

REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 11, 2012

The Invocation was offered by Mr. Kelley; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Thrush.

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on June 11, 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 6:00 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: Item #19, Course Adoptions-updated; item #29A(1) RFB 12-B07 Lawn Care Services for all Schools moved to Consent #29B(1); added as item #31, Calendars for Summer Bridge Program for Middle School Students and Junior Lifeguard Program for High School Students

Discussion Agenda: Added as item #1, Resolution No. 12-02 regarding High Stakes Testing

VISITORS:

2. Ed Coleman and the Nutrition Services Department were recognized by the Board and Superintendent for receiving the 2012 U. S. Department of Agriculture Best Practice Award in the Fiscal Management Category (Exhibit 12-328)
1. Mrs. Shelly Arneson, Principal of Edge Elementary School, who is terminating her employment in the district, was recognized by the Board and Superintendent for her commitment, achievements and leadership as an educator and leader in the Okaloosa County School District (Exhibit 12-329)

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: No Request

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

1. In-County Travel paid for the period of May 10 – 23, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-330)
2. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of May 10 – 23, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-331)

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Ms. Thrush asked if the Intro to Film course that was added to the list of course adoptions is a new course. Scott Huerkamp, Assistant Principal at Choctawhatchee High School, responded that Intro to Film is a new course and is a practical arts elective which is required for graduation.

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

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 29, 2012, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Appropriation of District 1 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Choctawhatchee High School for choral chairs in the amount of \$4138, presented by Cindy Frakes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-332).
3. Appropriation of District 1 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Meigs Middle School for a mini COW amount not to exceed \$15,600, presented by Cindy Frakes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-333).
4. Payment of Invoices dated June 11, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-334).
5. Warrants in the amount of \$20,796,417.10 and Bank Transfers in the amount of \$280,000.00, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-335).
6. Acceptance of Donations, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-336).
7. Budget Amendment #8 for 2011-2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-337).
8. Monthly Financial Statement for April 2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-338).
9. Lease Extension Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Northwest Florida Visionnaires, Inc., presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-339).
10. Joint Use Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the City of Crestview for use of Richbourg Field for educational and recreational programs, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-340).
11. School Food Service Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and AMI Kids Emerald Coast, Inc., for purchase and delivery of prepared meals from the Nutrition Center, effective June 11, 2012 through August 2, 2013, presented by Ed Coleman and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-341).
12. Third Contract Renewal Agreement for Food Management Services Non-Profit Food Service Program between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Sodexo America, LLC, presented by Ed Coleman and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-342).

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13. Supervised Practice Experience Agreement for the Florida Department of Health Dietetic Internship between the School Board of Okaloosa County and The Florida Department of Health, Escambia County Health Department, presented by Ed Coleman and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-343).
14. School Volunteer Lists, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-344).
15. Adult Vocational Fee Schedule for SY 2012-2013, presented by Al Gardner and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-345).
16. Community Fitness Challenge at Laurel Hill School, presented by Al Gardner and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-346).
17. Cooperative Service Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Louise R. Goldhagen Multidisciplinary Evaluation and Consulting Center of the Florida State University to provide Independent Educational Evaluations requested by parents of ESE students, presented by Lois Handzo and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-347).
18. Amendment No. 2 to the Apple Authorized Training Center Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Apple, Inc., to enable district instructors to train students and proctor certification exams, presented by Patti Bonezzi and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-348).
19. Course Adoptions, presented by Shawnea Tallman and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-349).
20. Title III, Part A, English Language Acquisition Grant Application, presented by Kathy Baird and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-350).
21. Title X, Part C, Homeless Children and Youth Grant Application, presented by Lisa West and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-351).
22. Contract for Health Services between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Pediatric Services of America, Inc, d/b/a PSA Healthcare, effective July 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013, presented by Lois Handzo and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-352).
23. Project Application for the Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System/Westgate Associate Center (FDLRS-Westgate), presented by Lois Handzo and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-353).
24. Cleared certification requirements and issuance of contract for the 2012-2013 school year, presented by Christy McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-354).
25. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. New Hire Report (No Report)
 - B. Leave Requests (No Report)
 - C. Transfer Report (No Report)
 - D. Reinstatement of Employee #xxx-xx-3553 (Exhibit 12-355)

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26. Employment Separations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-356).
27. 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 12-357):
 - A. Beth Baker, Kenwood Elementary School, 5.5 hours
 - B. Marilyn Gagnon, Kenwood Elementary School, 22.5 hours
 - C. Heather Jacobs, Walker Elementary School, 15 hours
 - D. Emery Locke, Transportation, 16 hours
 - E. Karen Osborn, Kenwood Elementary School, 7.5 hours
 - F. Brenda Sanders, Transportation, 6.5 hours
 - G. Andy Soileau, Custodial Services, 75 hours
28. Zoning Waivers, presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval: None
29. 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) Moved to #29B(1) - RFB 12-B07 Lawn Care Services For All Schools
 - (2) RFB 12-B08 Cafeteria Serving Lines at Crestview High School, awarded to Clark Food Service Equipment, in the amount of \$79,811.49 (Exhibit 12-358)
 - (3) Tag-on Bid RFP 12-05 with Santa Rosa County School Board for Multifunction Copiers, multiple vendors, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-359)
 - (4) Tag-on Bid 12-006/BP with Brevard County Public Schools for Bulk Commodity Processing, multiple vendors, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-360)
 - (5) Renewal of Tag-on Bid #09100068B with School Board of Seminole County for Audio Visual Supplies & Equipment Catalog Discount, multiple vendors, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-361)
 - (6) Renewal of Tag-on Bid 10-068-DR with School Board of Pasco County for USDA Commodity Egg Processing, awarded to Cargill Kitchen Solutions, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-362)
 - (7) Renewal of Tag-on Bid 10-069-DR with School Board of Pasco County for USDA Commodity Pork Processing, multiple vendors, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-363)
 - (8) Renewal of Tag-on-Bid #10-070-DR with School Board of Pasco County for USDA Commodity Fruit Processing, awarded to National Food Group, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-364)
 - (9) Renewal of Tag-on Bid 10-071-DR with School Board of Pasco County for USDA Commodity Sandwich Processing, awarded to Café Favorites, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-365)

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- (10) Renewal of Tag-on Bid 10-072-DR with School Board of Pasco County for USDA Commodity Fish Processing, awarded to Highliner Foods, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-366)
 - (11) Tag-on Bid Extension 09-093-DR with School Board of Pasco County for USDA Commodity Chicken Processing, multiple vendors, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-367)
 - (12) Tag-on Bid Extension 09-094-DR with School Board of Pasco County for USDA Commodity Beef Processing, multiple vendors, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-368)
 - (13) Tag-on Bid Extension 09-112-DR with School Board of Pasco County for USDA Commodity Turkey Processing, awarded to Jennie-O Turkey Store, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-369)
 - (14) Exempted Purchase, Blackboard, Inc., purchase of software program and site licenses, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment - \$40,500 (Exhibit 12-370)
 - (15) Exempted Purchase, Discovery Education, purchase of streaming site licenses, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment - \$47,600 (Exhibit 12-371)
 - (16) Exempted Purchase, Educational Impact Online Academy, purchase of software program, Professional Development - \$73,500 (Exhibit 12-372)
- B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests:
- (1) RFB 12-B07 Lawn Care Services For All Schools – No Award (Exhibit 12-373)
- C. Service Agreements:
- (1) Amendment to SA# 12-87 Dorothea L. Baltus, extend Term of Agreement to August 30, 2012 (Exhibit 12-374)
 - (2) SA# 12-98 Emerald Coast Science Center, Forensics Science Camp, Florosa Elementary School - \$2000 (General Funds/Special Revenue, Title 1, Project 2401) (Exhibit 12-375)
 - (3) SA# 13-01 NWF Art LLC d/b/a Abrakadoodle, Face painting for festivals and special events, Participating schools and day care - \$3 per participating student (Exhibit 12-376)
 - (4) SA# 13-02 NWF Art LLC d/b/a Abrakadoodle, Art classes to students in kindergarten through grade 12, Participating schools and day care - \$8 per participating student (Exhibit 12-377)
30. STEMM Academy – Advance Funding for School Year 2012-2013 Start Up Expenditures, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-378).
31. Calendars for Summer Bridge Program for Middle School Students and Junior Lifeguard Program for High School Students, presented by Steve McLaughlin and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-379)

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DISCUSSION AGENDA:

1. Resolution No. 12-02 regarding high-stakes testing, presented by Cindy Frakes

Mr. Clark Barrow requested to address the Board regarding end of course exams. Mr. Walker advised that comments regarding end of course exams would not be heard at this time since that issue was not on the agenda; however, information concerning the end of course exams would be presented at the Board Workshop on July 5th and public comments could be addressed at that time.

Mrs. Frakes stated that school districts are being held accountable for whether students can pass a certain test, rather than for the content students learn. She recommended the District adopt a resolution that calls for education and legislative officials across the state and nation to re-examine how standardized tests are used in schools, and to develop a system based on multiple forms of assessment which does not require extensive standardized testing. She clarified that an evaluation piece to gauge the progress of students and teachers is needed, but the current standardized testing model and its emphasis should be re-examined. She and other Board members encouraged parents and the community to step up and speak to the legislators about making a change.

Board members concurred with Mrs. Frakes' proposal.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-02 regarding high stakes testing was made by Mrs. Frakes and seconded by Mrs. Thigpen.

Ms. Thrush commented on her support of the Resolution and the importance of the validity and reliability of the end of course exams.

Mr. Kelley stated that he was in support of Resolution No. 12-02, and that the Board and District should show their support of the need for change in the State of Florida. He commented that there will always be standardized testing, and that the State legislature understands the direction Districts are going with the FCAT and the need to change that tool.

Mrs. Thigpen voiced her support of the Resolution, and the importance of the Board to direct this change with parental support.

Mrs. Frakes' motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-02 regarding high-stakes testing carried unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S BUSINESS:

1. On a motion by Mr. Kelley and seconded by Mrs. Thigpen, the Board unanimously approved Program No. 3, Task Order No. 17, Change Order No. 27, Declaration of Shared Savings, total amount of \$41,300.54, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-380).
2. Motion to approve Program No. 4, Task Order No. 14, Edge Elementary School Chiller Replacement, Time and Materials letter of completion and release of remaining funds, total amount of \$20,295.57, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Thigpen and seconded by Mrs. Frakes (Exhibit 12-381).

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SEAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT:

Mrs. Thigpen asked Eric Mitchell to comment on the various programs for a paperless system currently under review. Mr. Mitchell explained that various program options for a paperless system are currently being evaluated to move the Board agenda to an electronic document, as well as to streamline and align data to more efficiently manage meetings, plans and policies. Several programs are being reviewed to find the most cost effective way to move the Board in this direction. He stated a comparison of the costs associated with this concept and the cost of the current process will be presented to the Board upon completion of the review.

Mrs. Frakes commented that the Florida School Board Association has moved to a paperless system, and requested that Mr. Mitchell show the pros and cons of the different programs he evaluates, as well as the features of each, in his presentation.

BIDS AND PURCHASING: None

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:

1. Out-of-State Student Field Trips (Exhibit 12-382)

BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

In follow up to discussion at the previous Board workshop regarding consideration to change the venue of the Board's meetings in Crestview, Ms. Thrush requested that staff provide information on the various facility options, including the pros and cons, as well as the costs associated with each facility. She also requested that the Board consider a later time for its meetings in Crestview that would be more conducive for the public to attend. She noted that it may not be cost effective to change the meeting time before the Board's Organizational Meeting in November due to the associated costs to re-publish the Board's regular meeting calendar.

Ms. Thrush requested the following information be addressed in the forthcoming presentation clarifying the end of course exams: if students and parents were notified of both original and adjusted grades on the exams; the reason for adjusting only some of the exams; the different norming methods used, and why those models were chosen instead of a traditional bell curve. She asked if an interim assessment takes place during the school year that measures students' knowledge and teacher effectiveness with the exams. She and Mrs. Frakes noted their concerns with the validity and reliability of the exams.

Mrs. Thigpen stated that staff will present clarification, as well as a comparison between EOC exams from the State, BEACON Learning Center, and the District. She asked Board members to direct their questions through email correspondence to Steve McLaughlin prior to the presentation so that all concerns are addressed at the time of the presentation on July 5th.

Karen Peek, OCEA President, addressed the Board requesting that staff's presentation be available for viewing by the middle and high school teachers that gave the EOC exams prior to the Board workshop on July 5th.

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There being no further business, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Jan Crawford, Recorder

ALEXIS TIBBETTS, Ed.D.
SUPERINTENDENT AND
CORPORATE SECRETARY

RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD