

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JANUARY 14, 2011

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. Bill Slayton

Board Members: Mr. Jeff Bergosh  
Mrs. Linda Moultrie  
Mrs. Patricia Hightower

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

*Meeting was advertised in the Pensacola News Journal on January 3, 2011 - Legal No. 1501652*

[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 9:00 a.m.

II. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent listed the changes that had been made to the January 18, 2011 Regular Meeting agenda since its initial publication.

Skyward/Focus Software Presentation

NOTE: *This topic was previously addressed at the January 13, 2011 Special Workshop.* The Superintendent advised the Board that the Skyward/Focus software presentation scheduled for January 26, 2011, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., would be held in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center.

III. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

B. Permission to Advertise

1. The School Board will by Resolution on February 15, 2011, at its regularly scheduled Board Meeting, name the new downtown Elementary School the "Global Learning Academy" as approved by way of a nomination and vote held at both George S. Hallmark Elementary School and Allie Yniestra Elementary School sites.

Mrs. Hightower was concerned that the verbiage outlined on the agenda implied that the Board had already made a decision to name the new downtown elementary school. She noted that the appropriate process was to first advertise the proposed name along with the date of a public hearing when the public could appear before the Board to express their concerns about the proposed name or to offer other suggestions. She asked to see a copy of the public notice that would be published in the local newspaper if the request outlined in this item was approved by the Board at the January 18, 2011 Regular Meeting.

2. Notice of Intent to Advertise to Amend School District Rule 6Gx17-3, Section 3.20 – Random Drug Testing of Students

NOTE: *This proposed policy would authorize the random drug testing of any student electing to participate in school athletics, extra/co-curricular activities, and on-campus parking. The proposed policy was previously discussed at the January 9, 2011 Special Workshop.* At the request of Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Waters explained that every student had the right to privacy within their own body; however, in return for allowing students the privilege of school athletics, extra/co-curricular activities, and on-campus parking, the School District could require that students give up a certain amount of their privacy rights by submitting to drug testing as a condition of accepting such privileges. Mr. Bergosh expressed his support for the random drug testing of students participating in school athletics, extra/co-curricular activities, and on-campus parking, but noted for the record, that he would never support the notion of drug testing all students. Various aspects of the policy were discussed among staff and Board Members including: confidentiality, selection of students for testing, process for calling students for screening, collection of samples, sanctions, and appeal procedures.

#### IV. CONSENT AGENDA

##### A. Curriculum and Instruction

1. Establishment of Escambia High School Flight Academy

Staff responded to general questions regarding the plan to establish a Flight Academy at Escambia High School beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. NOTE: *Detailed information regarding this proposal was included in the backup documentation for this item.* It was noted that the Flight Academy at Escambia High School was contingent with the School District receiving Race to the Top (RTTT) grant funding. The Superintendent advised that nothing would move forward until the School District received the RTTT grant award letter.

3. Panhandle Area Educational Consortium Contract Agreement (Migrant)

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Marcia Nowlin, Director of Title I, confirmed that this contract, for the period beginning July 2010, was being presented for Board-approval in January 2011 due to the delay in receiving approval on the project application from the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE). This contract would provide for partial reimbursement of costs incurred for services to eligible migrant students and their families.

5. Minimum Standards for All Applicants to the George Stone Criminal Justice Training Center

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mrs. Waters explained that establishing these minimum standards would ensure that only those individuals who were actually qualified under Florida law to become a law enforcement/corrections officer would be granted entrance into the George Stone Criminal Justice training program.

6. Escambia County School District Strategic Plan 2010-2011

Though he supported all of the goals outlined in the Strategic Plan, Mr. Bergosh did not approve of the verbiage listed for objective P.1.2 (as listed under Goal P.1. of the “people” pillar): *Increase the diversity hiring of all new instructional salary schedule employees to comply with the District’s Equity Plan.* He believed that the verbiage should be revised to indicate that the District would encourage the recruitment of qualified minority applicants, but would always hire the “very best” candidate.

7. Addendum to the Contract for Educational Services by and between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Camelot Schools of Florida, LLC

Purpose: *To add to the contract for educational services from Camelot Schools of Florida, LLC, to provide an off-campus alternative program for two hundred fifty (250) [original 200 plus additional 50] eligible students. These students may be referred for the following reasons: expulsion, alternative placement, and/or transition from a residential juvenile justice program.*

Upon inquiry by Mr. Slayton, Mr. Paul Fetsko, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, explained that the purpose of this item was to provide for the addition of fifty (50) students in the contract with Camelot School for off-campus alternative educational services.

B. Finance

6. Scrap Lists I and II for January 2011

At the request of Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Services, explained the process by which several software licenses listed on Scrap List II (January 2011) had been rolled-over for a discount on the purchase of new software.

C. Human Resource Services

1. Instructional/Professional

- g. Special Requests

1. Change the retirement date of 01/04/11, as reported on the December Board agenda for Exceptional Student Education, Data Specialist I, Kathryn K. Kattau to read 01/03/11.

Dr. Alan Scott, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services, advised that the reference to the "December Board agenda" in this item would be corrected to reflect the "January 4, 2011 Board agenda" instead.

2. Educational Support Personnel

- f. Special Requests

1. Correct the appointment date of 11/16/10, as reported on the December Board agenda, for Ransom Middle School, Teacher Assistant Special, Nora H. Guy, to read 11/22/10.
    2. Correct the appointment location of Warrington Elementary School, on the December Board agenda, for Teacher Assistant Special, Breneta L. Boyd, to read Bellview Middle School.

Dr. Alan Scott, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resource Services, advised that the reference to the "December Board agenda" in these two items would be corrected to reflect the "January 4, 2011 Board agenda" instead.

D. Purchasing

2. Bid Renewal: Dispensing System for General Cleaning Supplies, RFP #091702

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Chuck Peterson, Director of Maintenance, clarified that this was a renewal of an agreement with Supreme Paper Supplies (supplier), to provide a dispensing system for general cleaning supplies for schools and departments throughout the District.

3. Annual Renewal: Microsoft Premier Support Services

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Moultrie, Mr. John Dombroskie, Director of Purchasing, confirmed that the effective date of January 7, 2011 through January 6, 2012 was correct.

17. Change Notice #1 to Purchase Order #308917 – Escambia High School Gym HVAC Renovation

Mr. Ron Peacock, Director of Facilities Planning, advised that the date references of 1/3/2010 and 2/3/2010 in the backup documentation for this item would be corrected to reflect 1/3/2011 and 2/3/2011.

E. Operations

1. Facilities Planning

A. Miscellaneous

2. Lease Agreement between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Bama Bottom Farms, LLC

Background Information/Description: *Amended lease renewal with Bama Bottom Farms reducing acreage leased from a 22-acre portion of land at Ernest Ward Middle School to a 19.25 acre portion for a two year term.*

Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, explained that Mr. Brett Ward, Bama Bottom Farms, LLC (the “Lessee”) had agreed to release some of his farm land lease to Northwest Escambia Little League (NWELL) for practice fields (*see related item: Item V.E.1.A.3*). This amended lease would reduce the acreage leased from a 22-acre portion of land at Ernest Ward Middle School to a 19.25 acre portion.

3. Ground Lease between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Northwest Escambia Little League (NWELL)

Background Information/Description: *Lease separates 2.75 acres from existing agricultural land lease located on the extended Ernest Ward Middle School campus adjacent to the existing Northwest Escambia Little League complex and will allow expansion of the complex. Acreage will facilitate additional practice fields. Lease has standard reversion clause and terms.*

4. Amended Lease Agreement and Mutual Management Plan between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Camelot Schools of Florida, LLC

Background Information/Description: *Amended Lease Agreement and Mutual Management Plan between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Camelot Schools of Florida, LLC. This amended lease agreement increases leased square footage for a portion of the former ESEAL property. Original lease agreement was approved by the School Board on April 20, 2010.*

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, explained that the additional amount of leased square footage was a net-effect of five (5) standard classrooms at approximately 800 square feet per classroom. At the request of Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Dennis stated that he would provide her with the amount of square footage that was currently leased by Camelot Schools

5. Ground Lease between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Escambia County, Florida

Background Information/Description: *Ground Lease between the School Board of Escambia County, Florida and Escambia, Florida for a one (1) acre portion of the Warrington Elementary School campus for the purpose of constructing and occupying a law enforcement substation for the Escambia County Sheriff’s Office.*

Mrs. Moultrie advised that as an employee of the Escambia County Sheriff’s Office, she would need to abstain from voting on this item at the January 18, 2011 Regular Meeting,

- F. Student Transfers  
-No items discussed
- G. Internal Auditing  
-No items submitted

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Camelot Proposed Sale Notification of Sale of Stock of CHG Alternative Education, Inc.  
(Postponed from January 4, 2011 Regular Meeting)

Mrs. Waters advised that this item of “unfinished business” from January 4, 2011 would need to be handled prior to “new business” at the January 18, 2011 Regular Meeting.

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

Prior to adjournment, the Board and the Superintendent briefly addressed the following issues:

- adhering to the parliamentary procedure outlined in Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised (10<sup>th</sup> edition) by handling “unfinished business” prior to “new business” on the regular monthly meeting agenda;
- gathering of information on each Board Member for the establishment of the School Board’s web page; and
- changing the term used to describe the monthly workshop with the primary purpose of open discussion and presentations (“Special” Workshop versus “Discussion” Workshop or “Open Discussion” Workshop)

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair