

**REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 14, 2010**

The Invocation was offered by Mrs. Thigpen; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Tibbetts.

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on June 14, 2010, in the School District Administration Building, 120 Lowery Place, SE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

**PRESENT:** Rodney Walker, Chairman  
Cindy Frakes, Vice-Chairman  
Howard Hill  
Chuck Kelley  
Cathy Thigpen

Alexis Tibbetts, Superintendent  
C. Jeffrey McInnis, Esq., Attorney to the Board

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and welcomed visitors and presenters.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the Agenda as amended was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously:

Visitors: Item #4 was deleted, Presentation of an American Flag by Dr. Merkel

Consent Agenda: Item #35D was deleted; item #35E was deleted; Correction to item #41, should be Request to advertise a public hearing for adoption of new School Board Policy 4-44 Student Enrollment and Educational Decisions; added as item #42, Health Services Contract for 2010-2011 with Pediatric Services of America

Discussion Agenda: Added as item #1, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach contract proposal for 2010-2011

Seat Management: Item #1 was deleted, Task Order No. 1-37

Attorney's Business: Added as item #1, Agreement for Services between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Julie Weatherly and Resolutions in Special Education, Inc. (RISE)

**VISITORS:**

1. The Board recognized Matthew Bevil, Fort Walton Beach High School, Florida High School Activities Association Track and Field Class 3A State Champion for 2010 in the Boys Varsity 800 Meter Run (Exhibit 10-370)
2. Mrs. Carolyn Lulue, Principal of Florosa Elementary School, was recognized by the Board and Superintendent on the occasion of her retirement from the Okaloosa County School System. Mrs. Lulue was presented with a colbalt crystal vase in honor of her dedication to the education of children and in appreciation for her exemplary service as an educator and leader in the Okaloosa County School District.
3. The Board recognized ACE Award Winners (Aerospace is Cool in Education): Megan Tucker, Kenwood Elementary School, ACE Coordinator of the Year; and Kenwood Elementary School, ACE School of the Year

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4. Deleted - Presentation of an American Flag to the District in appreciation of the school supplies sent to Afghanistan, presented by Dr. Charles Merkel
5. Petition supporting a Peer Monitoring Program in the Schools, presented by Kellie Plemons and Youth Village Kids (to be presented during Workshop) (Exhibit 10-371)

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** No Request

**PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS:** None

**COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:** (Workshop Only)

1. In-County Travel paid for the period of May 6 – 26, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-372)
2. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of May 6 – 26, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 10-373)
3. Report on SODEXO Food Service Contract, presented by Rodney Nobles (Exhibit 10-374)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously.

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 24, 2010 and Minutes of Student Disciplinary Hearing of May 24, 2010, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Appropriation of District 3 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Choctawhatchee High School for paint and furniture in the amount of \$8000, presented by Rodney Walker and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-375).
3. Appropriation of District 3 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Fort Walton Beach High School for technology equipment and furniture in the amount of \$24,355.98, presented by Rodney Walker and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-376).
4. Appropriation of District 4 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Riverside Elementary School for fencing in the amount of \$1863.00, presented by Cathy Thigpen and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-377).
5. Payment of Invoices dated June 14, 2010, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-378).
6. Warrants in the amount of \$22,516,057.28 and Bank Transfers in the amount of \$311,000.00, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-379).
7. Acceptance of Donations, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-380).
8. Authorization to appropriate funds and make payment of Federal Impact Aid funds to charter schools in the amount of \$12,953.00 for the second payment

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received for the 2010 claiming year (claim filed January 2009), presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-381):

- A. Okaloosa Academy - \$549.00
  - B. Northwest Florida State College Collegiate High School - \$2919.00
  - C. Liza Jackson Preparatory School - \$9426.00
  - D. AMIKids – Emerald Coast - \$59.00
9. School District of Okaloosa County Insurance Renewals for 2010-2011(property; auto liability; workers' compensation; crime, boiler & machinery; errors and omissions; student catastrophic; special events; and student accident), presented by Jim Palmer and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-382).
10. School Volunteer Lists, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-383).
11. Request to advertise a public hearing for revision of School Board Policy 4-17(H) Specific Regulations for Middle School Football and 4-17(K) Middle School Athletics: Sports Seasons Guidelines, presented by Jerry Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-384).
12. Code of Student Conduct for 2010-2011, presented by Jerry Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-385).
13. Adult Vocational Fee Schedule for 2010-2011, presented by Al Gardner and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-386).
14. Community Education Business Workshops, presented by Al Gardner and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-387).
15. Okaloosa County School District Technology Plan 2010-2013, presented by Dolores Noechel and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-388).
16. Course Adoptions, presented by Shawnea Tallman and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-389):
- A. AICE Sociology (2108310)
  - B. Guitar 2 (1301330)
  - C. Access Course List
17. Course Adoptions for DJJ Facilities, presented by Dr. Robert McEachern and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-390):
- A. Social Personal Skills & Career (7863002)
  - B. Orientation to Career and Technical (9100110)
  - C. Exploration of Career and Technical Occupations (9100210)
  - D. Orientation to Career and Technical (9100310)
  - E. Vocational Employability Skills (90019200)
  - F. M/J Computer Applications 2 (0200020)
18. Curriculum Guide Revisions: Science and Math, presented by Guyla Hendricks and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-391).
19. Year-long VPK Budget for 2010-2011, presented by Guyla Hendricks and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-392).
20. Summer Intensive Studies Schedule Adjustment, presented by Guyla Hendricks and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-393).

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21. Revised Summer Bridge Calendar for summer 2010, presented by Steve McLaughlin and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-394).
22. AICE Diploma Program for all high schools, presented by Steve McLaughlin and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-395).
23. Athletic Trainer Support Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Fort Walton Beach Medical Center for Choctawhatchee High School for 2010-2013, presented by Jerry Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-396).
24. Athletic Trainer Support Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Fort Walton Beach Medical Center for Fort Walton Beach High School for 2010-2013, presented by Jerry Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-397).
25. Athletic Trainer Support Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Twin Cities Hospital for Niceville High School for 2010-2011, presented by Jerry Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-398).
26. Contract between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Northwest Florida Ballet, Inc., for NFB Academie for 2010-2011, presented Jeff Welsh and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-399).
27. Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Florida Virtual School, presented by Jeff Welsh and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-400):
  - A. Okaloosa Online Plan/Budget for 2010-2011
  - B. Franchise License Agreement for 2010-2011
28. Program Participation Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Florida Virtual School to serve grades K-5 for 2010-2011, presented by Jeff Welsh and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-401).
29. Cooperative Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the School Board of Walton County for Florida Virtual School Franchise Administrative Services for 2010-2011, presented by Jeff Welsh and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-402).
30. K12 Virtual School Program Curriculum and Materials Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and K12 Florida LLC, to serve grades K-5 for 2010-2011, presented by Jeff Welsh and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-403).
31. School Affiliation Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Fort Walton Beach Medical Center to provide clinical rotations for OATC Practical Nursing students for 2010-2011, presented by Brenda Leeth and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-404).
32. Project Application for Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund, presented by Carolyn McAllister and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-405).
33. Project Application for IDEA Part B, Entitlement Funds, and IDEA Part B Preschool Entitlement Funds, presented by Lois Handzo and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-406).

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34. Project Application for the Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System/Westgate Associate Center (FDLRS) funds, presented by Lois Handzo and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-407).
35. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
  - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 10-408)
  - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 10-409)
  - C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 10-408)
  - D. Deleted - Termination of Employee #xxx-xx-3883
  - E. Deleted - Suspension of Employee #xxx-xx-5559
36. Employment Separations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-410).
37. Reinstatement of Sick Leave due to line-of-duty illness/injury/medical examination, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-411):
  - A. Anne Richardson, Transportation South, 70.5 hours
  - B. Janet Robinson, Student Services, 7.5 hours
  - C. Lori Wright, Eglin Elementary School, 4 hours
38. Reappointment of personnel for fiscal year 2010-2011, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
  - A. Instructional Personnel (Exhibit 10-412)
  - B. Educational Support Personnel (Exhibit 10-413)
39. Contract Renewal Agreement for Food Management Services Non-Profit Food Service Program between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Sodexo America, LLC, for 2010-2011, presented by Rick Norris and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-414).
40. Bids and Purchasing, presented by Rick Norris and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (see bid file for additional information):
  - A. Approval of Bids and Purchasing Requests:
    - (1) RFB 10-B22 Construction of Portable Elevated Walkways, Stairs and Ramps awarded to Avatar Construction, Inc., as the primary; and to McDaniel Associates of NWF, Inc., as the secondary, ?Fixed Prices, District-wide, 5-year contract (Exhibit 10-415)
    - (2) Renewal of Tag-on-Bid #07-37 with Bay County for Milk/Milk Products awarded to Dairy Fresh, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-416)
    - (3) Renewal of Tag-on-Bid #09-03 with Bay County for Fruit Juices awarded to Dairy Fresh, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-417)
    - (4) Renewal of Tag-on-Bid #10-03 with Bay County for Ice Cream Products awarded to Blue Bell Creameries, L.P., Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-418)
    - (5) Tag-on-Bid #10-025-DR with Pasco County for USDA Commodity Peanut Butter Processing awarded to multiple vendors, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 10-419)

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- (6) Tag-on-Bid #10-068-DR with Pasco County for USDA Commodity Egg Processing awarded to Cargill Kitchen Solutions, Fixed Prices, three-year contract (Exhibit 10-420)
- (7) Tag-on-Bid #10-069-DR with Pasco County for USDA Commodity Pork Processing awarded to Pierre Foods, Inc., Fixed Prices, three year contract (Exhibit 10-421)
- (8) Tag-on-Bid #10-070-DR with Pasco County for USDA Commodity Fruit and Juice Processing awarded to multiple vendors, Fixed Prices, three-year contract (Exhibit 10-422)
- (9) Tag-on-Bid #10-071-DR with Pasco County for USDA Commodity Sandwich Processing awarded to Café Favorites, Fixed Prices, three-year contract (Exhibit 10-423)
- (10) Tag-on-Bid #10-072-DR with Pasco County for USDA Commodity Fish Processing awarded to High Liner, Fixed Prices, three-year contract (Exhibit 10-424)
- (11) Pearson, Sole Source for SuccessMaker Full Curriculum site license, Title I, \$26,975.50 (Exhibit 10-425)
- B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
- C. Service Agreements:
  - (1) Amendment to SA# 10-77 Dorothea L. Bates, Grant Writing Services, additional amount not to exceed \$1500 (Exhibit 10-426)
  - (2) SA# 11-04 Shane Gwaltney, Musical arrangements for the marching band, Crestview High School - \$1200 (Band Boosters Internal Funds) (Exhibit 10-427)
  - (3) SA# 11-06 Susan Labreque, Choreographer for Stylemarchers, World Winter Guard and "A" Winter Guard, Choctawhatchee High School - \$7000 (Band Parents Internal Funds) (Exhibit 10-428)
  - (4) SA#11-07 Dee Dee Watson, Clinician for Color Guards for Marching Band and Winter Guards, Choctawhatchee High School - \$12,600 (Band Parents Internal Funds) (Exhibit 10-429)
  - (5) SA# 11-08 Shane Gwaltney, Technical and artistic instruction for percussion students in Marching Band, Concert Bands, and Winter Percussion, Choctawhatchee High School - \$19,200 (Band Parents Internal Funds) (Exhibit 10-430)
  - (6) SA# 11-13 Dee Dee Watson, Coach/Choreographer for Dance Team, Meigs Middle School - \$3995 (Dance Team Internal Funds) (Exhibit 10-431)
- 41. Request to advertise a public hearing for adoption of new School Board Policy 4-44 Student Enrollment and Educational Decisions, presented by Jeff McInnis and Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-432).

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42. Health Services Contract for 2010-2011 with Pediatric Services of America, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 10-433).

**DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

1. Motion to reject the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach contract proposal for 2010-2011, presented by Mary Beth Jackson and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was made by Mr. Kelley and seconded by Mrs. Thigpen (Exhibit 10-434).

Mrs. Frakes asked what other options are available if negotiations with another provider are unsuccessful. She stated that she wants the aviation program to stay in place and voiced concern about starting new programs when the ones already in place cannot be supported.

Mr. Kelley stated that he supports the aviation program, and he agreed with Mrs. Frakes concerning the District's options should an agreement not come through with an alternative provider. He recommended revisiting the proposal from Embry-Riddle-Daytona if the District is not able to enter into an agreement with another provider; however, negotiations with another provider can only commence if the Board decides to reject the Embry-Riddle-Daytona contract.

Mr. Walker stated that he would support Mr. Kelley's motion with the assurance that the aviation program would remain in place, even though it may exist under a different provider. Mr. Kelley concurred with Mr. Walker and Mrs. Frakes. Mr. Hill asked when the current contract with Embry-Riddle-Daytona expires, and Mary Beth Jackson responded that the contract expires June 30, 2010. Mr. McInnis stated that there are three Board meetings between now and when a new contract would begin, which allows the staff an opportunity to submit a negotiated contract for the Board's approval before school starts. Mrs. Jackson provided enrollment information from school years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, as well as the 2010-2011 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University proposed budget.

Mrs. Thigpen stated that she supports the aviation program, and like other programs, a sufficient number of students must be enrolled to fill the programs, and schools should have the resources to pay for the programs. She asked Choclawhatchee High School Principal, Cindy Gates, what the sense of the school and the community is in regard to the aviation program, and whether she is aware of other possibilities that the District can look into that could offer the same type of curriculum besides Embry-Riddle Worldwide.

Mrs. Gates stated that she is committed to the aviation program, and committed to find a vendor who can help provide the program and services for the students at the same level which are currently in place, at a different cost. She stated that it is important to Choclawhatchee High School and the community to continue the program. The 2010-2011 enrollment in the program is 178. Worldwide has been supportive in other capacities, and in speaking with their representatives, they are committed to making this program successful. She has also looked into other options, such as partnering with Northwest Florida State College and University of West Florida.

Discussion continued regarding Mr. Murphy's role, his strong commitment to the program and students at the other high schools, how schools have benefited from his ability to connect science, technology and math, his relationship through an articulation agreement with University of West Florida and Northwest Florida State College, and his relationship with Worldwide.

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Mrs. Frakes stated that the District has a great aviation facility at Choctawhatchee High School that should be utilized, and that she will not ever vote to discontinue the aviation program.

Mr. Kelley's motion as stated carried unanimously.

**CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S BUSINESS:** None

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SEAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT:**

1. Deleted - Seat Management Task Order No. 1-37, Wiring for Longwood Portables, amount not to exceed \$48,581.00, presented by Eric Mitchell and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.

**BIDS AND PURCHASING:** None

**ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of Agreement for Services between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Julie Weatherly and Resolutions in Special Education, Inc. (RISE) to provide legal and/or consultative services with respect to Exceptional Student Education matters.

Mr. McInnis requested Board approval on a representation agreement with Resolutions in Special Education, Inc., and authorization for Attorney Julie Weatherly to assist the District with some matters in the ESE department. He explained that Ms. Weatherly is a noted national expert in these types of matters, and although she is not a member of the Florida Bar, she will meet all administrative and judicial procedural requirements necessary to assist the District in these cases.

Motion to approve the Agreement for Services between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Julie Weatherly and Resolutions in Special Education, Inc. (RISE), to provide legal and/or consultative services with respect to Exceptional Student Education matters was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously (Exhibit 10-435).

**SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:**

1. Out-of-State Student Field Trips (Exhibit 10-436)

Dr. Tibbetts stated that the end-of-school year events were well attended.

Dr. Tibbetts commented that the latest update regarding the oil spill was that oil was approximately 5-8 miles from Hurlburt Field. Oil is expected to reach the Okaloosa County beaches in approximately 3-4 days, and the County Commissioners are holding an emergency meeting this evening.

**BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hill stated that Newsweek has published their ratings of the top schools in the country. From approximately 1600 schools, four high schools in Okaloosa County were ranked in the top 25%.

Mrs. Frakes asked about letters that were sent to parents regarding the delay in FCAT scores. Dr. Tibbetts responded that letters have been sent to only the parents of students whose FCAT scores determine whether they will be promoted or retained. Students whose FCAT scores do not determine retention or promotion have already been notified whether they have been promoted or retained. Mr. Hill asked how the



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summer school schedule will be affected since the scores will not be available until June 30. Dr. Tibbetts stated that summer school for high school and middle school students begins in July. She added that high school principals no longer offer remediation in the summer for seniors that failed the FCAT because an FCAT retake is not offered in the summer.

There being no further business, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Jan Crawford, Recorder

  
ALEXIS TIBBETTS, Ed.D.  
SUPERINTENDENT AND  
CORPORATE SECRETARY

  
RODNEY L. WALKER  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD