

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 5:30 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. Norm Ross, Deputy Superintendent (represented Mr. Jim Paul)

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Ross confirmed that this meeting had been properly advertised. Motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, to adopt the agenda (as amended), carried unanimously.

II. PUBLIC HEARING FOR INPUT ON DISTRICT'S TENTATIVE FACILITIES WORK PROGRAM

Mrs. Hightower called for public hearing; however, there were no speakers.

**AMENDED** III. ADOPTION OF DISTRICT'S TENTATIVE FACILITIES WORK PROGRAM  
(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "A")

Motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to adopt the District's Tentative Facilities Work Program, carried unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATION OF 2008-2009 MILLAGE RATES AND DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET

[Backup documentation regarding the final millage rates and the final budget (including resolutions 09-03 & 09-04) are filed as Exhibit "B" in the Supplementary Minute Book]

Mrs. Laura Shaud, Director of Budgeting, gave a brief presentation of the 2008-2009 millage rates and budget.

Mr. Bergosh felt it important to mention that at the Board's direction (*see minutes from August 6, 2008 Special Meeting*), the Superintendent had reduced the Capital Outlay portion of the local millage rate, such that the total millage (State & local combined) levied for 2008-2009, would remain at the 2007-2008 level of 7.72 mills.

V. PUBLIC HEARING FOR INPUT ON MILLAGE RATES AND DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

Mrs. Hightower called for public hearing; however, there were no speakers.

VI. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution Number 09-03 – Resolution Determining Revenues and Millages Levied

Motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt *Resolution Number 09-03*, was approved unanimously.

2. Resolution Number 09-04 – Resolution Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mr. Gindl, to adopt *Resolution Number 09-04*, was approved unanimously.

VII. FINAL ADOPTION OF MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

1. Required Local Effort [5.286 mills]

On motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, adoption of the 2008-2009 Required Local Effort millage rate [5.286 mills], was approved unanimously.

2. Discretionary – Basic [0.498 mills]

On motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, adoption of the 2008-2009 Discretionary-Basic millage rate [0.498 mills], was approved unanimously.

3. Discretionary – Supplemental [0.250 mills]

On motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mr. Boone, adoption of the 2008-2009 Discretionary-Supplemental millage rate [0.250 mills], was approved unanimously.

4. Capital Outlay [1.686 mills]

On motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, adoption of the 2008-2009 Capital Outlay millage rate [1.686 mills], was approved unanimously.

5. Total Millage [7.720 mills]

On motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, adoption of the 2008-2009 total millage rate [7.720 mills], was approved unanimously.

VIII. FINAL ADOPTION OF DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

1. General Fund [\$335,681,056.95]

On motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, adoption of the 2008-2009 General Fund budget [\$335,681,056.95], was approved unanimously.

2. Special Revenue – Food Service [\$23,647,546.47]

On motion by Mrs. Hightower, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, adoption of the 2008-2009 Special Revenue-Food Service budget [\$23,647,546.47], was approved unanimously.

3. Special Revenue – Other [\$36,198,222.04]

On motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, adoption of the 2008-2009 Special Revenue-Other budget [\$36,198,222.04], was approved unanimously.

4. Debt Service Funds [\$36,198,222.04]

On motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Brown-Curry, adoption of the 2008-2009 Debt Service Funds budget [\$11,088,629.16], was approved unanimously.

5. Capital Project Funds [\$163,214,206.90]

On motion by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, adoption of the 2008-2009 Capital Project Funds budget [\$163,214,206.90], was approved unanimously.

6. Internal Service Funds [\$68,312,081.66]

On motion by Mrs. Brown-Curry, seconded by Mrs. Hightower, adoption of the 2008-2009 Internal Service Funds budget [\$68,312,081.66], was approved unanimously.

7. Total Budget [\$638,141,743.18]

On motion by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mr. Boone, adoption of the 2008-2009 total budget [\$638,141,743.18], was approved unanimously.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2007-08 AMENDED NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

Mrs. Hightower called for public hearing; however, there were no speakers. Motion was made by Mr. Boone and seconded by Mr. Gindl, to amend the use of property tax for the capital outlay projects previously advertised for the 2007-2008 school year. (*New project to be funded: Construction and Remodeling, Purchase of Ancillary Facility*) Motion carried unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair