

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 17, 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
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 August 16, 2010 - Legal No. 1481614

[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. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent listed the changes that had been made to the September 21, 2010 Regular Meeting agenda since its initial publication.

The following item was deferred from the September 16, 2010 Special Workshop:

Plan for Algebra End-of-Course Assessment – topic submitted by the Superintendent
[Handout provided to Board Members]

Mrs. Carolyn Spooner, Director-High School Education, and Ms. Sheila Montgomery, Mathematic Specialist, reviewed information related to Senate Bill 4, which creates additional science and math requirements for students to graduate, while phasing out some of the Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test (FCAT) exams in favor of end-of-course exams. The new law would require students to pass a statewide, standardized end-of-course examination in the following courses for students entering grade 9 in specified school years: Algebra I (2011-2012); Biology and Geometry (2012-2013); Algebra II and Chemistry or Physics (2014-2015). Ms. Montgomery provided a handout to Board Members that outlined a summary of Senate Bill 4 in the form of a chart arranged by each cohort group and separated into two segments: assessment requirements and core graduation requirements.

III. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

-No items discussed

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Curriculum and Instruction

- 7. School Affiliation Renewal Agreement between Baptist Health Care Corporation and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Moultrie, Ms. Aisha Adkinson, Specialist-Workforce Education, explained that under this agreement, Baptist Health Care Corporation would offer students enrolled in a Health Science Education program, clinical instruction and experiences in a rehabilitation and/or psychiatric and/or acute care setting, at no cost to the School District.

- 8. Professional Services Agreement with Great Books Foundation

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Moultrie, Mrs. Sandra Edwards, Director of Comprehensive Planning, noted that the Junior Great Books program was highly recommended to Warrington Middle School as a supplementary reading program. She explained that this program would use the Socratic questioning method to engage students in literature and other genre in order to increase student reading achievement as well as higher order thinking skills. *The services provided for under this particular agreement were a follow-up to the training conducted by the Contractor with twenty (20) teachers from July 26, 2010 through July 29, 2010 at Warrington Middle School.*

- 37. Dual Enrollment/District Inter-institutional Articulation Agreement between the District Board of Trustees of Pensacola State College, Florida, and the School Board of Escambia County, Florida

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, Mrs. Carolyn Spooner, Director-High School Education, confirmed that Escambia County’s agreement with Pensacola State College (PSC) was now aligned with the agreement that Santa Rosa County had with PSC in that Escambia would now permit students who had attained junior status to be admitted to the Early Admission Dual Enrollment Program.

The Regular Workshop was recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 11:21 a.m., with Mr. Boone, Mr. Bergosh, Mrs. Moultrie, the Superintendent and Mrs. Waters present. (Mrs. Hightower and Mr. Slayton did not return to the meeting after recess.)

B. Finance

- 9. Chase Payroll Card Program – Client Services Agreement

Mr. Terry St Cyr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Business Services, and Mrs. Linda Lewis, Director-Purchasing, provided a brief overview of the proposed Payroll Card Program which would enhance the current District Direct Deposit program by offering an alternative payment method to employees who are unable to obtain a bank account or others not currently enrolled in the mandatory Direct Deposit Program.

C. Human Resource Services

- 1. Instructional/Professional

 - g. Special Requests

 - *5. Request approval for the following teachers at Camelot Academy to teach out-of-field for the 2010-2011 school year:

NAME	DATE	ASSIGNMENT
Basford, Patrick	08/16/10	Reading
Bolton, Beverly	08/16/10	Reading
Cunningham, Andrew J.	08/16/10	Reading
Davis, Andrea S.	08/16/10	Reading

Hall, Harrietta	09/09/10	Reading
Hastings, Melissa C.	08/16/10	Reading/Language Arts
Herndon, Andrea J.	08/16/10	Reading
Johnson, Angela L.	08/18/10	Reading/Math
Jordan, Shea W.	08/16/10	Reading
Lahovski, Christine	08/16/10	Reading
Lamborn, Scott	09/13/10	Reading
Rich, Mary	08/16/10	Reading
Schuck, Jason N.	08/16/10	Reading/Social Studies

**Documentation received post previous Board agenda deadline.*

Representatives from Camelot Academy provided Board Members with a handout outlining the school administration's initiative to ensure that every teacher at Camelot Academy had received reading endorsement and certification.

D. Purchasing
-No items discussed

E. Operations
-No items discussed

F. Student Transfers
-No items discussed

G. Internal Auditing
-No items submitted

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
-No items submitted

VI. NEW BUSINESS
A. Items from the Board
-No items discussed

B. Items from the Superintendent
-No items discussed

C. Items from the General Counsel
-No items submitted

VII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS
1. Government Agency Oil Spill Litigation

Dr. Rick Harper, Director of the Haas Center for Business Research at the University of West Florida, narrated a Power Point® presentation that illustrated the impact of the economic damages suffered by the local area as a result of the recent BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Mrs. Waters advised that she would soon present a recommendation to the Board to approve a contract appointing several law firms to represent the School District in litigation against BP for losses incurred by the School District due to the recent oil spill disaster.

2. Charter School Quarterly Report

NOTE: *Ms. Vickie Mathis, Director of Alternative Education, provided the Board with a quarterly report (September 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 and A.A. Dixon Charter School of Excellence.

Ms. Mathis briefly reviewed some of the information outlined in the quarterly report. No additional information was requested by the School Board.

VIII. PUBLIC FORUM

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair