

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, NOVEMBER 18, 2008

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in an Installation Ceremony at 6:00 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

School Board Members:	Mr. Jeff Bergosh, District I
	Mr. Gerald Boone, District II
	Mrs. Linda Moultrie, District III
	Mrs. Patricia Hightower, District IV
	Mr. Bill Slayton, District V
School Board General Counsel:	Mrs. Donna Session Waters
Superintendent of Schools:	Mr. Malcolm Thomas

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I. WELCOME

Mr. Gerald Boone, School Board Member, District II, welcomed the assembly. It was noted that two new Board Members, Mr. Bill Slayton and Mrs. Linda Moultrie, one returning Board Member, Mrs. Patricia Hightower*, and a new Superintendent, Mr. Malcolm Thomas, would be installed.

**Mrs. Hightower had been re-elected without opposition as School Board Member for District IV.*

II. INVOCATION

Reverend Frank Bell, Pastor Emeritus of Trinity Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Jenny Dyess, newly elected Secretary of the Florida PTA, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Mr. Jeff Bergosh introduced the various distinguished guests in attendance.

V. INSTALLATION & REMARKS

Mrs. Linda Moultrie was installed as School Board Member, District III; oath of office was administered by her husband, Mr. Anthony Moultrie and Lieutenant Pat Spears of the Escambia County Sheriff's Department. Mrs. Moultrie thanked her immediate family, specifically her grandchildren, for inspiring her to pursue the position of School Board Member, District III.

Mrs. Patricia Hightower was installed as School Board Member, District IV; oath of office was administered by her husband, Mr. Jimmy Hightower. Mrs. Hightower thanked her husband, her friends, and the constituents of District IV for their continued support. She also reaffirmed her commitment to making decisions that were in the best interest of Escambia County students.

Mr. Bill Slayton was installed as School Board Member, District V; oath of office was administered by his wife, Mrs. Judy Slayton and Reverend Dale Patterson of East Brent Baptist Church. Mr. Slayton thanked his family, his friends, and the constituents of District V for their support. He also expressed his commitment to ensuring that all students in Escambia County received a quality education.

Mr. Malcolm Thomas was installed as Superintendent of Schools; oath of office was administered by his wife, Mrs. Sandra Thomas. Mr. Thomas first thanked Jesus Christ, his family, and his supporters for the opportunity to serve as Superintendent of Schools. He then expressed his eagerness to begin working with the Board Members and District employees, as the Escambia County School District embarked upon a journey to excellence.

The Installation Ceremony ended at 6:27 p.m., with an Organizational Meeting immediately following.