

Escambia County Board of Education**5/14/2020 10:00 AM**

Video Conference

Summary of Board Meeting

The Mission of the Escambia County School System is to provide engaging and comprehensive instructional programs that will enable our students to graduate college and/or career ready.

- Board President, Willie J. Grissett, called the meeting to order.
- The pledge of allegiance was led by Board President, Willie J. Grissett.
- Board President, Willie J. Grissett, and Superintendent Knott welcomed those in attendance.
- Superintendent Knott recommended the approval of the agenda.
- Superintendent Knott recommends the approval of the minutes of the following meeting dates:
 - April 13, 2020
 - April 28, 2020
- Superintendent Knott provided the Board with:
 - Remarks and recognition of our 2019-20 retirees.
 - Information and updates from the ALSDE, Escambia County Schools Academic Continuity Plan, and Operational Plans for our schools related to the Coronavirus health crisis. This will include current plans and guidance provided to students, parents, schools and personnel during the mandated school closures. Items presented are listed:
 1. New Governor Ivey Order April 30, 2020 "Safer at Home"
 - a. New update Order effective May 11, 2020
 2. ALSDE meeting (Dr. Mackey) – updates and guidance April 30, 2020
 3. Plan developed and outlined through summer. The timeline is tentative and dependent on the impact of the virus. Meeting with Principals and Administrative staff on May 5, 2020 for planning and ending of academic school year.
 - a. May 1, 2020 through June 5, 2020
 - Bring staff back to school in an organized manner following all COVID-19 and Escambia County Schools guidelines.
 - Planning for Graduations – There was an in depth discussion on how graduations were going to be handled. Each board member was allotted time to give their input on their concerns and safety protocols. The superintendent will take their input along with the high school principals and develop a plan for graduations.
 - b. June 6, 2020 through July 3, 2020
 - Children 13 and older could return to campus in groups of 10 or fewer for athletic/band practice and possibly summer school programs starting June 8th. Guidelines with strict procedures and protocols would be required for all programs/activities.
 - c. July 6, 2020 through summer
 - Students 12 and younger may be able to return for summer literacy camps as early as July 6th. Guidelines with strict procedures and protocols would be required for all programs/activities.
 - d. August return to school
 - Full band and athletic practices could start in early August. Guidelines with strict procedures and protocols would be required for all programs/activities.
 - ETF Budget and other fiscal ETF
 1. Budget: Goes to governor for signature! An increase in our current budget of 90 million.

2. Bond Issue - \$1.25 billion bond issue: Goes to governor for signature!
 3. Advancement in Technology Funds – The House approved H.190 to release one-half of the available dollars or \$245 million from the ATF. Escambia County will be allocated \$1,018,550.
 4. CARES funding – Federal funding to help offset expenses incurred from COVID-19 pandemic. We will receive more guidance from the ALSDE.
- Emergency Meals-To-You (eMTY) program provided through Baylor University
 1. Provides 10 breakfasts & 10 lunches every two weeks to students who were receiving those meals through the National School Lunch Program. The meals will be provided until 6/30/20. Approximately 1900 student applications were submitted. We express our thanks to Mrs. Susanne Boutwell and the CNP staff for their work to provide meals for these families.
 - Pre-registration process
 1. Kindergarten – On-line form – Instructions provided via website and social media
 2. New Students – Instructions provided via website and social media
 - Athletics
 1. Per Dr. Mackey, Superintendent of ALSDE, all Alabama public school campuses remain closed and will remain closed through June 5, 2020. The AHSAA is scheduled to meet with contingency committees for football, fall sports and summer activities next week to seek input from coaches and administration on “best-practices” and develop plans for when school campuses and facilities are reopened. The association added that it is continuing to develop contingency plans for how to handle summer and fall activities upon the opening of schools whenever it occurs.
 - Recovery and Restarting Schools Guidance
 1. The ALSDE has provided guidance and technical support for the End-of-Year School Closures. Their goal is to provide LEAs with some specific guidance and planning templates to assist with the “reopening” of schools for the 2020-2021 school year no later than mid-June. Dr. Mackey will provide the superintendents with updates as the work progresses.
- The Board approved the 2020-2021 Student Code of Conduct.
 - The Board approved the RPM Outreach Program for the 2020-21 school year.
 - A review of monthly financial statement for April 2020 was given by Julie Madden, CSFO.
 - The Board approved the payment of the bills.
 - The Board approved the resignation of the following personnel:
 1. James Rogers, Assistant Band Director, WS Neal Middle School, effective May 22, 2020
 2. Molly Barnett, Special Education Teacher, Rachel Patterson Elementary School, effective May 22, 2020
 - The Board approved the retirement of the following personnel:
 1. Vickie Stamper, Instructional Teacher Aide, Pollard McCall Junior High School, effective June 1, 2020
 2. Jean Searcy, Bus Driver, Atmore Bus Shop, effective July 1, 2020
 - The Board approved the transfer of the following personnel:
 1. Ashley Knowles, English Language Arts Teacher, Escambia County Alternative School, to English Language Arts Teacher, WS Neal Middle School, effective August 3, 2020 (Replacing Joe Ellington)
 2. Joe Ellington, English Language Arts Teacher, WS Neal Middle School, to English

Language Arts Teacher, Escambia County Alternative School, effective August 3, 2020
(Replacing Ashley Knowles)

- The Board approved the employment of the following personnel:
 1. Chelsea Turner, Elementary Teacher, Flomaton Elementary School, effective August 3, 2020
 2. Jacqueline Gresham, Office Aide, Pollard McCall Junior High School, effective August 3, 2020 (Replacing Shirley Manning)

- The Board approved the employment change of the following personnel:
 1. Sheila Ashcraft, Child Nutrition Office Aide, Atmore Central Office, to Child Nutrition Bookkeeper, Atmore Central Office, effective July 1, 2020 (Replacing Ginger Cochran)
 2. Spencer Todd Williamson, Principal, Escambia Career Readiness Center, to Director of Career and Technical Education, Escambia County School System, effective June 1, 2020 (Replacing David Lanier)

- The Board scheduled the next regular board meeting for June 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

- The meeting was adjourned by Board President, Willie J. Grissett.