

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, FEBRUARY 12, 2010

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Regular Workshop at 8:00 a.m., in Room 160, at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center, 30 East Texar Drive, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mr. Gerald W. Boone Vice Chair: Mr. Jeff Bergosh

Board Members: Mrs. Linda Moultrie
Mrs. Patricia Hightower
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 February 2, 2010 – Legal No. 1447965

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Boone called the Regular Workshop to order at 8:07 a.m.

II. DISCUSSION RE: 2010-2011 BUDGET

The Superintendent prefaced the budget discussion by noting that 2010-2011 would be a difficult year financially, a year for maintaining the status quo at best, and not a year of expansion or increase.

Mrs. Barbara Linker, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Services, addressed the issue of Class Size implementation (as previously addressed during the February 11, 2010 Special Workshop) by reviewing information outlined in a handout provided to Board Members entitled, *School District of Escambia County, Estimate of Number of Teachers for 2010-11 Class Size Reduction (prepared February 9, 2010)*. Mrs. Linker noted that staff would continue to review information regarding the 2010-2011 budget as it became available, would continue reviewing FTE projections, working on school staffing and the Departmental Personnel Planning Document, and monitoring the impact of potential cost increases with regard to health insurance, utilities, unemployment compensation, etc.

It was decided that the next budget discussion/update would occur during the March 12, 2010 Regular Workshop.

III. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent listed the changes that had been made to the February 16, 2010 Regular Meeting agenda since its initial publication.

IV. PROPOSED ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES

Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendments to Rules and Procedures of the District School Board: Chapter 5, Business Affairs

Staff responded to various questions posed by Board Members regarding the proposed amendments to Rules and Procedures of the District School Board: Chapter 5. *There were no revisions requested and no additional information was required.*

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Curriculum and Instruction

2. Boys and Girls Clubs Escambia County – 2009-2010 Grant

Mrs. Sandra Edwards, Director of Comprehensive Planning, stated that a correction to the backup documentation for this item was forthcoming, as an error had been identified in the budget narrative form.

3. Middle School Standards and Guidelines for Career Academy Development and Implementation in the Escambia County School District

Mr. Slayton applauded the efforts of Mr. Carl Leiterman, Director of Workforce Education and his staff for their development and implementation of middle school career academies in the School District.

4. Florida Public Charter School Grant Program (2010-2013) Escambia Charter School of Excellence

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, the Superintendent explained that this item had been deleted from the February 16, 2010 Regular Meeting agenda as there were issues that needed to be addressed before this item could be presented for Board approval.

7. Establishment of Warrington Middle School Flight Academy

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, the Superintendent clarified that although the Flight Academy would be established at Warrington Middle School, a student residing outside the Warrington Middle attendance zone could still apply to attend Warrington Middle as a Flight Academy student. *No additional information was requested/required.*

8. Client Services Agreement between Soliant Health, Inc. and Escambia County School District

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, Dr. George Ziolkowski, Director of Exceptional Student Education, clarified that the purpose of this agreement was to contract with Soliant Health, Inc. for the services of a speech language therapist who would provide speech language therapy to eligible students. His staff had attempted to hire through the School District's Human Resource Services Department, but was unsuccessful in doing so. *No additional information was requested/required.*

B. Finance

10. 2009-2010 Instructional Salary Schedule and 2009-2010 Instructional Supplements Schedule

Upon inquiry by Mr. Bergosh, Mr. Bill Vincent, Escambia FEA, stated that he would be able to report the results of the Escambia Education Association (EEA) ratification vote on the proposed salary schedule at the February 16, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.

C. Human Resource Services

-No items discussed

The Regular Workshop was recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 10:25 a.m., with all Board Members, the Superintendent, and Mrs. Waters present.

D. Purchasing

3. Fast ForWord Licenses, Support and Training for Various Schools

Upon inquiry by Mrs. Hightower, Dr. George Ziolkowski, Director of Exceptional Student Education, clarified that the maintenance costs for the software licenses associated with this purchase would be paid for with IDEA funds. *No additional information was requested/required.*

5. Aruba Wireless Network Equipment

Upon inquiry by Mr. Slayton, Mr. Don Manderson, Director of Instructional Technology, explained that this item was a request to purchase a multi-service controller module for the School District's wireless network. *No additional information was requested/required.*

8. Bid Award: Soil Removal and Mitigation at the New Downtown Elementary School Site

At the request of Mrs. Hightower, Mr. Ron Peacock, Director of Facilities Planning, gave a brief overview of the process for soil removal and mitigation at the new downtown elementary school site. *No additional information was requested/required.*

12. Change Notice #1 to Purchase Order #300947 – Pensacola High School

Mr. Slayton had no questions or concerns specifically related to this change notice regarding renovations to the Pensacola High School auditorium and front lobby; however, with regard to the auditorium, he asked that something be done to improve the parking situation outside of that facility.

E. Operations

1. Facilities Planning

A. Miscellaneous

4. Federally Funded Sub-Grant Agreement – J.E. Hall Center, FEMA Project #1551-091-R

At the request of Mr. Slayton, Mr. Ron Peacock, Director of Facilities Planning, gave a brief overview of the information outlined in the backup documentation for this item. *No additional information was requested/required.*

F. Student Transfers

-No items discussed

G. Internal Auditing

-No items discussed

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-No items submitted

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Items from the Board

- 1. Appointment of School Board Member and Citizen Representative to the Board of County Commissioners' Value Adjustment Board for 2010

It was noted that Mr. Boone had offered to continue as the School Board Member representative to the Value Adjustment Board for 2010 and Mr. Gerald Adcox had offered to continue as the citizen representative.

B. Items from the Superintendent

- 1. Student Recommendations

There was brief discussion among Board Members and staff regarding several of the recommendations for student expulsions.

C. Items from the General Counsel

- 1. Recommended Order: Escambia County School Board vs. Erica Adams-Brown, Case No. 09-3952/Escambia County School Board vs. Joe Nathan King, Case Nos. 09-3953 and 09-4998

Mrs. Waters briefly reviewed the issues of these cases and the recommendation(s) issued by the Administrative Law Judge, as outlined in the backup documentation for this item.

VIII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- 1. ONenet Fiber-Optic Network

Mr. Don Manderson, Director of Instructional Technology, provided and reviewed information regarding the ONenet project proposal. He explained that the School District was currently working with the County, Sheriff, University of West Florida (UWF), Pensacola Junior College (PJC), local hospitals and the local Department of Transportation office to complete an application to acquire funding for a competitive grant that would establish a One Network Escambia Initiative (ONenet). ONenet would be designed and proposed as a unified public-service fiber-optic network through-out Escambia County to meet public service needs in categories such as public safety, education and research, health and medical, transportation, local government, military and economic development.

IX. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Boone called for public hearing; however, there were no speakers.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Workshop adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Attest:

Approved:

 Superintendent

 Chair