

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, FEBRUARY 16, 2017

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Workshop at 3:00 p.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)
Mr. Bill Slayton (District V)

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Meeting advertised in *Pensacola News Journal* on January 22, 2017 - Legal No. 1875095

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/01122017-697>

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Moultrie called the Special Workshop to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Pensacola High School Health Academy – *Superintendent*

Students enrolled in the Health Academy at Pensacola High School addressed the School Board regarding their experiences in this program.

- Calendar

February 2017

There were no changes to the School Board's schedule of workshops/meetings for February.

March 2017

There were no changes to the School Board's schedule of workshops/meetings for March.

Projected Dates for "Truth in Millage" (TRIM) Required Meetings

Mr. Terry St. Cyr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Business Services, reviewed the projected dates for meetings required by the "Truth in Millage" (TRIM) Act:

July 20 – *To consider advertisement of the tentative 2017-2018 budget*

July 31 (after 5:00 p.m.) – *To consider adoption of the tentative 2017-2018 budget*

September 8 – *To consider approve of the Annual Financial Report (AFR)*

September 14 (after 5:00 p.m.) – *To consider adoption of the 2017-2018 final budget*

Because it was the School Board's responsibility to adopt the School District's budget, Mrs. Hightower felt it important that School Board Members have opportunity over the next several months to discuss their priorities in terms of creating a budget for 2017-2018 that would support the School District's strategic plan. The Superintendent commented that although it was still quite early in the budgeting process, staff would provide what little information they had during the next "open discussion" segment with the School Board. He was also to ensure that additional updates were provided as the process progressed.

- BOCC Agenda Items – Moultrie

The School Board agreed to submit the following topics as discussion/agenda items for the March 7, 2017 Joint Meeting with the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners:

(1) Community Center Partnerships with After-School Providers – *Discussion to determine how the School District can collaborate with Escambia County to provide resources that will assist with after-school options in community centers throughout the County.*

(2) Traffic Flow Road Improvements – *Requesting joint communication when road projects are in close vicinity to a school. Road improvement projects should consider the impact on school bus and parent traffic.*

(3) Sidewalks – *Creation of a plan to build sidewalks that will accommodate a two-mile walk zone radius near schools. Sidewalks make the student walk path safer.*

(4) Land Donation for Future School Site – *Acquisition of land from the County resulting from a potential land swap with the military. Land will be used to accommodate building a future school site.*

(5) Safe Neighborhood – *Creating a Safe Neighborhood Leadership Council consisting of local agencies to include law enforcement, School District, County, etc.*

- Master Board Reinstatement – Moultrie

The School Board agreed to submit the following as possible dates to participate in the Master Board Reinstatement program offered by the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA): April 22 (1st choice); April 7 (2nd choice); and April 21 (3rd choice).

- High School Refurbishing – Slayton

Mr. Slayton initiated a discussion regarding the need for refurbishing at area high schools. He noted the substantial amount of money being spent to refurbish the Woodham Middle School campus in preparation for the relocation of West Florida High School to that site; and questioned when other area high schools would receive substantial amounts of money for refurbishing in order to bring those facilities up-to-date. It was his intent to (address) bring this topic back for discussion again during the "open discussion" segment of the March 9, 2017 Regular Workshop.

- Procedural Review & Discussion on New School Boundary Zone Changes – Adams

At the request of Mr. Adams, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, briefly reviewed the procedures that the School Attendance Zone Advisory Committee (SAZAC) would follow in developing proposed attendance zone recommendations for the new elementary and new middle school. Mr. Dennis said SAZAC was also charged with resurrecting the attendance zone for the intermediate grades at Lincoln Park Primary as 4th and 5th graders were progressively returned over the next two (2) years.

- Marathon Health Update - Superintendent

Mr. Kevin Windham, Director of Risk Management, introduced representatives from Marathon Health® who provided an update via a brief PowerPoint® presentation.

- Progress Reports for Selected Schools – *Superintendent*
[Handouts provided to School Board Members]

Principals from the following schools, reviewed information outlined in their school’s progress report: [Lincoln Park Primary](#), [Montclair Elementary](#), [Oakcrest Elementary](#), [Warrington Elementary](#), and [Weis Elementary](#). Following their review, principals responded to various questions posed by School Board Members regarding the information presented.

- Annual Teacher Recruitment Plan - *Superintendent*

Ms. Elizabeth Oakes, Director of Personnel Services, gave a brief update on the School District’s annual teacher recruitment plan.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

-None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair