

REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 8, 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 October 8, 2012, in the School District Administration Building, 120 Lowery Place, SE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

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

Alexis Tibbetts, Superintendent
C. Jeffrey McInnis, 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. Frakes, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously:

Consent Agenda: Added as item #26, Appropriation of District 4 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Southside Center; added as item #27, Payroll instructions for employees due to closure for Tropical Storm Isaac; added as item #28, Agreement with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office for an instructor for the CSI classes at Crestview High School; added as item #29, Emergency Phone System Replacement for Bay Area Office

VISITORS:

1. Sue Kennedy, member of the Florida Action for Healthy Kids Executive Board presented the Florida Healthy School District award and flag. She applauded the District for achieving recognition by the Coordinated School Health Partnership as a Florida Healthy School District at the Silver Level.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: No Request

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS:

1. The Superintendent's recommendation for the appointment of Jennifer Stewart to the position of Assistant Principal I, Baker School, was approved on a motion by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 12-687).
2. The recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Lorna Carnley to the position of Assistant Principal II, Baker School, was approved on a motion by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 12-688).
3. Motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Stephen Anderson to the position of Assistant Principal I, Davidson Middle School, was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 12-689).
4. The appointment of Kelli Howard to the position of Assistant Principal II, Davidson Middle School, as recommended by the Superintendent was

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unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Thigpen and seconded by Mrs. Frakes (Exhibit 12-690).

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS (Workshop Only):

1. In-County Travel paid for the period of September 6 – 19, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-691)
2. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of September 6 – 19, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-692)
3. Northwest Florida State College, Collegiate High School, Financial Statements for Years Ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-693)
4. State of the District Report, presented by Superintendent Alexis Tibbetts (Exhibit 12-694)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Eric Mitchell advised the Board that the phone system at the School District Administration Building in Fort Walton Beach became non-functional last week. The system has been partially restored but without any guarantee as to how long the system will operate before experiencing another shutdown. District staff and external vendors have determined that the existing system is very close to being obsolete and parts may not be available. Repair of the system is not likely to be a long term solution; therefore, it is recommended that the system be replaced. As a result of the unreliability and unpredictability of the stop gap measures taken to partially restore service, the district has determined this to be an emergency and requests permission to authorize the phone system replacement under emergency procedures. The system will be replaced under the procedures provided in the Seat Management Contract and is estimated to cost \$80,000 - \$90,000. A report will be made to the Board as soon as the quotes are received and the cost of replacing the phone system is determined.

In response to questions during the Workshop regarding the Service Agreement with Abrakadoodle, Mr. Foxworthy reported that he has spoken with Mr. Spolski, Principal of Bruner Middle School, and the agreement is to provide art supplies and assistance in preparing lesson plans to the art teacher in order to enhance instruction.

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

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 24, 2012, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Renewal of Economic Development Council Membership for 2012-2013 in the amount of \$3100.00, presented by Rodney Walker and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-695).
3. Appropriation of District 3 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Choctawhatchee High School DLP projectors and mimios in the amount of \$14,766.00, presented by Rodney Walker and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-696).
4. Appropriation of District 4 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Antioch Elementary School to purchase document cameras and DLP projectors in the amount of \$10,000.00, presented by Cathy Thigpen and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-697).

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5. Appropriation of District 4 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Crestview High School for band instruments in the amount of \$10,000.00, presented by Cathy Thigpen and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-698).
6. Request to advertise a public hearing for revision of School Board Policy 12-2(A) Transported Students, presented by Jay McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-699).
7. Motor Vehicle Lease for Disaster Transportation Services between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Destin Healthcare Associates, LLC d/b/a Destin Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, presented by Jay McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-700).
8. Payment of Invoices dated October 8, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-701).
9. Warrants in the amount of \$20,944,285.12 and Bank Transfers in the amount of \$68,343,068.10, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-702).
10. Acceptance of Donations, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-703).
11. Contract Renewals for Group Health, Life, Long Term Disability Insurance; and Flexible Benefit Plan and Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) Debit Card Administration, effective January 1, 2013, presented by Jim Palmer and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-704).
12. “Commit to Fit” Wellness Program, presented by Jim Palmer and Stacie Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-705).
13. School Volunteer Lists, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-706).
14. Agreements between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the following employers to provide training to ESE students participating in the School-to-Work Program, presented by Melody Sommer and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-707):
 - A. Calvary Chapel
 - B. City of Fort Walton Beach
 - C. Cinco Baptist School
 - D. Golden Corral (Fort Walton Beach)
 - E. Jackie’s Beauty Salon
 - F. Little Caesar’s (Mary Esther Blvd.)
 - G. Possom Ridge BBQ
 - H. Ruby Tuesday (Fort Walton Beach)
 - I. Salvation Army (Fort Walton Beach)
 - J. Subway (Racetrack Road)
 - K. Subway (Beal Parkway)
 - L. Target (Fort Walton Beach)
 - M. Walgreens (Mary Esther Cut-off)
 - N. White Sands Bowling Center
15. School Performance Plans for 2012-2013, presented by Guyla Hendricks and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-708; all plans on file in the office of Curriculum and Development).
16. Certiport Authorized Test Center Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Certiport, a business of NCS Pearson, Inc., presented by

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- Patti Bonezzi and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-709).
17. English for Speakers of Other Language Manual, Revised, presented by Lois Handzo and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-710).
 18. Okaloosa County School District Teacher Evaluation Handbook, presented by Christy McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-711).
 19. Addendum to Out-of-Field Report for first semester of the 2012-2013 school year, presented by Christy McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-712).
 20. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 12-713)
 - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 12-714)
 - C. Transfer Report (No Report)
 - D. Suspension of Employee #xxx-xx-1356 (Exhibit 12-715)
 21. Employment Separations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-716).
 22. 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 12-717):
 - A. Penny Bowling, Custodial Services, 30 hours
 - B. Wanda Neel, Food Services, 1.5 hours
 - C. David Ozbirn, Custodial Services, 75 hours
 - D. Rosie Price, Food Services, 50 hours
 23. Authorization to advertise School Board Policy 6-35(B)(5) Terminal Pay for Accumulated Sick Leave-Resignation or Retirement with revisions after the rule development process, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-718).
 24. Zoning Waivers, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-719; see Zoning Waiver file).
 25. Bids and Purchasing, presented by Vince Windham and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (see bid file for additional information):
 - A. Approval of Bids and Purchasing Requests:
 - (1) Renewal of RFB 10-B05 Office & Classroom Cut Paper – District wide, Awarded to Gulf Coast Office Products, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-720)
 - (2) Renewal of Contract No. 4010275 Two-Way Radios and Parts Partial re-bid – State of Alabama, awarded to First Communications, Inc., Percentage discount (Exhibit 12-721)
 - B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
 - C. Service Agreements:
 - (1) SA# 13-62 Brent Purcell, Provide individual and group instruction for band percussion students, Destin Middle School - \$2700.00 (Destin MS Internal Funds-Band Boosters) (Exhibit 12-722)

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- (2) SA# 13-70 NWF Art, LLC d/b/a Abrakadoodle, Provide art instruction and supplies, Bruner Middle School - \$5000.04 (Bruner MS General Funds) (Exhibit 12-723)
26. Appropriation of District 4 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Southside Center for the purchase of iPads in the amount of \$10,000.00, presented by Cathy Thigpen and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-724).
27. Payroll instructions for employees due to closure for Tropical Storm Isaac, presented and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-725).
28. Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office to provide an instructor for the Crime Scene Investigation classes at Crestview High School for the 2012-2013 school year, presented by Bob Jones and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-726).
29. Emergency Phone System Replacement for the School District Administration Building, Fort Walton Beach, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-727).

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

1. Motion was made by Mrs. Thigpen to reject the State's recommended salary of \$33,484 for school board members for fiscal year 2012-2013 and to remain at the 2010-2011 rate of \$32,428 for school board members. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 12-728).

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

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SEAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT: None

BIDS AND PURCHASING: None

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:

1. Out-of-State Student Field Trips (Exhibit 12-729)

BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

Mrs. Frakes distributed information regarding the impact of Amendment 8 (Religious Funding) on public schools. She stated that additional information is available on the Florida School Boards Association website. Orange County has taken a position on the Amendment and after reading the information, she indicated that the district may want to take a position at the next meeting. (Exhibit 12-730)

Ms. Thrush asked for an update on the end of course exams. Mrs. Hendricks stated that review and revision of the exams for all core courses have been completed by teacher teams as well as any elective courses that teachers recommended be revised. All middle and high school core courses will have a pacing guide. By the end of the month all teachers will be able to review the revised exams.

Responding to Ms. Thrush's concern regarding accessibility of My Learning Plan online for the teacher evaluations, Mrs. Hendricks stated that it is now available online and the deadline has been extended to the end of October.

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There being no further business, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Teresa Epperson, Recorder

ALEXIS TIBBETTS, Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT AND
CORPORATE SECRETARY

RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD