

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 13, 2012

The Invocation was offered by Ms. Thrush; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Tibbetts.

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on February 13, 2012, in the School District Administration Building, 120 Lowery Place, SE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

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

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

ABSENT: Cindy Frakes

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 Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mr. Kelley and carried 4-0:

Consent Agenda: Item #27-D, termination of Employee #xxx-xx-3553, was deleted

VISITORS:

1. The Board recognized Liza Jackson Preparatory School teacher, Leiah Jamison, for achieving National Board Certification (Exhibit 12-46)

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: No Request

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS:

1. Motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of James Lee Hale to the position of Principal, Meigs Middle School, (effective July 1, 2012) was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mr. Kelley and carried 4-0. (Exhibit 12-47)

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

1. In-County Travel paid for the period of January 5 – 25, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-48)
2. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of January 5 – 25, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-49)
3. Quarterly Report on Service Agreements under the \$5000 Threshold, October – December 2011, presented by Vince Windham (Exhibit 12-50)
4. Quarterly Report on Service Agreements for Law Enforcement under the \$5000 Threshold, October – December 2011, presented by Vince Windham (Exhibit 12-51)

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5. Quarterly Report on Short-Term Facility Use Contracts and Lease Agreements with Fees Less Than \$5000, October – December 2011, presented by Vince Windham (Exhibit 12-52)
6. Impact of Algebra 1 State EOC, presented by Guyla Hendricks (Exhibit 12-53)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mark Simpson, Retired Air Force Colonel and Program Manager for Strategic Planning, spoke via pre-recorded video in support of the STEMM Academy initiative. He stated that it would afford students the experience with hands-on technologies and excite them toward stimulating careers.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

New job description for Assistant Principal in charge of Program/Center was presented and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.

The Chairman called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to approve the new job description for Assistant Principal in charge of Program/Center was made by Mr. Kelley, seconded by seconded by Mrs. Thigpen carried 4-0 (Exhibit 12-54).

The Chairman concluded the Public Hearing and returned to the Agenda for the Regular Meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Mr. Rob English addressed the Board in follow-up to the STEMM presentation at the Board Workshop on February 9, 2012, stating that additional analysis and research is needed before approving the proposed STEMM plan. He stated that other solutions to implement STEMM in all of the schools in the district should be researched.

Dr. Lynn Keefe spoke to the Board in opposition of the proposed STEMM Academy. She stated that elementary and middle schools are doing a great job introducing science to all students and preparing them for challenging sciences in high school. She commented that the STEMM Academy is not in the best interest of all the students in the District, and that funds could be used for improvement in areas that would benefit students throughout the District.

Mr. Patrick Strong, President of OCESPA, thanked the staff for their work on Board Policy 11-20 Tobacco Products on School Board Property. He stated that for the Board to approve the policy without appropriate programs and assistance with cessation would not be beneficial to the District's employees. He informed the Board that Mr. Rodney Nobles has committed to develop a cessation program before the implementation of the proposed policy revision and asked that the Board make the same commitment.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended was made by Mr. Kelley, and seconded by Mrs. Thigpen. Ms. Thrush requested that item #22, STEMM Center, be moved to the Discussion Agenda. Mr. Kelley's motion was amended to approve the Consent Agenda as amended and with the removal of item #22, STEMM Center, to Discussion Agenda. The motion as amended carried 4-0.

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 23, 2012, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.

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2. Appropriation of District 2 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Destin Middle School for document cameras and mimios in the amount of \$8830, presented by Chuck Kelley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-55).
3. Appropriation of District 2 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Shoal River Middle School for instructional technology equipment in the amount of \$7000, presented by Chuck Kelley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-56).
4. Appropriation of District 3 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Edwins Elementary School for dance classroom renovation in the amount of \$4526.40, presented by Rodney Walker and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-57).
5. Payment of Invoices dated February 13, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-58).
6. Warrants in the amount of \$14,705,118.02 and Bank Transfers in the amount of \$302,000.00, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-59).
7. Acceptance of Donations, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-60).
8. Authorization to appropriate Federal Impact Aid Funds and make payment in the amount of \$53,883.00 (Payment #1 – 2012 Claiming Year) to Charter Schools and AMIKids-Emerald Coast, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-61):
 - A. Okaloosa Academy - \$1001.00
 - B. NWFSC Collegiate High School - \$10,493.00
 - C. Liza Jackson Preparatory School - \$42,332.00
 - D. AMIKids-Emerald Coast - \$57.00
9. Item removed by the Facilities Department
10. Authorization to pay TransPar Group for the Transportation Efficiency Evaluation in the amount of \$24,500, presented by Jay McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-62).
11. Authorization to surplus scrap metal and used oil for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, presented by Jay McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-63).
12. Request for a public on-line auction of surplus items, presented by Steve Bolton and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-64).
13. Request to issue a Request For Proposal for an Energy Conservation and Management Program for the Okaloosa County School District, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-65).
14. Request to advertise a public hearing for deletion of School Board Policy 6-26 Tobacco Use by Employees, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-66)
15. Request to advertise a public hearing for revision of School Board Policy 11-20 Tobacco Products on School Board Property, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-67).

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16. Request to issue a Request For Proposal for a Drop-out Prevention School to be located in the south county area, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-68).
17. Application for Florida Public Charter School Grant Program (2012-2015) submitted by Somerset Academy Valparaiso, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-69)
18. Application for Florida Public Charter School Grant Program (2012-2015) submitted by Somerset Academy Middle School Valparaiso, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-70).
19. School Volunteer Lists, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-71).
20. Summer VPK Program 2012, presented by Debra Haan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-72).
21. Amendments to the Policies and Procedures for the Provision of Specially Designed Instruction and Related Services for Exceptional Students (SP&P), presented by Lois Handzo and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-73).
22. Moved to Discussion Agenda #1 - STEMM Center, presented by Debbie Davis, Dolores Noechel, Shawnea Tallman, and Rick Soria, and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
23. Permission to waive vocational education coursework for teachers who have already taken the 15-20 hours of academic education coursework, presented by Christy McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-74).
24. Athletic Director Performance Appraisal, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-75).
25. Addendum to the Master Contract between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Okaloosa County Education Association ratifying the Teacher Evaluation System, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-76).
26. Memorandum of Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Okaloosa County Education Association and the Okaloosa County Educational Support Professional Association for the 2012 Summer Voluntary Pre-K program, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-77).
27. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 12-78)
 - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 12-79)
 - C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 12-78)
 - D. Deleted - Termination of Employee #xxx-xx-3553
28. Employment Separations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-80).

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29. 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 12-81):
 - A. Jose Fernandez, Niceville High School, 15 hours
 - B. Minerva Gadsden, Wright Elementary School, 4 hours
 - C. Nick Kootsouradis, Shoal River Middle School, 2.75 hours
 - D. Toni Sullivan, Wright Elementary School, 75 hours
30. Zoning Waivers, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-82; see Zoning Waiver file).
31. 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) RFB 12-B06 Emergency Bid for Boiler Replacement-Bluewater Elementary School, awarded to Engineered Cooling Services, Inc., in the amount of \$30,920.00 (Exhibit 12-83)
 - (2) Renewal of RFB 09-B16 Mansfield Oil Company, E10 Gasoline, #2 Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel and B20 Bio-diesel Fuels, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-84)
 - (3) Gemaire Group, Sole Source, Factory Direct Pricing Agreement for HVAC Equipment (Exhibit 12-85)
 - B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
 - C. Service Agreements:
 - (1) Amendment to SA# 12-62 Tami Osorio, addition of services to Eglin Elementary, Kenwood Elementary, and Wright Elementary; maximum hours revised under Section 5.a. from 495 hours to 720 hours; change in prorated shares under Section 5.a. (Exhibit 12-86)
 - (2) SA# 12-78 Juli Kim Dixon, Conduct "Making Sense of the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics" training, Title I Department - \$5055.00 (Title I, project 2401) (Exhibit 12-87)
 - (3) SA# 12-84 Tiffany Reeves, Wind Instrument Training, Crestview High School - \$1800.00 (Band Internal Funds) (Exhibit 12-88)
 - (4) SA# 12-85 Rocky Mountain Autism Center, Consultative and follow-up services to school teams implementing SCERTS frameworks, Multiple Schools - \$15,600 (General Funds) (Exhibit 12-89)

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

1. STEMM Center, presented by Debbie Davis, Dolores Noechel, Shawnea Tallman, and Rick Soria, and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.

Ms. Thrush made a motion to amend the proposed STEMM Center to accommodate the Teacher STEMM Training Center and the Engineers For America program, minus the STEMM Academy. The motion died for lack of a second.

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Motion to approve the STEMM Center, as recommended by the Superintendent, was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mr. Kelley and carried 3-1, Ms. Thrush dissenting (Exhibit 12-90).

Ms. Thrush stated that she was concerned about spending resources for approximately 4% of the 5th grade population in the current economic environment, and that focus should be given to interest students throughout the District and to enriching the existing programs that promote science and math.

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

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SEAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT:

1. Change Order No. 1-11, Addition of laptops to the SEAT Management Contract, presented by Eric Mitchell and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.

Mr. Eric Mitchell gave a PowerPoint presentation in regard to the laptop evaluation in the SEAT Management contract. He stated that the purpose of the evaluation was to identify laptops that would cost the same as desktops under the SEAT Management contract, yet durable enough to sustain a three-year duty cycle. He explained the various tests that were run by staff on three laptop models, and the results of those tests.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Board that there would be a savings in the amount of \$129,085 starting in February 2012 through the rest of this year on 500 seats currently being refreshed. He stated that based on the factors presented, the laptops that were tested at the desktop price are an acceptable alternative for District use. Board approval of Change Order No. 11 would allow the District to move forward with the option of teachers acquiring laptops instead of desktops at the next refresh cycle this summer. He has discussed the matter with Union representatives and together they will determine a method for selecting which teachers will receive laptop computers this summer. Mr. Mitchell commented that approximately 570 student desktops are due for refresh this summer and the teacher desktops are an acceptable replacement to those student systems.

Motion to approve Change Order No. 1-11, Addition of laptops to the SEAT Management Contract, presented by Eric Mitchell and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mr. Kelley and carried 4-0 (Exhibit 12-91).

BIDS AND PURCHASING: None

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS:

Mr. McInnis stated that on October 10, 2011, the Board approved a Third Party Cooperative Arrangement for Community Based Work Experiences program with the Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. He provided a copy of the updated Standard Terms and Conditions which has been returned from the State for review as an attachment to the contract. He informed the Board that he and the ESE staff have reviewed the updated terms and conditions to the contract and all changes are acceptable.

Mr. McInnis requested Board approval to attach the updated Standard Terms and Conditions to the previously approved Third Party Cooperative Arrangement for Community Based Work Experiences program with the Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, prior to returning it back to the Florida Department of Education.

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Motion to approve the request as stated by Mr. McInnis was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Ms. Thrush and carried 4-0 (Exhibit 11-754).

SUPERINTENDENT’S BUSINESS:

1. Out-of-State Student Field Trips (Exhibit 12-92)

BOARD MEMBERS’ BUSINESS:

Mrs. Thigpen stated that the science and engineering fair awards ceremony will take place Wednesday evening at 6:50 p.m., at the fairgrounds.

There being no further business, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Jan Crawford, Recorder

ALEXIS TIBBETTS, Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT AND
CORPORATE SECRETARY

RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD