

## **REGULAR MEETING – MAY 29, 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 May 29, 2012, in the Okaloosa County Courthouse, Crestview, Florida.

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

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

**ABSENT:** Rodney L. Walker, Chairman

The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed visitors and presenters. In recognition of Memorial Day, the Board gave tribute to the military and recognized the active duty and retired military personnel in attendance.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the Agenda as amended was made by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried 4-0:

Consent Agenda: Added as item #13D, Suspension of Employee #xxx-xx-0941; item #10, Agreement for School Resource Officer Program between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Sheriff of Okaloosa County, is moved to Discussion Agenda #1 at the request of Ms. Thrush.

Discussion Agenda: Added as item #1, Agreement for School Resource Officer Program between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Sheriff of Okaloosa County,

### **VISITORS:**

1. Ivory Smith, Baker School, was recognized as the State Champion in 400 meter dash (Exhibit 12-294)
2. The Board recognized Morgan Jones, Baker School, State Champion in Class 1A Varsity Division Discus Throw (Exhibit 12-295)
3. Antioch Elementary School was recognized for being selected as the 2011-2012 U. S. Civil Air Patrol's Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE) School of the Year (Exhibit 12-296)

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** No Request

**PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS:** None

### **COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:**

1. In-County Travel paid for the period of April 26 – May 9, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-297)
2. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of April 26 – May 9, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-298)

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3. Northwest Florida State College, Collegiate High School, Financial Statements for Years Ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-299)

Mrs. Frakes commented that the analysis points out that the Collegiate High School is closely tied to the State of Florida and the School District as far as economic position. Collegiate High School received a 2% net increase in funding for the 2010-11 fiscal year; however, a decrease of 11% is projected in the 2011-2012 fiscal year, which will require continued review of expenses. This is provided to the Board for information only and does not require Board action.

4. Grants Update, presented by Kaye McKinley (Exhibit 12-300)

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mary Beth Jackson commented that the proposed mini STEMM lab at Pryor will enhance the science program with software and materials for students to experience hands-on STEM applications.

Mrs. Frakes stated that the Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning with the City of Mary Esther is a replacement of the existing agreement required through modification of the original Senate Bill 360.

Jerry Sansom confirmed that the Charter School Extension Agreement with Okaloosa Academy is a five-year renewal contract, and does not provide for any additional student services.

With regard to the reappointment of personnel for fiscal year 2012-2013, Mr. Mike Foxworthy commented that very few instructional employees were laid off this year and it is anticipated that they all will be placed in positions. In comparison to last year, the number of non-renewed contracts is about the same this year and most of those employees will be re-hired. In regard to educational support employees who were laid off, it is anticipated that most of those employees will be placed.

Vice-Chairman Thigpen stated that Mr. Coleman has verified having discussed the recommended new calendar with OCESPA President, Patrick Strong. Mr. Coleman informed the Board that there is a shift of two weeks in the new calendar in which those 10-month employees would report to work four weeks prior to the start of school and their last day is June 6, 2013, when school ends. Once summer school programs end, this schedule would be more effective in preparing the schools for the start of each school year. The new calendar would affect approximately 82 employees and there is no additional cost.

Mrs. Frakes requested information regarding the amount of expenditures for Faithful+Gould services for the last two years. In response to inquiry regarding the necessity to continue validation services for the District's GMPs, Mrs. Scallan stated that in order to avoid audit findings the District is required to have a separate independent validation system in place. She noted that the cost for each report is minimal. Dr. Bill Smith stated that he would provide the requested information to the Board.

Vice-Chairman Thigpen and Ms. Thrush noted that no District funds will be contributed to the Joe Etheredge Stadium reserve seating replacement project as it is a self-help project.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended was made by Mrs. Frakes, seconded by Ms. Thrush and carried 4-0:

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1. Minutes of Workshop Meeting of May 10, 2012 and Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 14, 2012, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Appropriation of District 1 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Pryor Middle School for a Mini STEMM Lab in the amount of \$15,608.49, presented by Cindy Frakes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-301)
3. Interlocal Agreement for Public School Facility Planning between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the City of Mary Esther, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-302).
4. Motor Vehicle Lease for Disaster Transportation Services between the School Board of Okaloosa County and AGE of Florida, Inc., d/b/a Emerald Coast Center, presented by Jay McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-303).
5. Budget Amendment #7 for 2011-2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-304).
6. Monthly Financial Report for March 2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-305).
7. Acceptance of Donations, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-306).
8. Payment of Invoices dated May 29, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-307).
9. School Volunteer Lists, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-308)
10. Moved to Discussion #1 - Agreement for School Resource Officer Program between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Sheriff of Okaloosa County, effective July 16, 2012 through July 15, 2013, presented by Rodney Nobles and Jerry Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
11. Charter School Contract Extension Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Okaloosa Academy, Inc., effective June 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-309).
12. Agreements between the School Board of Okaloosa County and YMCA of Florida's Emerald Coast, Inc., for before and after school programming and summer programs at the following schools, effective June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013:
  - A. Edwins Elementary School (Exhibit 12-310)
  - B. Florosa Elementary School (Exhibit 12-311)
  - C. Shalimar Elementary School (Exhibit 12-312)
  - D. Walker Elementary School (Exhibit 12-313)
13. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
  - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 12-314)
  - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 12-315)
  - C. Transfer Report (No Report)
  - D. Suspension of Employee #xxx-xx-0941 (Exhibit 12-316)

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14. Employment Separations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-317).
15. 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 12-318):
  - A. Dennie Manning, Custodial Services, 16.5 hours
  - B. Mandelyn Prescott, Silver Sands School, 7.5 hours
  - C. Devon Stewart, Fort Walton Beach High School, 20.25 hours
  - D. Sara Strange, Kenwood Elementary School, 68.5 hours
16. Reappointment of personnel for fiscal year 2012-2013, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
  - A. Instructional Personnel (Exhibit 12-319)
  - B. Educational Support Personnel (Exhibit 12-320)
17. New Custodial Cleaner Payroll Calendar – 10 month – 206 day – 3.5 hours, presented by Ed Coleman and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-321).
18. Zoning Waivers, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-322).
19. Recommendation of the Selection Committee for RFQU 12-Q02 Construction Cost Engineering Consulting Services to accept the proposal from Faithful & Gould, Inc., and to authorize the Superintendent and School Board Attorney to enter into contract negotiations, presented by Vince Windham and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-323).
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. Joe Etheredge Stadium Reserve Seating Replacement Project, presented by Cindy Gates and Greg Thomas and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-324).

## DISCUSSION AGENDA:

1. Agreement for School Resource Officer Program between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Sheriff of Okaloosa County, effective July 16, 2012 through July 15, 2013, presented by Rodney Nobles and Jerry Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.

Dr. Tibbetts commented that the District received approximately the same amount of School Safety funds as last year and that there is minimal change to the SRO contract. Mr. Nobles stated that SRO coverage will remain the same as this past school year.

Ms. Thrush stated that she had a concern in the standard of service provided and requested that the District purchase two additional SROs; one at Lewis School and one at CHOICE High School. She noted that the presence of resource officers is a valuable resource, and they provide an invaluable service to the teachers and administrative staff.

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In response to Mrs. Thigpen's inquiry, Mr. Nobles stated that the cost of a single resource officer is approximately \$98,000. Discussion followed regarding the affect of adding SROs to the contract with the sheriff's department, and the need for SRO services at Lewis School and CHOICE High School. Mr. Nobles commented that the District provided Lewis School with funds to provide security at their extracurricular activities this past school year. Dr. Tibbetts noted that Lewis School continues to have the least frequent number of behavior referrals.

Sheriff Major J.D. Peacock explained that the sheriff's department is committed to the SRO program, and will continue to subsidize three SRO positions at Meigs, Davidson and Destin Middle Schools, as negotiated last year. He noted that a sheriff's office substation is projected to be in place on the campus of CHOICE High School, pending a contract with the County Commission for the installation of certain technology to their computer system.

Further discussion followed regarding the District's cost of two additional SROs, as well as clarification from Officer Peacock regarding the provisions under the proposed contract and the cost to the sheriff's department for the three resource officers. He stated that should the District request additional SROs, funding would have to be re-negotiated.

Motion was made by Ms. Thrush to approve the Agreement for the School Resource Officer Program for 2012-2013, with the addition of a resource officer at Lewis School; and with the addition of a resource officer at CHOICE High School if the sheriff's substation on campus was not in place when classes resume in August, and that the additional cost to the district for the two additional officers be taken from the general fund since there are no remaining School Safety funds.

Officer Peacock provided further details regarding the status of the sheriff's substation. He stated that the sheriff's department is confident that the substation on the CHOICE High School campus will be in place by the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year, which would give the presence of officers.

Ms. Thrush amended her motion to approve the Agreement for the School Resource Officer Program for 2012-2013, with the addition of one resource officer at Lewis School, and that the additional full cost to the District of approximately \$100,000, or a split cost with the sheriff's department in the amount of approximately \$50,000, for the additional officer be taken from the general revenue.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion to approve the Agreement for School Resource Officer Program as recommended by the Superintendent carried 3-1, Ms. Thrush opposed (Exhibit 12-325).

Vice-Chairman Thigpen stated that the District would continue to provide Lewis School with funds for security at their extracurricular activities.

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

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SEAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT:** None

**BIDS AND PURCHASING:** None

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### **ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS:**

Mr. McInnis stated that the Board had previously approved a resolution with the City of Fort Walton Beach in regard to storm water utility fee issues. As part of that resolution, the City adopted an ordinance that exempts certain governmental property, including School Board properties, from those particular fees and assessments. Mr. McInnis requested the Board's authorization for the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Fort Walton Beach that includes those terms the Board previously approved.

Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Fort Walton Beach that sets forth the terms for resolution of the pending issues regarding storm water utility fees and assessments, was made by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried 4-0 (Exhibit 12-326).

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:**

1. Out-of-State Student Field Trips (Exhibit 12-327)

Dr. Tibbetts reminded everyone of the baccalaureate and graduation activities this week.

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

Mrs. Frakes stated that Mrs. Handzo recently informed her that the Bureau of Exceptional Education is considering the sequestration of Federal funds which would involve a 7-9% reduction in the District's IDEA funds. She stated that she will contact Congressman Miller's office to encourage him to take action on the matter, as it is an issue that will go into effect if no action is taken. Mrs. Handzo added that it would affect all Federal grants, including Title and IDEA funding.

Ms. Thrush stated that Sodexo and the District are participating in the Federal funded free breakfast and lunch program this summer at various schools throughout the district.

Ms. Thrush stated that school volunteers are needed during the summer in preparation for classes beginning in the fall.

There being no further business, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Jan Crawford, Recorder

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ALEXIS TIBBETTS, Ed.D.  
SUPERINTENDENT AND  
CORPORATE SECRETARY

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CATHERINE S. THIGPEN  
VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD