

## **REGULAR MEETING – MAY 14, 2012**

The Invocation was offered by Dr. Tibbetts; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Frakes.

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on May 14, 2012 in the School District Administration Building, 12 Lowery Place, SE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

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

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

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 #27, CHOICE Technical Center LPN Summer Calendar 2012

**VISITORS:** None

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** No Request

### **PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS:**

1. Motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Brooke Barron Lord to the position of Assistant Principal, Choctawhatchee High School, was made by Mrs. Frakes, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously. (Exhibit 12-257)

### **COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS (Workshop Only):**

1. In-County Travel paid for the period of April 5 – 25, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-258)
2. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of April 5 – 25, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-259)
3. Report on Impact of New School Grading System, presented by Guyla Hendricks and Steve McLaughlin (Exhibit 12-260)

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Chairman moved items # 7, #16, and #19 to the Discussion Agenda as items #1, #2, and #3, respectively, at the request of Ms. Thrush to make further comment on these items.

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

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

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2. Appropriation of District 4 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Northwood Elementary School for projectors and mimios in the amount of \$6997.00, presented by Cathy Thigpen and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-261)
3. Appropriation of District 4 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Davidson Middle School for instructional technology equipment in the amount of \$10,000.00, presented by Cathy Thigpen and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-262)
4. Payment of Invoices dated May 14, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-263)
5. Warrants in the amount of \$22,636,952.05 and Bank Transfers in the amount of \$392,000.00, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-264)
6. Acceptance of Donations, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-265)
7. Moved to Discussion #1 - Reallocation of residual capital outlay proceeds from the exchange of real property pursuant to Resolution No. 08-09, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
8. School Board owned portable to be declared surplus and to be disposed of in accordance with Florida Statutes, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-266)
9. National School Lunch and Breakfast Program Sponsor Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Afterschool Snack, Summer Food Service, Seamless Summer Option, and Special Milk Programs, presented by Ed Coleman and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-267)
10. Renewal of Food Service Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the American Red Cross of Northwest Florida, presented by Ed Coleman and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-268)
11. School Volunteer Lists, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-269)
12. Athletic Trainer Support Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Twin Cities Hospital for Niceville High School, presented by Jerry Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-270)
13. Community Education: Summer Driver's Education Program, presented by Al Gardner and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-271)
14. Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the School Board of Walton County to provide ESE services to eligible Walton County students, presented by Melody Sommer and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-272)
15. Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Okaloosa County Comprehensive Head Start to provide speech therapy, language therapy, educational and other related services to eligible prekindergarten children, presented by Melody Sommer and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-273)

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16. Moved to Discussion #2 - Contract Extension Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Project Lead the Way, Inc., to provide high school and middle school biomedical sciences and technology curriculum, presented by Mary Beth Jackson and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
17. Educational 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, for AAC employees to promote STEM and participate in education outreach programs, presented by Dolores Noechel and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-274)
18. Educational Partnership Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Department of the Air Force, represented by the Air Force Research Laboratory Munitions Directorate, to promote STEM through equipment donations and loans, presented by Shawnea Tallman and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-275)
19. Moved to Discussion #3 - Summer Intensive Studies/Summer School Schedule for 2012, presented by Guyla Hendricks and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
20. Contract Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide Campus for the CHOICE Aviation Institute for 2012-2013, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-276)
21. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
  - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 12-277)
  - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 12-278)
  - C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 12-277)
22. Employment Separations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-279)
23. 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 12-280):
  - A. Tammy Arne, Food Service, 34.25 hours
  - B. Gloria Simmons, Custodial Services, 75 hours
  - C. Greta Westbrook, Wright Elementary School, 67.5 hours (revised)
24. Zoning Waivers, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-281)
25. Bids and Purchasing, presented by Vince Windham and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
  - A. Approval of Bids and Purchasing Requests:
    - (1) Renewal of RFB 11-B04 Telecommunication Services awarded to Cox Business Services and CenturyLink (Exhibit 12-282)
    - (2) Renewal of RFP 11-P05 Student Web Hosting Services-IT, awarded to FTC Hosting Services (purchase subject to E-rate funding being available) (Exhibit 12-283)
  - B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None

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### C. Service Agreements:

- (1) SA# 12-94 Dorothea Baltes, Grant writing services specific to the grant application for Boeing Charitable Trust for 2012-2013, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum - \$975 (Professional Development, Project 7016) (Exhibit 12-284)
  - (2) SA# 12-96 Brandon All Stars, Choreograph and teach cheerleader routines, Fort Walton Beach High School - \$6000 (FWBHS Cheerleader Internal Funds) (Exhibit 12-285)
26. Report from negotiations under RFP 12-P05 Management Services for Dropout Prevention School, and recommendation to cease negotiations and to cancel the RFP without an award, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-286)
  27. CHOICE Technical Center LPN Summer Calendar 2012, presented by Al Gardner and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-287)

### DISCUSSION AGENDA:

1. Ms. Thrush stated that the residual capital outlay funds at Plew Elementary School would be used to replace flooring in the multipurpose room, media center, front office, and eleven classrooms.

Motion to approve the reallocation of residual capital outlay proceeds from the exchange of real property pursuant to Resolution No. 08-09, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was made by Mrs. Frakes, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously. (Exhibit 12-288)

2. Ms. Thrush asked for clarification as to whether the contract with Project Lead the Way included middle school. Dr. Tibbetts confirmed that the program is offered only at Fort Walton Beach High School and the contract has been corrected to exclude the reference to middle school.

The Contract Extension Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Project Lead the Way, Inc., to provide high school biomedical sciences and technology curriculum, presented by Mary Beth Jackson and recommended for approval by the Superintendent, was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Thigpen and seconded by Ms. Thrush. (Exhibit 12-289)

3. Ms. Thrush announced the school sites that will be hosting summer intensive studies, summer school, and VPK during 2012.

Dr. Tibbetts clarified that summer school is by invitation only for students in need of remediation in reading or math or course recovery for promotion or graduation. Parents will be notified if their child is being retained or has failed a class. Secondary students who failed a class during first semester have already been notified.

Mrs. Thigpen clarified that Summer VPK is voluntary and parents will need to register their child.

The Board unanimously approved the Summer Intensive Studies/Summer School Schedule for 2012 presented by Guyla Hendricks and recommended for approval by the Superintendent on a motion by Ms. Thrush and seconded by Mrs. Frakes. (Exhibit 12-290)

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### **CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S BUSINESS:**

1. Motion was made by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously to approve Program No. 4, Task Order No. 24, GMP for Summer 2012 Roofing Projects at Niceville High School and Lewis School, in the amount of \$819,750.00, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval. (Exhibit 12-291)

**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 12-292)

Dr. Tibbetts informed the Board that the preliminary results of the FCAT Writing assessment have been received. The statewide results show a dramatic drop in the percentage of students passing the writing section of the FCAT. Some decline was anticipated because the test was harder this year, but not such a drastic decline. The drop is partially attributed to a more rigorous test and changes in the grading method. Superintendents across the state will be addressing this matter with the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education. The impact of the test scores is not just to the individual students but also to teacher pay and school grades, which are both tied to student performance. (Exhibit 12-293)

Mrs. Frakes asked that a presentation on the impact of the test scores be made to the Board when the results for Okaloosa County are received. The results will not only impact school grades but also such things as enrollment in the STEMM Academy.

Dr. Tibbetts announced that Fort Walton Beach High School students have been selected to participate in a National Training Seminar entitled, "Students Can Lead, Yes They Can", in Grapevine, Texas. One school nationwide was selected to represent each branch of the military and Fort Walton Beach High School will be representing the Air Force.

### **BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Thigpen congratulated Laura Pink, Antioch Elementary School teacher, who was named Air Force Association, Chapter 398, Hurlburt Field's Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Thigpen recognized Ben White and the Crestview High School Leadership Team on their lip dub video highlighting the school. They have had over 70,000 hits on YouTube.

Mrs. Thigpen also congratulated Kevin Lusk, Director, and the Crestview High School Chorus on their participation in the World Stride Music Festival in Toronto and winning several awards. They were most proud to be chosen to receive the Spirit of Toronto Award given by the festival to the group demonstrating the best representation of the community.

Ms. Thrush stated that there will be a lot of end of the year activities during the next couple of weeks and that there will be a number of summer enrichment program available to students. Dr. Tibbetts added that Paul McNeely, ITV Broadcast Technician, will be running a series of promotions for schools that will be offering summer enrichments program for students.

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Ms. Thrush stated as a reminder to parents that the Board and district staff does not make the decisions regarding FCAT. These decisions are made by the legislature and the Department of Education. Parents need to write their legislators and DOE to express their concerns.

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

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ALEXIS TIBBETTS, Ed.D.  
SUPERINTENDENT AND  
CORPORATE SECRETARY

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RODNEY L. WALKER  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD