

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JULY 30, 2013

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting/Public Hearing 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: Mr. Jeff Bergosh Vice Chair: Mrs. Linda Moultrie

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

Mr. Bergosh called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. On motion by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, adoption of the agenda, was approved 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

II. FINANCE

1. [Presentation of 2013-2014 Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget](#)

[NOTE: *Handouts outlining the 2013-2014 tentative millage rates and tentative budget were provided to the Board prior to the Special Meeting (Supplementary Minute Book, Exhibit “A”).*] Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Business Affairs, recapped the key components of the budget materials that were previously approved for advertising at the July 23, 2013 Special Meeting. Discussed was the “rolled-back rate” as well as other information as required by the Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) Act.

2013-2014 Tentative Millage Rates

Required Local Effort, 5.309 mills
Discretionary – Operating, 0.748 mills
Capital Outlay, 1.500 mills
Total Millage, 7.557 mills

2013-2014 Tentative Budget

General Fund, \$336,909,538.95
Special Revenue – Food Service, \$27,064,252.00
Special Revenue – Other, \$36,770,014.00
Special Revenue – Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds, 394,286.36
Special Revenue – Race to the Top, \$2,799,255.01
Debt Service Funds, \$11,272,138.08
Capital Project Funds, \$137,908,303.90
Internal Service Funds, 51,684,508.00

Total Budget, \$604,802,296.30

III. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING FOR INPUT ON 2013-2014 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES & TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mr. Bergosh called for public hearing on the 2013-2014 tentative millage rates and tentative budget; however, there were no speakers.

IV. ADOPTION OF 2013-2014 TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES

1. Required Local Effort

Motion was made by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to adopt the 2013-2014 tentative Required Local Effort millage rate at 5.309 mills. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

2. Discretionary – Operating

Motion was made by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt the tentative Discretionary-Operating millage rate at 0.748. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

3. Capital Outlay

Motion was made by Mrs. Moultrie, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt the 2013-2014 tentative Capital outlay millage rate at 1.500. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

4. Total Millage

Motion was made by Mrs. Moultrie, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt the 2013-2014 tentative total millage rate at 7.557. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

V. ADOPTION OF 2013-2014 TENTATIVE BUDGET

1. General Fund

Motion was made by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt the 2013-2014 tentative General Fund budget in the amount of \$336,909,538.95. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

2. Special Revenue – Food Service

Motion was made by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to adopt the 2013-2014 tentative Special Revenue-Food Service budget in the amount of \$27,064,252.00. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

3. Special Revenue – Other

Motion was made by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to adopt the 2013-2014 tentative Special Revenue-Other budget in the amount of \$36,770,014.00. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

4. Special Revenue – Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds

Motion was made by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to adopt the 2013-2014 tentative Special Revenue-Targeted ARRA Stimulus Funds budget in the amount of \$394,286.36. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

5. Special Revenue – Race To The Top

Motion was made by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt the 2013-2014 tentative Special Revenue-Race To The Top budget in the amount of \$2,799,255.01. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

6. Debt Service Funds

Motion was made by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to adopt the 2013-2014 tentative Debt Service Funds budget in the amount of \$11,272,138.08. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

7. Capital Project Funds

Motion was made by Mr. Slayton, seconded by Mr. Boone, to adopt the 2013-2014 tentative Capital Project Funds budget in the amount of \$137,908,303.90. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

8. Internal Service Funds

Motion was made by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mrs. Moultrie, to adopt the 2013-2014 tentative Internal Service Funds budget in the amount of \$51,684,508.00. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

9. Total Budget

Motion was made by Mr. Bergosh, seconded by Mr. Slayton, to adopt the 2013-2014 tentative total budget in the amount of \$604,802,296.30. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

VI. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014-01 – A RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Motion was made by Mrs. Moultrie, seconded by Mr. Slayton, for the adoption of Resolution Number 2014-01. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

VII. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014-02 – A RESOLUTION OF THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Motion was made by Mr. Boone, seconded by Mr. Slayton, for the adoption of Resolution 2014-02. Motion carried 4 to 0, with Mrs. Hightower absent for vote.

VIII. SET DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF FINAL BUDGET HEARING

The Superintendent made the recommendation to set the final Budget Hearing for September 17, 2013, at 5:01 p.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center (prior to the Regular Board Meeting).

IX. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. James Nims, speaking as an individual, addressed the School Board in its entirety to share he wanted to make a point that he was not “putting down teachers, he is putting down the process;” he continued by indicating teachers are doing a great job and he is proud of them. Mr. Nims proceeded to directly address the Board Chair and Superintendent by commenting the District needs to utilize the “game plans or ideas” used by the elementary school that went from a school grade of a “C” to an “A.” Mr. Nims made the recommendation that a workshop be presented by the individual(s) from the aforementioned elementary school. If this process (workshop) does not occur, Mr. Nims

responded that the Board Chair and the Superintendent would be “dropping the ball.” He further remarked that 80% of the students (i.e., 700+) at said elementary school were on free and reduced lunches. Lastly, Mr. Nims conversed about an incident which occurred at a prior meeting. Mr. Nims stated he spoke with his friends; it is their implication that the individuals involved (in that incident) were “big bullies.”

The Superintendent provided a reminder that teachers return on August 12th and students return to school on August 19th; “Parents get ready!”

A final comment by Mr. Slayton and the Superintendent observed that the Administrator’s Conference is scheduled for Thursday (August 1st) at Washington High School. Breakfast is at 7:30 a.m.; the program will begin at 8:00 a.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair