations, such as Beulah Elementary, had been excluded from the list of schools participating in Supplemental Education Services (SES). Mrs. Marcia Nowlin, Director of Title I, responded by outlining the criteria that a school must meet in order to be eligible for SES.

B. Finance

-No items discussed

C. Human Resource Services

-No items discussed

D. Purchasing

7. Apple iPads for Staff Development

Upon inquiry by Mr. Slayton, the Superintendent explained that this was a purchase for sixty (60) 16GB Apple iPads that would be used by school administrative staff for classroom walkthroughs. It was noted that the use of this web-based technology would help instructional leaders promote, support, and sustain data-informed instructional improvement and higher student achievement. Mr. Slayton requested a demonstration of the Apple iPad technology.

E. Operations

-No items discussed

F. Student Transfers

-No items discussed

G. Internal Auditing
-No items discussed

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
-No items submitted

VI. 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

VII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. 2009-2010 Wellness Policy Operational Procedures Update, Operational Procedures Compliance Assessment Results and Wellness Goals for 2010-2011

This updated was provided earlier in the meeting.

2. Progress Report: Downtown Elementary School – Facilities Planning

This report was given earlier in the meeting.

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM

- Carissa Bergosh, School Liaison Officer (SLO) for Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola, spoke about recent and upcoming events in the schools.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair