

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2012

The Invocation was offered by Mrs. Frakes; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kelley.

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on January 9, 2012, in the School District Administration Building, 120 Lowery Place, SE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

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

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed visitors and presenters.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Consent Agenda: Added as item #9D, Suspension of Employee #xxx-xx-7490; Added as item #14, Appropriation of District 4 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Shoal River Middle School in the amount of \$15,000

Attorney's Business: Added as item #1, De Minimis Settlement Agreement with Marine Shale Processors Site PRP Group

VISITORS:

1. The Board recognized Destin Middle School Beta Club Students, as First Place winners in State Beta Club Competitions (Exhibit 12-4)

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: No Request

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

1. In-County Travel paid for the period of November 17 – December 7, 2011, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-5)
2. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of November 17 – December 7, 2011, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-6)

CONSENT AGENDA:

In regard to the request from DJJ to quit claim the Board's interest in a metal building located on DJJ property, Ms. Thrush asked if District capital funds were used on the metal building project. Ms. Scallan responded that several years ago a grant was awarded to build the metal building and it was constructed on DJJ property. Although the building is not on the District's property records, District capital funds were used for needed repairs and maintenance on the building. She clarified that any movable equipment purchased by the District that resides in the metal building to provide educational services to DJJ students would belong to the District.

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

1. Minutes of Workshop Meeting of December 8, 2012 and Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 12, 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 \$4753, presented by Rodney Walker and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-7).
3. Payment of Invoices dated January 9, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-8).
4. Acceptance of Donations, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-9).
5. Budget Amendment #3 for 2011-2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-10).
6. Monthly Financial Statement for November 2011, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-11).
7. Resolution No. 12-01 relinquishing and conveying School Board interest in a metal building located on state property to the Department of Juvenile Justice, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
8. Okaloosa County School District Social Studies Textbook Adoptions for 2012-2018, presented by Steve McLaughlin and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-12):
 - A. Elementary: SEG (McGraw Hill)
 - B. Middle: World Cultures, SEG; Civics, SEG; U.S. History, Pearson
 - C. High: Economics, Pearson; Government, Pearson; World History, SEG; U.S. History, Pearson
9. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 12-13)
 - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 12-14)
 - C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 12-13)
 - D. Suspension of Employee #xxx-xx-7490 (Exhibit 12-15)
10. Employment Separations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-16).
11. 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 12-17):
 - A. Alice Brown, Silver Sands School, 15 hours
 - B. Earline Bush, Transportation, 4.5 hours
 - C. Patricia Houston, Northwood Elementary, 1.5 hours
 - D. Sheryl McKuhen, Transportation, 15 hours
12. Zoning Waivers, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval: None

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13. 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
14. Appropriation of District 4 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Shoal River Middle School for instructional technology equipment in the amount of \$15,000, presented by Cathy Thigpen and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-18).

DISCUSSION AGENDA: None

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE’S BUSINESS: None

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SEAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT: None

BIDS AND PURCHASING: None

ATTORNEY’S BUSINESS:

1. Approval of De Minimis Settlement Agreement with Marine Shale Processors Site PRP Group

Mr. McInnis requested Board approval of a de minimis settlement agreement with Marine Shale Processors Site PRP Group in the amount of \$8,000. The cash-out settlement would release and hold harmless the District from that group for the remediation and ongoing investigation which they are being tasked to complete by the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. He informed the Board that the funds would be paid from insurance trust funds. The District facilities department had submitted a report and recommendation to pay the settlement. The claim has also been reviewed by Mr. Jim Palmer, the District’s Director of Risk Management, who recommends payment of settlement as well.

Motion to approve the De Minimis Settlement Agreement with Marine Shale Processors Site PRP Group in the claim amount of \$8,000, paid from insurance trust funds, and authorize the chairman to sign all appropriate settlement documents was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 12-19).

SUPERINTENDENT’S BUSINESS:

1. Out-of-State Student Field Trips (Exhibit 12-20)

Dr. Tibbetts stated that Charlene Couvillon, Principal at Fort Walton Beach High School, is one of three finalists for the Technology Leader of the Year for the State of Florida.

Dr. Tibbetts announced that high school grades have been released and 5 high schools received A’s and 2 high schools earned B’s in Okaloosa County. She thanked the teachers and principals at the high schools for their hard work.

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Dr. Tibbetts stated that official notice has been received that the STEM grant written by Mrs. McKinley has been awarded. Additionally, an article written by Mrs. McKinley was highlighted in the Northwest Florida JobsPlus newsletter in regard to the five schools that will soon offer STEM science programs.

BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

There being no further business, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Jan Crawford, Recorder

ALEXIS TIBBETTS, Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT AND
CORPORATE SECRETARY

RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD