

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, JANUARY 13, 2017

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Regular Workshop at 9:00 a.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mrs. Linda Moultrie (District III)  
Vice Chair: Mr. Gerald W. Boone (District II)  
Board Members: Mr. Kevin L. Adams (District I)  
Mrs. Patricia Hightower (District IV)

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

*School Board Member Mr. Bill Slayton (District V) was not in attendance for this session.*

Meeting advertised in *Pensacola News Journal* on January 2, 2017 - Legal No. [1795608](#)

NOTE: The minutes from this session have been prepared according to *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.  
The video from this session is available at <http://escambiacountysdfl.swagit.com/play/12092016-562>

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Moultrie called the Regular Workshop to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent made the following comments/announcements:

Workman Middle School – The International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Year Program reauthorization visits would occur March 13-14. School Board Members would receive notice once final report received.

Budget Calendar – Staff would present the annual budget calendar at the School Board's February Special Workshop.

ICARE Program – On January 17, the ICARE program would be relocating from Brentwood Middle to Lincoln Park Primary. School Board Members could expect to receive an invitation to an open house event planned for the first week in February.

Joint Meeting with Escambia County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) – It was the desire of the BOCC to host a joint meeting with the School Board. School Board Members agreed to submit February 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m., as a possible date/time for that session. The Superintendent was to work with the County Administrator regarding the preparation of an appropriate agenda reflecting items/topics from both agencies. February 13 would be the deadline for School Board Members to submit agenda items/topics to the Superintendent.

III. MINUTES

-No items discussed

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

-No items submitted

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

1. Rule(s) Adoption  
-No items discussed

2. Permission to Advertise  
-No items submitted

b. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Curriculum  
-No items submitted

2. Finance and Business Services

C. Budgeting

2. [Resolutions to amend 2016-2017 District School Budget:](#)
  - a. [Resolution 4 - General Operating Fund](#)

Upon inquiry by Mr. Adams, Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Business Services, said the reduction in operating funds for guidance services, was simply a realignment of budgetary allocations based on expenditures.

3. Human Resource Services  
-No items discussed

4. Operations

A. Facilities Planning

1. Miscellaneous
  - a. [Natural Gas Service Agreement \\$2.95/MMBTU](#)
  - b. [Natural Gas Service Agreement \\$3.45/MMBTU](#)
  - c. [Natural Gas Service Agreement \\$4.95/MMBTU](#)

Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, took a moment to explain the reason for the rate differences in each of these contracts. Prior to the negotiation of these contracts, all schools consuming natural gas were paying a standard fixed rate of \$4.95/MMBTU; now schools would pay a rate of \$2.95/MMBTU to \$4.95/MMBTU, based on consumption volume and resulting in a net savings in overall natural gas costs.

c. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

-No items submitted

d. ITEMS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

2. Student Discipline
  - A. [Disciplinary Reassignments](#)

There were no concerns regarding the item as listed, *Disciplinary Reassignments*; however, Mrs. Hightower posed questions regarding alternative services for elementary students\*. Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, the Superintendent clarified that referrals for alternative services at the elementary level (such as ICARE or Camelot), would never appear on a School Board monthly agenda as those referrals were considered to be an intervention service, not a

disciplinary action. (\*See: Alternative Services for Elementary Students, Minutes – December 9, 2016 Regular Workshop.)

- e. INTERNAL AUDITING  
-No items discussed
- f. ITEMS FROM GENERAL COUNSEL  
-No items submitted

VII. PUBLIC FORUM  
-None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair