

## **REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 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 August 27, 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

Rodney Nobles, Deputy Superintendent for Operations  
C. Jeffrey McInnis, Esq., Attorney to the Board

**ABSENT:** 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 Mr. Kelley and carried unanimously:

Consent Agenda: Added as item #29I, SES Agreement with Integrious Solutions; added as item #30I, Student Records Protection Agreement with Integrious Solutions; item #39C(3) is deleted, SA# 13-51 Carl Payne, Parent Liaison Services at Edwins Elementary

### **VISITORS:**

1. The Board recognized Ashley McLeod, Laurel Hill School Student, winner of the Prepared Public Speaking Competition at the Future Farmers of America State Competition (Exhibit 12-556)

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION:** No Request

**PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS:** None

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

1. In-County Travel paid for the period of July 26 – August 8, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-557)
2. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of July 26 – August 8, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-558)
3. Annual Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Audit/Review Results, presented by Dr. Bill Smith (Exhibit 12-559)
4. In-County Travel paid for the period of August 9 – 22, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-560)
5. Out-of-County Travel paid for the period of August 9 – 22, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-561)

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6. Report on Significant Financial Trends and Findings Identified in Charter School and Charter Technical Career Center 2010-11 Fiscal Year Audit Reports, presented by Rita Scallan (Exhibit 12-562)

### CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. Minutes of Workshop Meeting of August 9, 2012 and Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 13, 2012, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Payment of Invoices dated August 27, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-563).
3. Acceptance of Donations (dated August 27, 2012), presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-564).
4. Lease Extension Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Roger Grace, D.D.S., P.A., for a strip of property located on the southeast corner of the Choctawhatchee High School campus, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-565).
5. Surplus and disposal of scrap metal and used oil for the 2012-2013 school year by the Transportation Department, presented by Jay McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-566).
6. Surplus and disposal of used tires located at the Transportation South bus shop, presented by Jay McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-567).
7. Revised Dropout Prevention Plan, presented by Lois Handzo and Jerry Sansom and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-568).
8. Interagency Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida, presented by Kaye McKinley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-569).
9. Extension of Practicum/Student Teacher Education Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Western Governors University, presented by Guyla Hendricks and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-570).
10. Extension of Social Worker Intern Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the University of West Florida, presented by Lois Handzo and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-571).
11. Master Inservice Plan, presented by Christy McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-572).
12. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval: None
  - A. New Hire Report
  - B. Leave Requests
  - C. Transfer Report
13. Employment Separations (dated August 27, 2012), presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-573).

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14. Reinstatement of Sick Leave due to line-of-duty illness/injury/medical examination, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval: None
15. Zoning Waivers (dated August 27, 2012), presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-574; see Zoning Waiver file).
16. Annual Agreement for Charter Bus Services between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the following providers, presented by Vince Windham and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
  - A. A Ray Land Productions d/b/a Fabulous Coach Lines (Exhibit 12-575)
  - B. Good Time Tours, Inc. (Exhibit 12-576)
  - C. Coastal Coaches, LLC (Exhibit 12-577)
  - D. Kincaid Coach Lines (Exhibit 12-578)
  - E. Vision Tours, LLC (Exhibit 12-579)
  - F. Allstate Tours, LLC d/b/a Elite Tours of Atlanta (Exhibit 12-580)
  - G. Gulf Coast Tours, Inc. (Exhibit 12-581)
17. 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) Tag-on Bid ITN07DD-162YC with University of Florida for Multifunctional & Specialty Application Copiers, multiple vendors (Exhibit 12-582)
  - B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
  - C. Service Agreements:
    - (1) Amendment to SA# 13-12 Vanessa Westlake, Additional services and increase in contract amount, ESE Department (Exhibit 12-583)
    - (2) Amendment to SA# 13-35 Pat Ell, Additional terms, Title X Department (Exhibit 12-584)
    - (3) SA# 13-46 Tom Fitzpatrick, Band instruction, Ruckel Middle School - \$5850.00 (Internal Funds - Band Boosters) (Exhibit 12-585)
    - (4) SA# 13-47 Speech & Language Pathology De Americas, Inc., Northwood Elementary School - \$60,632.00 (ESE Dept.) (Exhibit 12-586)
18. Motor Vehicle Lease for Disaster Transportation Services between North Okaloosa Health Care Associates LLC d/b/a Shoal Creek Rehabilitation Center and the School Board of Okaloosa County, presented by Jay McInnis and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-587).
19. Budget Amendment #11 for 2011-2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-588).
20. Monthly Financial Report for June 2012 – Revised, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-589).
21. Payment of Invoices dated September 10, 2012, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-590).

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22. Warrants in the amount of \$9,536,437.34 and Bank Transfers in the amount of \$13,208,500.00, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-591).
23. Acceptance of Donations (dated September 10, 2012), presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-592).
24. Donor Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Morris A. Davis for the donation of 202 shares of United Parcel Service stock to the Board for the benefit of the Okaloosa STEMM Academy, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-593).
25. Naming of new mathematics lab at the Okaloosa STEMM Center, “The Linda J. Davis Mathematics Lab”, presented by Rick Soria and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-594).
26. NDIA ACCEerator Grant Program Applications, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-595).
27. Self-Help Project for the construction of a therapy pool at Richbourg School, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-596).
28. School Affiliation Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Fort Walton Beach Medical Center to provide clinical experience for students enrolled in the Practical Nursing Program at the CHOICE Technical Center, presented by Brenda Leeth and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-597).
29. NCLB Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Agreements between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the following providers for 2012-2013, presented by Joan Pickard and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
  - A. ! A+ Tutor U (Exhibit 12-598)
  - B. !!!!Achieve Success (Exhibit 12-599)
  - C. A+ In-Home Tutoring, Inc. (Exhibit 12-600)
  - D. ATS Project Success (Exhibit 12-601)
  - E. Academic Coaches, LLC (Exhibit 12-602)
  - F. Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services, Inc. (Exhibit 12-603)
  - G. JFK Tutoring, Inc. (Exhibit 12-604)
  - H. Sylvan Learning Center of Ft. Walton Beach (Exhibit 12-605)
  - I. Integrious Solutions (Exhibit 12-606)
30. Student Records Protection Agreements between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the following providers for 2012-2013, presented by Joan Pickard and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
  - A. ! A+ Tutor U (Exhibit 12-607)
  - B. !!!!Achieve Success (Exhibit 12-608)
  - C. A+ In-Home Tutoring, Inc. (Exhibit 12-609)
  - D. ATS Project Success (Exhibit 12-610)
  - E. Academic Coaches, LLC (Exhibit 12-611)
  - F. Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services, Inc. (Exhibit 12-612)
  - G. JFK Tutoring, Inc. (Exhibit 12-613)
  - H. Sylvan Learning Center of Ft. Walton Beach (Exhibit 12-614)
  - I. Integrious Solutions (Exhibit 12-615)
31. ACCESS Florida Community Network Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Department of Children and Families, ACCESS

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- Florida, presented by Joan Pickard and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-616).
32. School Health Services Plan 2012-2014, presented by Lois Handzo and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-617).
  33. School Food Service Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Okaloosa Academy, Inc., for the 2012-2013 school year and the Summer Food Service Program, presented by Ed Coleman and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-618).
  34. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
    - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 12-619)
    - B. Leave Requests (Exhibit 12-620)
    - C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 12-619)
    - D. Suspension of Employee #xxx-xx-3445 (Exhibit 12-621)
  35. Employment Separations (dated September 10, 2012), presented by Mike Foxworthy and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-622).
  36. Zoning Waivers (dated September 10, 2012), presented by Rodney Nobles and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-623; see Zoning Waiver file).
  37. Contract between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Carlton Palms Educational Center, Inc., for the district to support educational services as outlined in the IEP of a residential placement, presented by Lois Handzo and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-624).
  38. Fuel Purchasing Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Baker Fire District, presented by Vince Windham and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-625).
  39. 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) Cooperative Bid with School Board of Escambia County for Bread, Fresh for Direct Delivery to School Cafeterias, awarded to Sara Lee Bakery Group, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-626)
      - (2) Renewal of RFB 10-B09, U.S. Water Services Corporation, Waste Water Treatment at Baker School, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-627)
      - (3) Renewal of RFP 09-P04, Siemens Industry, Inc. for Energy Savings Program – HVAC System Control Program, Fixed Prices (Exhibit 12-628)
      - (4) Exempted Purchase, Cengage Learning, Purchase of web-based subscriptions for use district wide, Curriculum Department - \$31,446.70 (General Funds, Project 3009, Instructional Tech Software) (Exhibit 12-629)
    - B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None

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### C. Service Agreements:

- (1) SA# 13-48 Johnathan Davis, Color Guard Instruction, Choctawhatchee High School - \$10,500.00 (Internal Funds-Band Parents) (Exhibit 12-630)
- (2) SA# 13-49 Ed Devlin, Show design for the World Guard, Choctawhatchee High School - \$6,000.00 (Internal Funds-Band Parents) (Exhibit 12-631)
- (3) Deleted - SA# 13-51 Carl A. Payne, Parent Liaison services, Edwins Elementary School - \$14,999.10 (Title I, project 3401)

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

### PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. The recommendation of the Superintendent for a job description for School Custodian II/Day Custodian was presented for approval.

The Chairman called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to approve the Job Description for School Custodian II/Day Custodian was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously (Exhibit 12-632).

- B. The Superintendent's proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 School District Budget and Millage Rate were presented for consideration.

Rita Scallan, Chief Financial Officer, stated that since the first public hearing on the 2012-2013 Preliminary and Tentative Budget conducted on July 30, 2012, there has been no change in the millage rates, and the proposed final budget changed by 0.7 percent. She explained that the most significant change was in the appropriation for assistant principals at the four large high schools, which are funded from new revenue and fixed charges used from available carryover funds.

Mrs. Thigpen moved to amend the proposed final budget to include funding for an assistant principal position at Baker School. Mr. Kelley seconded.

Mrs. Thigpen expressed concern that one principal and one assistant principal were not sufficient for the current enrollment of 1370 students at the pre-K through 12 school. Ms. Thrush stated her opposition to the additional funding for the four high school assistant principal positions, as well as adding one at Baker School. She suggested that the Board hold a workshop to discuss staffing priorities and develop a staffing plan. In response to Mrs. Frakes' question regarding available funds to add a fifth assistant principal to the budget, Mrs. Scallan stated that carryover funds for the amount of the additional assistant principal at Baker School are available.

Ms. Thrush voiced additional concern in regard to the addition of math and science coach positions, again stating that staffing needs should be prioritized. Discussion continued regarding the reduction in Federal funds that are used for positions which have been eliminated, and current funding does not meet the costs of educating and transporting a student. Mrs. Frakes made the Board aware of the impact the sequestration of federal program funds may have on the budget next year, which could affect the delivery of services in some departments.

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Mrs. Thigpen's motion to amend the proposed final budget to include funding for an assistant principal position at Baker School, as seconded by Mr. Kelley, carried 4-1; Ms. Thrush dissenting.

The Chairman called for public comment on the proposed budget and millage rates; there was none.

The Chairman stated that the Board would adopt each of the millage levies on a separate vote and in total.

Resolution No. 12-05 determining the revenues to be produced and the millage to be levied for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:

- (1) Required Local Effort Millage @ 5.2180 Mills - Chairman Walker called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to adopt the Required Local Effort Millage rate of 5.2180 Mills was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mr. Kelley and carried unanimously.

- (2) Prior Period Funding Adjustment @ 0.0100 Mills – Chairman Walker called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to adopt the Prior Period Funding Adjustment @ 0.0100 Mills was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mr. Kelley and carried unanimously.

- (3) Basic Discretionary Millage @ 0.7480 Mills – Chairman Walker called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to adopt the Basic Discretionary Millage rate of 0.7480 was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mr. Kelley and carried unanimously.

- (4) Capital Outlay Millage @ 1.5000 Mills – Chairman Walker called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to adopt the Capital Outlay Millage rate of 1.5000 was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mr. Kelley and carried unanimously.

- (5) Total Millage Levy @ 7.4760 Mills – Chairman Walker called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to adopt the Total Millage rate of 7.4760 was made by Mrs. Frakes, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously.

The Chairman stated that the Board would adopt the District Budget by a separate vote and in total.

Resolution 12-06 adopting the Okaloosa County School Board Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:

- (1) General Fund Budget in the amount of \$273,672,787.48 – Chairman Walker called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to adopt the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$273,672,787.48 was made by Mrs. Thigpen and seconded by Mr. Kelley.

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Ms. Thrush expressed concern regarding additional funding for the math and science coach positions. She noted the need of additional assistance to the existing specialist positions, and suggested holding a workshop to discuss prioritizing staffing needs.

Motion was made by Ms. Thrush to amend the previous motion to approve the General Fund Budget to remove the five assistant principal positions from the budget, and that the Board hold a workshop to discuss staffing priorities, and seconded by Mrs. Frakes.

Mrs. Frakes stated that this is the first opportunity for the Board to give input into this issue as it was not included at the budget workshop.

Ms. Thrush's motion to amend the General Fund Budget failed 2-3; Mr. Walker, Mr. Kelley, and Mrs. Thigpen dissenting.

Motion was made by Ms. Thrush to amend the previous motion to approve the General Fund Budget to remove the positions of three math coaches and one science coach, and seconded by Mrs. Frakes.

Ms. Thrush voiced concern as to whether the learning coaches were the best manner to assist the math and science specialists. She stated that it would be beneficial to assess the necessity of these positions and receive input from the people affected or involved in the use of these coaches.

Responding to Ms. Thigpen's question as to what is driving the need for the math and science coaches, Debbie Davis, Mathematics Specialist, stated that newly implemented math standards has put a strain on teachers and schools in rising to meet the rigor of the new standards. She gave details on a plan to implement the positions. Mrs. Frakes stated she would prefer to wait on allocating for these positions.

Mrs. Scallan clarified that the math and science coach positions were in the budget at the time of the workshop on project budgets, and were approved in the Preliminary and Tentative Budget during a public hearing on July 30<sup>th</sup>. She stated that they can be removed and anything can be added at any time.

Ms. Thrush's motion to amend the General Fund Budget to remove the positions of three math coaches and one science coach failed 2-3; Mr. Walker, Mr. Kelley, and Mrs. Thigpen dissenting.

Mrs. Frakes commented that in discussions with principals, she is aware of the need for assistant principals, and is also aware of the need in the areas of science and math; however, discussion in a workshop setting to prioritize staffing needs would be beneficial before approving these allocations. She noted that this was the first opportunity to discuss this issue as a Board since receiving the budget information. Additionally, she believes some of these proposals should be left up to the new administration. She stated that she would support the Board's decision to move forward with these positions, and that this was a difficult decision during the current tough economic times.

Mrs. Thigpen's motion to adopt the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$273,672,787.48 as seconded by Mr. Kelley carried unanimously.

- (2) Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$9,263,744.98 – Chairman Walker called for public comment; there was none.



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Motion to adopt the Debt Service Fund Budget in the amount of \$9,263,744.98 was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mr. Kelley and carried unanimously.

- (3) Capital Project Funds in the amount of \$31,042,413.84 – Chairman Walker called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to adopt the Capital Project Funds Budget in the amount of \$31,042,413.84 was made by Mrs. Thigpen and seconded by Mr. Kelley.

Motion was made by Ms. Thrush to amend the previous motion to approve the Capital Project Funds Budget to not allocate capital discretionary funds to each Board member. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Thigpen's motion to approve the Capital Project Funds in the amount of \$31,042,413.84 carried 4-1; Ms. Thrush dissenting.

- (4) Special Revenue Funds-Federal Programs in the amount of \$19,002,157.87– Chairman Walker called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to adopt the Special Revenue Funds – Federal Programs in the amount of \$19,002,157.87 was made by Mrs. Frakes, seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously.

- (5) Special Revenue Funds-Food Service in the amount of \$10,990,700.72 – Chairman Walker called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to adopt the Special Revenue Funds-Food Service in the amount of \$10,990,700.72 was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously.

- (6) Special Revenue Funds-RTTT in the amount of \$1,294,699.71 – Chairman Walker called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to adopt Special Revenue Funds-RTTT in the amount of \$1,294,699.71 was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously.

- (7) Total District Summary Budget in the amount of \$345,266,504.60– Chairman Walker called for public comment; there was none.

Motion to adopt the Total District Summary Budget in the amount of \$345,266,504.60 was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously.

The Chairman concluded the Public Hearing and returned to the Agenda for the Regular Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

### DISCUSSION AGENDA:

1. Capital Outlay Five-Year Work Plan for Fiscal Years 2012-2013 through 2016-2017, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (approved during the Public Hearing on the School District Budget). (Exhibit 12-633)

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2. School District Budget and Millage Rate for 2012-2013 Fiscal Year, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (approved during the Public Hearing). (Resolutions 12-05 and 12-06)

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

1. On a motion by Mrs. Thigpen and seconded by Ms. Thrush, the Board unanimously approved Program No. 4, Task Order No. 9, Change Order No. 3, Declaration of Shared Savings, total amount of \$936,605.43, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 12-634).
2. Motion to approve Program No. 4, Task Order No. 12, Change Order No. 2, Declaration of Shared Savings, total amount of \$162,028.95, presented by Rita Scallan and recommended by the Superintendent for approval was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Ms. Thrush and carried unanimously (Exhibit 12-635).
3. Program No. 4, Task Order No. 23, Change Order No. 1, Fort Walton Beach High School A/C Roofing Project, Installation of additional roof top mounted unit and associated Siemens controls in the amount of \$65,698.40, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was approved on a motion by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Ms. Thrush and carried unanimously (Exhibit 12-636).
4. Motion was made by Mrs. Thigpen to approve Program No. 4, Task Order No. 26, Pre-GMP for Baker School and Richbourg School Roof Replacement Projects, in the amount of \$70,000.00, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, seconded by Ms. Thrush and carried unanimously (Exhibit 12-637).
5. Authorization for Faithful+Gould to provide cost verification services for Program No. 4, Task Order No. 23, Change Order No. 1, Fort Walton Beach High School roof top mounted unit, amount not to exceed \$548.00, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval, was approved on a motion by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Ms. Thrush and carried unanimously (Exhibit 12-638).
6. Motion to approve authorization for Faithful+Gould to provide cost verification services for Program No. 4, Task Order No. 25, Fort Walton Beach High School Renovation Project Phase 2, amount not to exceed \$10,402.00, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Ms. Thrush and carried unanimously (Exhibit 12-639).
7. On a motion by Mrs. Thigpen and seconded by Ms. Thrush, the Board unanimously approved authorization for Faithful+Gould to provide cost verification services for Program No. 4, Task Order No. 26, Baker School and Richbourg School Roof Replacement Projects, amount not to exceed \$4,384.00, presented by Dr. Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (12-640).

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SEAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT:** None

**BIDS AND PURCHASING:** None

**ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS:** None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:** None

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### BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

Mrs. Frakes inquired about the feasibility of having a testing center by zone. She stated that although it could involve transportation costs, it may be cheaper long term, rather than purchasing computers for each school. She clarified that she is not proposing that the District look into it, but asking only about the feasibility. Eric Mitchell responded that it is possible to have a facility used year-round for testing, but it would have to be investigated.

Mrs. Thigpen stated that as part of the budget, the Board has agreed to a paperless agenda system, and she requested that Eric Mitchell move forward with that process as soon as possible.

Mr. Kelley addressed Ms. Thrush specifically concerning the discretionary capital funds allocated to her last year that remain unspent and he informed her that schools in her district are making requests for capital funds from him. He commented that if it is her intent to not allocate those funds to the schools, and it is the collective judgment of the Board that the schools in her district need these capital dollars, it is his intent to make a motion at a later meeting to re-allocate her discretionary capital funds to the chairman for distribution to the schools in her district. Ms. Thrush responded that needs have to be prioritized, and she will make a decision after she meets with Mrs. Scallan and the principals in her district.

There being no further business, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Jan Crawford, Recorder

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ALEXIS TIBBETTS, Ed.D.  
SUPERINTENDENT AND  
CORPORATE SECRETARY

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RODNEY L. WALKER  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD