

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JULY 23, 2013

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 5:00 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mr. Jeff Bergosh (not present)

Vice Chair: Mrs. Linda Moultrie (served as Chair in Mr. Bergosh's absence)

Board Members: Mr. Gerald W. Boone
Mrs. Patricia Hightower (not present)
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 June 25, 2013 – Legal No. 1602137

[General discussion among Board Members, the Superintendent, and staff occurred throughout this meeting.]

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon calling the Special Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., Mrs. Moultrie called for a moment of silence for former District 5, School Board Member, Ed Stanford, who recently passed away. The Superintendent stated that there were no changes to the agenda. On motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Boone, adoption of the agenda carried 3 to 0, with Mr. Bergosh and Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

II. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "A")

A. Rule Adoption

1. The School Board of Escambia County Notice of Intent to Modify, Change and/or Delete School Attendance Zone Boundaries

Mrs. Moultrie called for public hearing. There were no speakers to the item. Mr. Boone moved for adoption of the changes to the school attendance zone boundaries as advertised. Per discussion at the July 16, 2013 Regular Meeting, the Superintendent requested that the advertised zone boundaries be amended to reflect the change for Lincoln Park Elementary School from a PK-2 to a PK-3 primary school, reassigning 4th and 5th grades to adjacent schools. Linda Moultrie moved to amend the motion to reflect the changes submitted at the table by the

Superintendent to have Lincoln Park Elementary School become a PK-3 primary school and rezoning 4th and 5th grades to adjacent schools as defined in the new changes to the School Attendance Zone Boundaries. Motion to amend was seconded by Mr. Boone and carried 3 to 0, with Mr. Bergosh and Mrs. Hightower absent for vote. The original motion as amended carried 3 to 0, with Mr. Bergosh and Mrs. Hightower absent for vote. All Board Members present stated that they had listened to the concerns of the community and felt this change would be in the best interest of all students.

III. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2013-2014 TENTATIVE MILLAGE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES

(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "B")

Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Services, reviewed various budget materials that outlined the proposed 2013-2014 tentative millage and tentative budget.

IV. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE 2013-2014 TENTATIVE MILLAGE AND TENTATIVE BUDGET

Motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Boone, to advertise the 2013-2014 tentative millage and tentative budget, carried 3 to 0, with Mr. Bergosh and Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

The following speakers requested to address the Board:
(Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit "C")

- 1) James Nims expressed concern that he had not been contacted by anyone after a certain incident that occurred after the last Workshop. He also stated that when commenting about school grades, he was not "putting down" teachers as he is proud of them. It is the process that he believes needs to be addressed.
- 2) Gerald Wingate stated he was not in favor of the proposed changes for Lincoln Park Elementary School in that it would be harmful to students and the community.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair