

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 15, 2006

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Workshop Meeting 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:

Chairman: Mr. Gary L. Bergosh (*not present*)

Vice Chairman: Mrs. Patty Hightower

Board Members: Mrs. Cary Stidham

Dr. Charles E. Glover, Sr.

Mr. Pete Gindl, Sr.

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Ellen Odom

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Norm Ross, Deputy Superintendent (*representing Mr. Jim Paul*)

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Open Discussion

-Scheduling of October School Board Meeting – Patty Hightower

In consideration of the Fall Break (October 16<sup>th</sup> through October 20<sup>th</sup>), Board Members agreed to change the date of the following meetings:

Regular Workshop from October 13, 2006 to October 9, 2006

Regular Meeting from October 17, 2006 to October 10, 2006

Mrs. Hightower provided handouts regarding the following issues:

- “Education Fast Facts” from the Florida School Boards Association
- Florida Trend Workshop (General Budget Issues)
- Constitutional Challenge to Florida Schools of Excellence Commission

*(memorandum from the Florida School Boards Association)*

Mrs. Hightower noted that the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) was requesting that school boards around the State participate as a plaintiff in litigation challenging Chapter 2006-302, Laws of Florida, which creates the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission. It was noted that inclusion in the litigation would require an initial sum of \$2,500 to be contributed toward the payment of legal fees and litigations costs associated with the challenge. She asked that Board Members review the information she had provided and confer individually with Mrs. Odom regarding their feelings about the issue.

The following items were also briefly addressed during *Open Discussion*:

- 2007-2008 School Calendar

Due to conflicts with the proposed Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test (FCAT) calendar issued by the Department of Education, it was decided that the following actions should be taken at the September 19, 2006 Regular Meeting:

- 1) Delete Item V.C.1.g.14, "Approve amended 2007-08 student calendar"
- 2) Add Item V.C.1.g.15, "Rescind the 2007-08 student calendar"

*(this item was previously approved at the December 13, 2005 Regular Meeting)*

- One-Half Cent Sales Tax (*continuation*) Referendum

The following item was moved forward on the agenda:

Unauthorized Purchase of Design of the 2006 Field Show for Tate High School Band

*(Item V.D.20 on September 19, 2006 Regular Meeting agenda)*

Mr. Rick Shackle, Principal of Tate High School, gave a brief explanation regarding the unauthorized purchase of design services for the 2006 Tate High School band field show. He also noted that a similar unauthorized purchase would appear on the October Regular Meeting agenda.

## II. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Ross provided a listing of the additions, deletions, amendments and/or corrections to the September 19, 2006 Regular Meeting agenda.

## III. TIME CERTAIN ITEMS

1. Energy Educator Briefing

The following individuals gave a brief report on the progress of the District's Energy Management Program from January 2006 through August 2006: Mrs. Cheryl Meyers, Energy

Educators Manager, Mrs. Jacquelyn Smith, Energy Educators Manager, and Mr. Bryan Sons, CIO – Energy Education, Inc.

IV. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

No discussion was held.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Curriculum and Instruction

24. O.A.S.I.S. High School Preparatory Academy (Over Age Student Intensive Studies)

Due to inaccurate and/or confusing information, it was noted that the “executive summary sheet” for this item, would be revised and re-submitted to the Board. Mrs. Hightower requested that the Superintendent prepare a statement (either written or verbal) regarding the District’s intention for the second phase expansion of the OASIS program currently located at Woodham High School.

27. Major Areas of Interest (High School)

Mrs. Carolyn Spooner, Director of High School Education, explained that the backup documentation for this item was not listed in the format that would be submitted to the Department of Education (DOE), as the template that DOE was to provide was not yet available; she noted however, that the DOE required that the information be approved by the Board and submitted to them by October 1, 2006. Therefore, Mrs. Spooner requested that the Board approve the “content” of the backup information with the understanding that the “format” of the document would change before it was actually submitted to the DOE. Ultimately, it was agreed that the document would be presented in the correct format at a Special Meeting scheduled by the Board for September 29, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., in the Board Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building.

B. Finance

6. Approval of 2006-2007 Miscellaneous Salary Schedule

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Stidham, Mrs. Barbara Linker, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, stated that the cost of the proposed increase in substitute teacher pay rate from \$57/day to \$65/day was around \$160,000.

C. Human Resource Services

1. Instructional/Professional

g. Special Requests

14. Approve amended 2007-08 student calendar

This item was addressed during *Open Discussion*.

D. Purchasing

20. Unauthorized Purchase for the Design of the 2006 Field Show for Tate High School Band

This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

E. Operations

No discussion was held.

F. Student Transfers

No discussion was held.

G. Internal Auditing

No discussion was held.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items submitted.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Items from the Board

No items submitted.

B. Items from the Superintendent

No discussion was held.

C. Items from the General Counsel

No items submitted.

VIII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No items submitted.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

Chairman