

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, AUGUST 13, 2015

The School Board of Escambia County, Florida, convened in Special Meeting at 8:00 a.m., in the Superintendent's Conference Room, at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building, 75 North Pace Boulevard, Pensacola, Florida, with the following present:

Chair: Mrs. Patricia Hightower
Vice Chair: Mr. Bill Slayton
Board Members: Mr. Jeff Bergosh
Mr. Gerald Boone
Mrs. Linda Moultrie

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Meeting was advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on July 31, 2015 - Legal No. 1645232

I. CALL TO ORDER/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hightower called the Special Meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. On motion by Mrs. Moultrie, seconded by Mr. Bergosh, adoption of the agenda passed unanimously.

II. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

1. Discussion of Interview Process

Board Members discussed the interview process that would be followed and reviewed a list of questions that would be posed to each applicant.

2. Interviews of Applicants for Coordinator of Board Affairs Position

The Board conducted individual interviews with the following applicants for the Coordinator of Board Affairs position: Joseph Bradford, Elisabeth Buswell, Lynnea McCray, Laura Mager, Robin Boswell, and LaRhonda Robinson. The School Board took a short recess between the interviews of Elisabeth Buswell and Lynnea McCray, between the interview of Laura Mager and Robin Boswell, and following the interview of LaRhonda Robinson. After a brief discussion, each School Board Member provided their ranking of each applicant:

Bergosh: Buswell, Boswell, Bradford, Mager, Robinson, McCray

Boone: Boswell, Buswell, Bradford, McCray, Robinson, Mager

Moultrie: McCray, Buswell, Boswell, Robinson, Mager, Bradford

Slayton: Buswell, Robinson, Mager, Boswell, McCray, Bradford

Hightower: Buswell, Bradford, Boswell, Robinson, McCray, Mager

Motion was made by Mr. Slayton and seconded by Mr. Bergosh, to authorize Mrs. Hightower, as School Board Chair, to offer the position of Coordinator of Board Affairs to the highest-ranked applicant, Ms. Elisabeth Buswell, at Step 0 on Professional Pay Grade 6; should Ms. Buswell decline the offer or fail pre-employment screening, Mrs. Hightower was authorized to offer the position to the second highest-ranked candidate, Ms. Robin Boswell. Motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Hightower called for public forum; however, no one registered to speak.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL