

## Escambia County Board of Education

04/28/2020 09:30 AM

Video Conference

Summary of Board Meeting

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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 recommended the approval of the minutes of the following meeting dates:
  - March 9, 2020
  - March 18, 2020
- Superintendent Knott provided the Board with:
  - An update from Frazer Lanier Company on the Escambia County Board of Education bond financing.
  - The proposal for the 2020-21 Code of Conduct would be available for review, comments and recommendations following the Board's acceptance. It would be posted publicly to the Escambia County Schools' website under "Proposed Policy Changes"
  - The cancelled Whole Board Training - "Communicating in a Crisis" - on-line webinar presented by the Alabama Association of School Boards, which was scheduled for April 23, 2020 at 1:30 pm will be rescheduled at a later date.
  - Congratulations were given to Board Vice-President, Cindy Jackson, who was appointed to the Alabama Association of School Boards By-Law Committee.
  - Congratulations were given to Mrs. Beth Drew, Assistant Superintendent, on her upcoming retirement.
  - Information on Alabama's Supplemental Food Benefits P-EPT Program increase in SNAP benefits.
  - Board received approval for a national school lunch program through a partnership with Baylor University. It allows meals to be shipped directly to students. We are currently waiting on further information and guidance.
  - Information and updates for our schools related to the Coronavirus health crisis.
  - Superintendent should receive further guidance and information regarding the Covid-19 crisis during a scheduled video conference with our state superintendent later this week.
  - Discussed graduation possibilities, but awaiting further guidance and will update board accordingly.
- A review of the monthly financial statement for March 2020 was given by Julie Madden, CSFO.
- The Board approved to table the 2020-21 Student Code of Conduct until the next board meeting.
- The Board approved the payment of the bills.
- The Board discussed personnel legal matters with Aleshia Bennett (Attorney) and Broox Garrett (Attorney) in executive session.
- The Board approved the resignation of the following personnel:
  1. Stephen Landrum, Teacher, WS Neal High School, effective May 22, 2020
- The Board approved the retirement of the following personnel:

1. Beth Drew, Assistant Superintendent, Escambia County School System, effective July 1, 2020
  2. Deborah Bolden, Principal, Escambia County Middle School, effective July 1, 2020
  3. Cynthia Saucer, Reading Specialist, Huxford Elementary School, effective June 1, 2020
  4. Marguerite Watson, Elementary Teacher, Huxford Elementary School, effective June 1, 2020
  5. Jennifer Hall, Counselor, Pollard McCall Junior High School, effective June 1, 2020
  6. Shirley Manning, Office Aide, Pollard McCall Junior High School, effective June 1, 2020
  7. Sheila O. Fountain, Speech Language Pathologist, WS Neal Elementary School, effective June 1, 2020
  8. Kimberly Gafford, Elementary Teacher, WS Neal Elementary School, effective June 1, 2020
  9. Randall Ray Patterson, Science Teacher, WS Neal Middle School, effective June 1, 2020
- The Board approved the employment change of the following personnel:
    1. Coy Campbell, Assistant Principal (202 Contract Days), WS Neal High School, to Drivers Education Teacher (187 Contract Days), Flomaton High School, effective August 3, 2020
  - The Board approved the non-renewal and/or transfers of personnel for the 2020-21 school year.
  - The Board scheduled the next regular board meeting for May 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
  - The meeting was adjourned by Board President, Willie Grissett.