

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JUNE 26, 2008

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Workshop at 4:00 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mrs. Patricia Hightower Vice Chair: Mr. Pete Gindl, Sr.

Board Members: Mr. Jeff Bergosh
Mr. Gerald Boone
Mrs. Claudia Brown-Curry

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Jim Paul

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Workshop to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION RE: 2008-09 BUDGET

[NOTE: *General discussion amongst Board members and staff took place throughout this meeting.*]

Mrs. Laura Shaud, Director of Budgeting, reviewed various forms of information that had been provided to the Board with regard to the 2008-09 budget. She noted that budget information was subject to change, however, at that point in time, the projected beginning fund balance was at least \$9,500,000 with projected revenues of \$297,264,713 and approximately \$2,155,293 in unrestricted reserves.

Mrs. Hightower applauded those departments that appeared to have budgeted less for 2008-09 than they had for 2006-07; however, for those departments that had budgeted more for 2008-09 than they had for 2006-07, she asked for justification as to those increases.

The following information was requested by Mrs. Hightower:

- Total amount budgeted for 2008-09 in Travel-Away (Object 332);
- Procedure used in determining the necessity for issuing a cell phone to a particular employee;
- Total amount budgeted for 2008-09 in Cell Phones/Radio Phones (Object 0373);
- Updated listing of Capital Outlay requests, including Millage Fund budget; and
- Total of transportation savings resulting from recent budget reductions (start times, 2-mile walk limit)

Many other aspects of the budget were briefly addressed, yet no further information was requested.

It was noted that the next Special Workshop (re: 2008-09 budget) was scheduled for July 17, 2008.

The Special Workshop recessed at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened at 5:56 p.m., with all Board Members, the Superintendent, and Mrs. Waters present.

Prior to adjournment, Mrs. Shaud provided a brief review of the preliminary Capital Outlay budget.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Workshop adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair