

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 5:55 p.m. (immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Special Meeting), in the Board Room, at 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 September 11, 2010 - Legal No. 1486241*

[General discussion among Board Members, the Superintendent, and staff occurred throughout this meeting.]

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Boone called the Special Meeting to order at 5:56 p.m. There being no objection from any Board Member, the agenda as outlined, was followed.

II. HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES/RISK MANAGEMENT

(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "A")

1. Employee Benefits: Plan and Premium Changes Effective 1/1/11

Motion was made by Mrs. Hightower and seconded by Mr. Slayton, to approve *Employee Benefits: Plan and Premium Changes Effective 1/1/11*. Mr. Bill Vincent, Escambia FEA-Service Unit Director, reported the results of the ratification vote on the proposed plan and premium changes: Escambia Education Association (EEA), 71% approved (29% opposed) and Union of Escambia Education Support Personnel (ESP), 72% approved (28% opposed). Mr. Vincent noted that the ratification results illustrated the willingness of School District employees to move in a "new direction" with regard to the insurance plan. Motion carried unanimously.

III. PURCHASING

(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "B")

**AMENDED**

1. Change Notice #5 to Purchase Order #305748 – New Downtown Elementary School

Motion was made by Mrs. Moultrie, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to approve *Change Notice #5 to Purchase Order #305748 – New Downtown Elementary School*. Mr. Ron Peacock, Director of Facilities Planning, responded to various questions posed by Mrs. Hightower regarding this item. It was explained 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. It was noted that 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. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned 6:15 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair