

REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 12, 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 March 12, 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 6:05 p.m. and welcomed visitors and presenters.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Consent Agenda: Item #15, Education Partnership Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Department of the Air Force, was deleted; added as item #22, Overhead Distribution Easement granted to Gulf Power Company at the Central Administration Complex; added as item #23, Appropriation of District 4 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Laurel Hill School in the amount of \$7000.00

VISITORS:

1. The Board recognized Choctawhatchee High School Cheerleaders, First Place in the FHSAA Competitive Cheerleading State Championship, 1A Division Small Co-ed (Exhibit 12-118)

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS:

2. Motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Erwin Scott Huerkamp to the position of Assistant Principal, Choctawhatchee High School, was made by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously (Exhibit 12-119).

VISITORS (continued):

2. The Board recognized of Fort Walton Beach High School Cheerleaders, First Place in the FHSAA Competitive Cheerleading State Championship, 2A Division Small Co-ed and National High School Cheerleading Champions, Large Varsity Non-Tumbling Division (Exhibit 12-120)
3. The Fort Walton Beach High School Stars were recognized by the Board as the Jazz State Champions, American Championship State Competition (Exhibit 12-121)
4. The following 2011-2012 Okaloosa County School District Outstanding School Volunteers were recognized by the Board (Exhibit 12-122):
District Youth Winner: Jon Seth Sammons, Crestview High School
District Senior Winner: Pam Crossen, Edwins Elementary School

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District/Region I State Adult Winner: Shawna Crist, Plew Elementary School

5. Presentation of Okaloosa County School District AdvancED/SACS Accreditation Plaque was presented by James McCalister, Chair of the Florida AdvancED/SACS Council, confirming that Okaloosa County School District has achieved accreditation status for all its schools (Exhibit 12-123).

Mr. McCalister commented that the District accreditation has the power to nurture and support individual school improvement, and at the same time they unify school improvement and align it with all other district improvement goals so that the district schools are moving in one direction. Accreditation is designed to help educational institutions boost their ongoing performance for the benefit of students. Accreditation matters because students deserve the highest level of education excellence possible.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: No Request

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS (continued):

1. The recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Timothy Roberts to the position of Vehicle Shop Foreman, Transportation, was approved on a motion by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 12-124).

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS: (Workshop Only)

1. In-County Travel paid for the period of February 9 – 22, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-125)
2. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of February 9 – 22, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-126)

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 27, 2012, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Appropriation of District 1 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Kenwood Elementary School for document cameras in the amount of \$9633.00, presented by Cindy Frakes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-127).
3. Appropriation of District 3 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Fort Walton Beach High School for security cameras in the amount of \$10,425.00, presented by Rodney Walker and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-128).
4. Payment of Invoices dated March 12, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-129).
5. Warrants in the amount of \$20,416,934.48 and Bank Transfers in the amount of \$337,000.00, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-130).

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6. Acceptance of Donations, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-131).
7. Medicaid School Administrative Claiming Contract for FY 2012-2013 between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the School Board of Seminole County, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-132).
8. Authorization to appropriate Federal Impact Aid Funds and make payment in the amount of \$16,527.00 (Payment #2 – 2012 Claiming Year) to Charter Schools and AMIKids Emerald Coast, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-133):
 - A. Okaloosa Academy - \$309.00
 - B. NWFSC Collegiate High School - \$3219.00
 - C. Liza Jackson Preparatory School - \$12,982.00
 - D. AMIKids Emerald Coast - \$17.00
9. Disposal of Surplus Property, presented by Steve Bolton and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-134).
10. School bus to be declared surplus and donated to the Department of the Army, 7th Special Forces Group, for training purposes, presented by Jay McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-135).
11. Memorandum of Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Department of the Army, 7th Special Forces Group, for use of a school bus during training exercises, presented by Jay McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-136).
12. School Volunteer Lists, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-137).
13. 2012-2013 School Year Calendar for AMIKids Emerald Coast, presented by Jerry Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-138).
14. Revised curriculum frameworks for Automotive Service Technology, presented by Al Gardner and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-139).
15. Deleted - Education Partnership Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Department of the Air Force, represented by the Air Armament Center and Air Force Research Laboratory, Munitions Directorate, to permit AAC employees to promote STEM for students in grades K-12, presented by Dolores Noechel and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
16. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 12-140)
 - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 12-141)
 - C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 12-140)
 - D. Suspension of Employee #xxx-xx-3553 (Exhibit 12-142)
17. Employment Separations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-143).

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18. 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 12-144):
 - A. Mary Beth Jackson, CHOICE, 6 hours
 - B. Margaret Wolthers, Shalimar Elementary, 75 hours
19. Zoning Waivers, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-145; see Zoning Waiver file).
20. 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
21. Amendment #2 to Lease Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Department of the Air Force, Eglin Air Force Base, to remove Oak Hill Elementary School from the lease, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-146).
22. Overhead Distribution Easement granted to Gulf Power Company at the Central Administration Complex, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-147).
23. Appropriation of District 4 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Laurel Hill School for instructional technology equipment and voice recognition software in the amount of \$7000.00, presented by Cathy Thigpen and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-148).

DISCUSSION AGENDA: None

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S BUSINESS:

1. Motion to approve Program No. 4, Task Order No. 21, Additional Scope of Work, Time and Materials for Renovation of Server Room in the Central Administration Complex, amount not to exceed \$550,000.00, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was made by Mrs. Frakes and seconded by Mr. Kelley.

Ms. Thrush stated that she was opposed to the additional cost to this Task Order which was approved in September without receiving the supporting documentation as requested at the Board Workshop.

Mrs. Frakes' motion carried 4-1; Ms. Thrush opposed (Exhibit 12-149).

2. Program No. 4, Task Order No. 23, GMP for Fort Walton Beach High School HVAC Master Plan Phase 1 Roofing and Renovation in the amount of \$1,904,202.00, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Frakes and seconded by Mr. Kelley (Exhibit 12-150).

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SEAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT: None

BIDS AND PURCHASING: None

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS: None

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SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:

1. Out-of-State Student Field Trips (Exhibit 12-151)

BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

Mrs. Thigpen commented on the comparison information provided by Mary Beth Jackson, CHOICE Program Director regarding industry certifications that have been earned. She noted that in 2007-2008 when the CHOICE programs were established, the number of industry certifications earned was 190, and 1,133 certifications were earned in 2010-2011, which significantly increased the C.A.P.E. funding. Industry certifications allow students to enter skilled jobs at a good salary. She thanked all the teachers and business partners who have contributed to the success of the program.

Ms. Thrush announced that Ruckel Middle School will be recognized by the Niceville Chamber of Commerce at their breakfast this week for ranking in the top ten middle schools in the state. This is a testament to the District's teachers, staff, administrators, students and volunteers who help make all of Okaloosa School District's schools outstanding.

Representing first-year teachers, Karen Peek, President of OCEA, addressed the Board concerning a reduction in their salary as a result of the adoption of a new salary schedule in January. With six pay periods having elapsed since the new salary schedule was adopted, a retroactive salary adjustment started with the February pay period without notice or explanation to the affected teachers. Mrs. Peek requested that the Board either restore the first-year teacher salary to their previous salary, or give the teachers the option of a monthly adjustment over the next six pay periods, or a lump sum deduction during the summer.

Mr. Walker responded that the Superintendent and staff will look into the matter and would follow up with her.

Patrick Strong, President of OCESPA, thanked the District staff for their efforts in coordinating the breakfast in recognition of the Educational Support Professionals of the Year.

There being no further business, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Jan Crawford, Recorder

ALEXIS TIBBETTS, Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT AND
CORPORATE SECRETARY

RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD