

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 9:00 a.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.

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

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Norm Ross, Deputy Superintendent (represented Mr. Jim Paul)

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.; she then called for a “moment of silence” in remembrance of those who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Motion by Mr. Gindl, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, to adopt the agenda, was approved unanimously.

II. FINANCE

(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit “A”)

1. Resolutions to Amend District School Budget
  - Resolution 13: General Operating Fund
  - Resolution 12: Other Special Revenue Fund
  - Resolution 14: Capital Projects Fund
  - Resolution 2: Debt Service Fund
  - Resolution 1: Other Consortium Fund

Motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mr. Boone, to approve the budget amendments as listed, carried unanimously.

2. Recap of General Fund Reserves

Motion by Mr. Gindl, seconded by Mr. Boone, to accept the recap of General Fund Reserves, carried unanimously.

3. Superintendent’s Annual Financial Report (Form ESE 145) and the Report of Financial Data to the Commissioner of Education (Form 348) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008

Motion was made by Mrs. Brown-Curry and seconded by Mr. Boone, to approve the Annual Financial Report (Form ESE 145) and the Report of Financial Data (Form 348) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. Much discussion took place with regard to Board Members having received the voluminous documentation for this item just minutes before the meeting, on the day that it was due to the Department of Education. Mr. Bergosh stated that too often, Board Members had received backup documentation just a couple of days prior to, or even on the day of, a meeting at which they were expected to vote on an issue. To ensure that Board Members

had adequate time to thoroughly review all backup documentation, he suggested that it be stipulated in Board policy, that all items be submitted no later than one week prior to the meeting at which those items would be acted upon (with the exception of those rare circumstances where the lateness of submitting items was unavoidable). Mr. Boone and Mrs. Hightower each agreed with the concerns expressed by Mr. Bergosh; however, they noted that even if the Board had additional time to review this particular item, the data outlined in the documentation could not be modified, as it was simply a report that reflected the financial activity that had occurred during the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Motion to approve the Annual Financial Report (Form ESE 145) and the Report of Financial Data (Form 348) carried unanimously.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair