

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JULY 29, 2008

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting/Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building, 215 West Garden Street, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mrs. Patricia Hightower

Vice Chair: Mr. Pete Gindl, Sr. (*not present*)

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/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Superintendent confirmed that the meeting had been properly advertised. On motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, adoption of agenda (*as amended*) carried 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

II. FINANCE

1. Presentation of 2008-2009 Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget

[NOTE: *Handouts outlining the 2008-2009 Budget were provided to the Board prior to the Special Meeting (Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "A").*] Mrs. Laura Shaud, Director of Budgeting, recapped the budget materials that were previously approved for advertising at the July 22, 2008 Special Meeting and briefly discussed the "rolled-back rate."

III. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING FOR INPUT ON 2008-2009 BUDGET

The following speakers requested to address the Board: Mike Hogan and Lew Agner. Each speaker posed questions to and received responses from staff with regard to various aspects of the 2008-09 budget. Mr. Hogan urged each Board Member to vote against the proposed tax increase.

IV. ADOPTION OF 2008-2009 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES

1. Required Local Effort

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, to adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Millage Rate – Required Local Effort as 5.286, carried 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

2. Discretionary – Basic

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Millage Rate – Discretionary-Basic as 0.498, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

3. Discretionary – Supplemental

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Millage Rate – Discretionary-Supplemental as 0.250, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

4. Capital Outlay

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, to adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Millage Rate – Capital Outlay as 1.750, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

5. Total Millage

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Millage Rate – Total Millage as 7.784, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

V. ADOPTION OF 2008-2009 TENTATIVE BUDGET

1. General Fund

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, to adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget for General Fund in the amount of \$331,592,616.00, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

2. Special Revenue – Food Service

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget for Special Revenue Fund-Food Service in the amount of \$23,415,559.00, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

3. Special Revenue – Other

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, to adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget for Special Revenue Fund-Other in the amount of \$33,984,829.03, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

4. Debt Service Funds

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget for Debt Service Funds in the amount of \$11,246,858.42, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

5. Capital Project Funds

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, to adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget for Capital Projects Funds in the amount of \$163,838,210.72, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

6. Internal Service Funds

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget for Internal Service Funds in the amount of \$68,911,789.00, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

7. Total Budget

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget for Total Budget in the amount of \$632,989,862.17, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

VI. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-01 – A RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

On motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, adoption of Resolution Number 09-01, carried 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

VII. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 09-02 – A RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

On motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded Mr. Bergosh, adoption of Resolution Number 09-02, carried 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

VIII. SET DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING

Motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mr. Boone, to set the final Budget Hearing for Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 5:30 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, was approved 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

IX. PURCHASING
(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit “B”)

ADD 1. Supplementary Instructional Materials for Various Schools

Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to approve the purchase of supplementary instructional materials for various schools, carried 4 to 0, with Mr. Gindl absent for vote.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair