

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, AUGUST 13, 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 July 28, 2010 - Legal No. 1477864

[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.

II. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent listed the changes that had been made to the August 17, 2010 Regular Meeting agenda since its initial publication.

III. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

-No items discussion

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Curriculum and Instruction

3. Amendment to the Contract between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida, and the Escambia Charter School of Excellence

Ms. Vickie Mathis, Director-Alternative Education, noted that the purpose of this contract amendment was to officially change the name of Escambia Charter School of Excellence to A.A. Dixon Charter School of Excellence.

5. Agreement between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Lisa Burrige and Ruth (Talis) Jayme, Art Teachers
6. Agreement between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Shelley M. Barter, Piano Instructor

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Paul Fetsko, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, confirmed that the \$10.00 user fee (per facility per day of usage) paid to the School District would cover the costs incurred for electricity, water and custodial services.

10. School Improvement Grants 1003(g)

Mr. Bergosh had no questions specific to this grant; however, he did pose questions regarding the issue of performance pay, specifically individual merit bonuses. Mr. Keith Leonard, Director-Human Resource Services, reported that the issue of individual merit bonuses was still being negotiated by the Union and the School District. Mr. Leonard was hopeful that the issue would be finalized by the end of the month.

12. Amendment to Workforce Education Fee Schedules for the 2010-2011 School Year

At the request of Mr. Slayton, Ms. Lesa Morgan, Director-Workforce Education, briefly provided the rationale for the amended fee schedules. Ms. Morgan explained that workforce continuing education classes were previously funded at 50% from Workforce Education funds and 50% from fees collected from clients. However, recent legislation had changed the entire funding formula, which would now require all workforce continuing education classes to be 100% fee based. She explained that in order to meet the legislative mandate of 100% fee based and to cover the School District's indirect cost factor, School District staff had determined that the new basic fee would be \$4.26 per hour for the 2010-2011 school year. Ms. Morgan noted that future adjustment to the fee would be determined through annual program cost analysis.

16. State of Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program 2010-2011 Statewide Provider Agreement with the School Board of Escambia County, Florida

Mrs. Marcia Nowlin, Director-Title I, responded to various questions posed by Mr. Bergosh regarding VPK services. Mrs. Nowlin explained that the School District had limited funds to dedicate to VPK services and therefore, VPK centers were established only in those communities with the highest poverty levels. She noted however, that if slots were available, a student from any Title I attendance zone could enroll in a VPK program with the parents providing transportation. Mr. Bergosh indicated that he would contact Mrs. Nowlin with additional questions/concerns related to VPK services for schools not listed in the backup documentation provided.

19. Contract for Services between EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless and School Board of Escambia County, Florida

Mr. Bergosh had no questions with regard to this particular contract; however, he did wish to know the current percentage of homeless students in Escambia County. Mrs. Marcia Nowlin, Director-Title I, indicated that she would provide that information.

B. Finance

6. Scrap List I & II for August 2010

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, Mr. Don Manderson, Director-Instructional Technology, confirmed that the District does contract with a company to dispose of "scrapped" computer components in a manner compliant with the regulations set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and in accordance with all other federal guidelines.

7. Auction List I for August 2010

Mrs. Hightower noticed that there were several golf bags (with golf clubs) listed on the auction list for August 2010. She requested that the Superintendent and his staff look into the possibility of donating future surplus golf items to The First Tee of Northwest Florida. (*The mission of The First Tee of Northwest Florida is to positively impact the lives of young people by*

promoting character development and life-enhancing values through the First Tee's "Life Skills Learning Experience" and the great game of golf.)

C. Human Resource Services

3. Risk Management

b. Escambia Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer Contract

Mrs. Waters advised that the backup documentation for this item was forthcoming.

D. Purchasing

10. Change Notice #1 to Purchase Order #305514A – New School District Administration Center

Description of Purchase: *Request authorization to issue Change Notice #1 to Purchase Order #305514A to increase the contract amount for additional demolition and drywall services needed for the new school district administration building.*

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, Mr. Ron Peacock, Director-Facilities Planning, clarified that this was change order requested by the School District (owner). He explained that work had begun with the intent that less than \$25,000 (formal bid threshold) would be spent; however, additional work was unforeseen, but necessary, to complete the project for occupancy of the 4th floor at the new school district administration building.

E. Operations

1. Facilities Planning

B. Miscellaneous

2. Lease Agreement for a Portion of the former Edgewater Elementary School and Sales Contract for Edgewater Elementary School

At the request of Mr. Slayton, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, provided a brief overview of the information outlined in the lease agreement for Edgewater Elementary School. Mr. Dennis noted that during the lease period, a portion of the Edgewater facility would be retained by the School District for continued use as surplus storage annex. Mrs. Moultrie commented that she was glad the School District had been able to lease this facility to another educational organization (S.L. Jones Christian Academy, Inc.) that would serve the children of Escambia County.

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 submitted

VII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS
-No items submitted

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 10:50 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair