

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JUNE 5, 2013

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 7:30 p.m. (immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Special Workshop), in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mr. Jeff Bergosh Vice Chair: Mrs. Linda Moultrie
Board Members: Mr. Gerald W. Boone
Mrs. Patricia Hightower
Mr. Bill Slayton
School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters
Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Meeting was advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on May 31, 2013 - Legal No. 1599580

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Bergosh called the Special Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to adopt the agenda, was approved unanimously.

II. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Bergosh called for public forum; however, there were no speakers.

III. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

A. Permission to Advertise Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendments to the School District of Escambia County, Florida Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook

Motion was made by Mr. Boone and seconded by Mrs. Hightower to approve for advertisement, *Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendments to the School District of Escambia County, Florida Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook* (as amended during the preceding 4:30 p.m. Special Workshop). Mrs. Hightower asked Mrs. Waters if the changes that were made during the preceding Special Workshop needed to be stated for the record. At the request of Mrs. Waters, the Superintendent stated for the record, that changes occurring on the following pages had been made to his original recommendation during the preceding Special Workshop: 18, 31, 32, 54, and 59. He noted that the content of those changes was thoroughly discussed during the preceding Special Workshop. Mrs. Waters reminded School Board Members that once they saw the changes in print, if those changes were not exactly as they thought they were going to be, the School Board would have the opportunity to make final changes at the public hearing and adoption that would occur at the July 16, 2013 Regular Meeting. Mr. Bergosh thanked everyone who had "endured" the preceding Special Workshop. He said he appreciated all of the comments that had been expressed by parents, members of the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook Committee, and his fellow School Board Members. He noted that while the policy was nowhere near where he wanted it to be, he was happy that some changes had been made and believed that the School Board was making incremental progress toward a better policy. The Superintendent thanked the Sheriff, the Sheriff's attorney, and the numerous School Resource Officers who had attended and participated in the discussion during the preceding Special Workshop. Motion to advertise was approved unanimously.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL