

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, NOVEMBER 22, 2011

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Organizational Meeting at 8:00 a.m., in the Superintendent's Conference Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building, 75 North Pace Boulevard, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Board Members: Mr. Jeff Bergosh
Mr. Gerald W. Boone
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 October 27, 2011 – Legal No. 1542905

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Superintendent called the Organizational Meeting to order at 8:14 a.m. On motion by Mrs. Hightower, second by Mr. Boone, adoption of the agenda carried unanimously.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

(Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 1001.371)

A. Election of Chairman for 2011-2012

Mrs. Hightower nominated Mr. Bill Slayton, School Board Member for District V, to serve as Chairman for 2011-2012. There being no further nominations, the Superintendent called for the vote. The nomination of Mr. Slayton to serve as Chairman for 2011-2012 carried unanimously.

B. Election of Vice Chairman for 2011-2012

Mr. Boone nominated Mr. Jeff Bergosh, School Board Member for District I, to serve as Vice Chairman for 2011-2012. There being no further nominations, the Superintendent called for the vote. The nomination of Mr. Bergosh to serve as Vice Chairman for 2011-2012 carried unanimously.

C. Designation of Date, Time, and Location of Monthly Workshops and Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Bergosh and seconded by Mr. Boone, to maintain the current schedule of monthly workshops and meetings, with:

- *Regular Meetings to be held on the third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m.;*
- *Special Workshops (for the purpose of open discussion and presentations) to be held on the Thursday, prior to the Regular Meeting, beginning at 3:00 p.m.; and*
- *Regular Workshops to be held on the Friday prior to the Regular Meeting, beginning at 9:00 a.m.*

Unless otherwise advertised, each monthly workshop and meeting would be held in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center.

During discussion of the schedule, Mrs. Hightower posed the question of whether the School Board should consider scheduling an additional Regular Meeting each month. She noted that there were a number of school boards in Florida that typically held two Regular Meetings, either the first and third, or the second and fourth week of each month. The Superintendent said that for most months, it was probably not necessary; however, an additional meeting might be beneficial for the School Board during the months of May and June when the volume of agenda items was the greatest. Mr. Slayton thought it would be a good idea to find out: (1) which school boards in Florida were conducting more than one Regular Meeting each month; and (2) whether or not those school boards had found the additional meeting(s) to be helpful.

Motion to maintain the current schedule of monthly workshops and meetings carried unanimously.

D. Appointment of Parliamentarian

Motion was made by Mr. Bergosh and seconded by Mr. Slayton to appoint the School Board General Counsel, Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters, as Parliamentarian. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Selection of Parliamentary Procedure

Motion was made by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to designate *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (Tenth Edition) as the parliamentary procedure to be followed for the conduct of official business of the School Board. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Waters left the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

III. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Health Clinic Feasibility Study and Presentation
[Handout provided to School Board Members]

Mr. Glen Evelyn, Mr. Chuck Tobin, and Mr. Glen Volk, representatives of Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc., gave a brief presentation on their evaluation of the feasibility of an on-site employee health clinic for the School District. Throughout the presentation, the Gallagher representatives responded to numerous questions posed by School Board Members regarding various aspects of the information provided. There was general discussion among the presenters, the Superintendent, and the School Board Members with regard to the pros and cons, as well as the benefits and risks associated with an on-site clinic.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Slayton called for Public Forum; however, there were no speakers.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Organizational Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair