

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 23, 2012

The Invocation was offered by Mrs. Thigpen; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Thrush.

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on January 23, 2012, in the Okaloosa County Courthouse, Crestview, Florida.

PRESENT: Rodney L. Walker, Chairman
Cathy Thigpen, Vice-Chairman
Cindy Frakes
Chuck Kelley
Melissa Thrush

Rodney Nobles, Deputy Superintendent for Operations
C. Jeffrey McInnis, Esq., Attorney to the Board

ABSENT: Alexis Tibbetts, Superintendent

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed visitors and presenters.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Consent Agenda: Added as item #18, Appropriation of District 1 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Longwood Elementary School in the amount of \$10,364.89

VISITORS: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: No Request

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS:

1. On a motion by Mrs. Thigpen and seconded by Mrs. Frakes, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Jon Myers to the position of Maintenance Zone Foreman (Exhibit #12-21).

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

1. In-County Travel paid for the period of December 8, 2011 – January 4, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-22)
2. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of December 8, 2011 – January 4, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-23)
3. Grants Update, presented by Kaye McKinley (Exhibit 12-24)

CONSENT AGENDA:

At the request of Mrs. Thigpen, Mrs. Guyla Hendricks explained that completion of a Validity Study Report is required whenever academic standards and the assessment system that is aligned to the standards are changed by the State. The report shows that practices, procedures and documents are in place by the District which insures that students will know, and will be able to meet, all of the graduation requirements. The District's Instructional Validity Study Report which conveys the documentation has been completed and will be submitted to the State.

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

1. Minutes of Special Meeting of January 4, 2012; Minutes of Workshop Meeting of January 5, 2012; Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 9, 2012, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Appropriation of District 3 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Fort Walton Beach High School for instructional technology equipment in the amount of \$8925.91, presented by Rodney Walker and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-25).
3. Budget Amendment #4 for 2011-2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-26).
4. Monthly Financial Report for December 2011, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-27).
5. Warrants in the amount \$20,221,627.45 and Bank Transfers in the amount of \$198,000.00, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-28).
6. Acceptance of Donations, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-29).
7. Authorization to appropriate Federal Impact Aid Funds and to make payment in the amount of \$8390.00 (Payment #3 - 2009 Claiming Year) to Charter Schools and AMIKids-Emerald Coast, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-30):
 - A. Okaloosa Academy - \$28.00
 - B. NWFSC Collegiate High School - \$2116.00
 - C. Liza Jackson Preparatory School - \$6166.00
 - D. AMIKids-Emerald Coast - \$80.00
8. Extension of Practicum/Student Teacher Education Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Gulf Coast Community College, presented by Guyla Hendricks and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-31).
9. Instructional Validity Study Report, presented by Guyla Hendricks and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-32).
10. Revised 2011-2012 School Year Calendar for Department of Juvenile Justice Centers, presented by Billy Mikel and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-33).
11. Cleared certification requirements and issuance of contract for the 2011-2012 school year, presented by Christy McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-34).
12. Out-of-Field Report for second semester of the 2011-2012 school year, presented by Christy McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-35).
13. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 12-36)
 - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 12-37)

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- C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 12-36)
 - D. Suspension of Employee #xxx-xx-9115 (Exhibit 12-38)
14. Employment Separations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-39)
 15. Zoning Waivers, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-40; see Zoning Waiver file).
 16. Bids and Purchasing, presented by Vince Windham and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. Approval of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
 - B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
 - C. Service Agreements: None
 17. Payment of Invoices dated January 23, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-41).
 18. Appropriation of District 1 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Longwood Elementary School for laptops and storage cart in the amount of \$10,364.89, presented by Cindy Frakes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-42).

DISCUSSION AGENDA: None

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S BUSINESS:

1. Motion to approve Program No. IV, Task Order No. 22, Additional Scope of Work, Time and Materials for Restroom Renovations at Baker School and Laurel Hill School Gym Restrooms, amount not to exceed \$500,000, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 12-43).
2. Program No. IV, Task Order No. 23, Notice to Proceed with Pre-GMP Services for Fort Walton Beach High School AC/Roofing Project, amount not to exceed \$200,000, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Thigpen and seconded by Mr. Kelley (Exhibit 12-44).

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SEAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT:

Ms. Thrush requested an update from Eric Mitchell regarding the laptop replacement plan. Mr. Mitchell stated that three potential laptop models have been found but not yet acquired. Once the three laptops are obtained, diagnostics will be run on each model to determine if they meet the rigor of an education environment. Upon successful testing, a recommendation will be made to the Board to add the laptops to the SEAT Management contract, with possible implementation this summer. Mr. Mitchell stated that the distribution method of the laptops has not been determined and upon Board approval of the SEAT type, the Union will be requested to meet with staff to determine a method of distribution.

Mr. Mitchell commented that the laptop model would have the same price configuration as the current pricing model of the desktops; therefore, the district would receive the same savings that was approved by the Board last year.

BIDS AND PURCHASING: None

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS: None

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SUPERINTENDENT’S BUSINESS:

1. Out-of-State Student Field Trips (Exhibit 12-45)

In response to Mr. Nobles’ request for an update on the ratification of the teachers’ contract, Mr. Foxworthy stated that the teachers rejected the contract imposed by the Board. The issues that were tentatively agreed upon previously by the negotiating parties have been drafted in a Memorandum of Agreement which will be presented for ratification at the end of this week.

BOARD MEMBERS’ BUSINESS:

Mrs. Frakes stated that the Okaloosa County School District ranked in the top ten school districts in the state of Florida which was based strictly on FCAT scores.

The 2012 Educational Support Professional Finalists are Jimmy Adams, maintenance supervisor at Northwood Elementary School and Richbourg School; Stacie Smith, insurance Ombudsman; and Sandra Oldenburg, bookkeeper at Fort Walton Beach High School.

The 2012 Teacher of the Year Finalists are Jodi Maker, science teacher at Niceville High School; Duscha Ross, fifth grade teacher at Mary Esther Elementary School, and Richard Chavers, construction technology teacher at Shoal River Middle School.

There being no further business, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Jan Crawford, Recorder

ALEXIS TIBBETTS, Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT AND
CORPORATE SECRETARY

RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD