

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, APRIL 12, 2018

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: Mr. Gerald W. Boone (District II)  
Vice Chair: Mr. Patricia Hightower (District IV)  
Board Members: Mr. Kevin L. Adams (District I)  
Ms. Lee H. C. Hansen (District III)  
Mr. Bill Slayton (District IV)

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Meeting advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on April 2, 2018 – Legal No. [2825030](#)

NOTE: Minutes from this session have been prepared according to *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

Video from this session is available at <http://escambiacycountysdfl.swagit.com/play/04122018-732>

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Boone called the Special Workshop to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Pine Forest High School – Escambia County Fire Fighter Academy – Superintendent

Students enrolled in the Escambia County Fire Fighter Academy at Pine Forest High School addressed the School Board regarding their experiences in this program.

- Graduation Procedures – Superintendent

Ms. Lesa Morgan, Director of High School Education, along with Mr. Michael Capps, Assistant General Manager of the Pensacola Bay Center, gave a brief [presentation](#) on new safety procedures.

- Calendar

*In addition to reviewing and discussing their monthly schedules of workshops/meetings, the School Board Members also reviewed and/or discussed events outlined on the School District's calendar.*

*-April 2018*

There were no changes to the remaining schedule of workshops/meetings for April.

*-May 2018*

There were no changes to the schedule of workshops/meetings for May.

-June 2018

The following changes were made to the schedule of School Board workshops/meetings for June:

June 14 Special Workshop – canceled

June 15 Regular Workshop – date changed to June 18 (will include “open discussion” segment)

-July 2018

The following changes were made to the schedule of School Board workshops/meetings for July:

July 12 Special Workshop – canceled

July 13 Regular Workshop – date changed to July 12 (will include “open discussion” segment)

- Overview of the Woodham Transition/Upgrade including New School Zones & Bus Route Times – Hansen

At the request of Ms. Hansen, Mr. Shawn Dennis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, along with staff from the Facilities Planning and Transportation departments, provided an overview of the Woodham transition/update, including new school zones and bus route times.

- Teen Parent Program – Superintendent

Ms. Susan Rigby, Teacher on Special Assignment-Teen Parent Program, provided a brief [update](#) on the District’s Teen Parent Program. *The Teen Parent Program is designed to provide parenting students with educational support. The program offers auxiliary services that include childcare, health care, counseling, and transportation.*

- Teacher Certification Changes – Superintendent

Mrs. Dawn Ramirez, Coordinator of Teacher Certification, gave a brief update on recent changes in teacher certification.

III. [PUBLIC FORUM](#)

The following individual registered to address the School Board:

- Randy Thompson

*Special Problem or Issue: School Safety/Gun Violence*

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Workshop adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Superintendent

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Chair