

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

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

School Board General Counsel: Mrs. Donna Sessions Waters

Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Malcolm Thomas

Board Member Mr. Jeff Bergosh was not present.

Meeting was advertised in the *Pensacola News Journal* on August 27, 2015 - Legal No. 1646550

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/09102015-857>

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Weis Elementary School Community School Initiative – Superintendent

At the request of the Superintendent, a brief PowerPoint® [presentation](#) was given that outlined the specifics of the Weis Elementary School Community School Initiative.

- September & October Calendar

There were no changes to the remaining schedule of School Board workshops/meetings for September:

- Regular Workshop, September 11th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.*
- Regular Meeting, September 15th, beginning at 5:30 p.m.*

The School Board reviewed their schedule of School Board workshops/meetings for October:

- Special Workshop, October 15th, beginning at 3:00 p.m.*
Purpose: Open Discussion & Presentations
- Regular Workshop, October 16th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.*
Purpose: To discuss items appearing on the October 20, 2015 Regular Meeting agenda
- Regular Meeting, October 20th, beginning at 5:30 p.m.*

The following meetings were added to the schedule of School Board workshops/meetings for October:

- Special Meeting, October 9th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.**
Purpose: To consider approval of out-of-field teachers

*To be held in Room 160 at the J.E. Hall Educational Services Center

**To be held in the Superintendent's Conference Room at the Dr. Vernon McDaniel Building

- Workman Middle School Robotics and Energy Academy – Superintendent
Students enrolled in Workman Middle School’s Robotics and Energy Academy commented on the knowledge and experience they had gained through this program.
- High School Graduation Dates - Slayton
Mr. Slayton initiated a discussion regarding high school graduation dates. He commented that he had been unable to communicate with his constituents because he had only recently become aware that graduation dates for 2016 would follow a Friday-Tuesday sequence as opposed to the typical Monday-Tuesday sequence that had been followed for a number of years. The Superintendent and his staff explained that the change in sequence was due to issues with the school calendar for 2015-2016 in that Thursday, May 26th was the last day of school for students and Monday, May 30th was the Memorial Day holiday. It was noted that the School District’s options were limited because of the Memorial Day holiday; as such, it was determined that half of the high school graduations (with the exception of Northview High School*) would be held at the Pensacola Civic Center on Friday, May 27th and the other half would be held on Tuesday, May 31st. *Northview High School’s graduation would be held on the Northview campus on Saturday, May 28th.
- Technology Curriculum Development for the Future and Who is Responsible - Slayton
Mr. Slayton said he was beginning to receive calls from interested parents so he wanted to have a discussion about technology curriculum development for the future. The discussion centered on the collaborative efforts that were being made by the Instructional Technology department, Professional Development department, and Curriculum & Instruction office to build appropriate audio, visual, technical, and print resources for teachers that would be aligned to the expectations for students. Mr. Steve Marcanio, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, said that staff was even reaching out to other school districts who were willing to share their expertise.
- Workman Middle School IB Middle Years Program – Superintendent
Staff from Workman Middle School narrated a brief PowerPoint® presentation outlining the school’s IB Middle Years program.
- Warehouse Update – Superintendent
[[Handout](#) provided to School Board Members] Mr. William Robert Reece, Manager-Inventory and Warehouse Operations, gave a brief update on the operations of the warehouse.

III. PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Hightower called for public forum; however, there were no speakers.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Workshop was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Superintendent

Chair