

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 20, 2012

The Invocation was offered by Mrs. Frakes, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Taylor Oury, Shoal River Middle School Student.

The School Board of Okaloosa County conducted its annual Organizational Session on November 20, 2012, at Shoal River Middle School, 3200 Redstone Avenue East, Crestview, Florida.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The Oath of Office was administered to Mary Beth Jackson by Pastor Jonathan Shephard; to Cathy Thigpen by Elaine Mantle; and Dewey Destin by Parker Destin, Esquire. Remarks were made by the Superintendent and each Board Member following the acceptance of oath.

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 6:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Dewey Destin  
Cindy Frakes  
Cathy Thigpen  
Melissa Thrush  
Rodney L. Walker

Mary Beth Jackson, Superintendent  
C. Jeffrey McInnis, Esq., Attorney to the Board

Superintendent Jackson called the Organizational Session to order at 6:15 p.m. and called for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Mrs. Frakes nominated Rodney Walker for Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Thigpen and carried unanimously. The Superintendent passed the gavel to Chairman Walker.

Chairman Walker called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board. Mrs. Thigpen nominated Cindy Frakes for Vice-Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Destin and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Frakes suggested that both monthly Board meetings be held at the School District Administration Building in Fort Walton Beach. She noted that the capacity at the Crestview Courthouse is significantly less, few citizens residing in the north part of the county attend, and traveling to Crestview interrupts the workday for staff. She commented that personnel appointments are driven by the vacancies and the urgency of the vacancy, not by the location of the appointee. Additionally, the Administrative Complex offers better quality recording than the courthouse. Mrs. Thigpen agreed with Mrs. Frakes' suggestion, and commented that other locations in the north and central parts of the county have been considered; however there is a cost factor in recording equipment, remodeling, and wireless connection.

Motion was made by Mrs. Frakes that the Board continue to conduct regular meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month, and that both regular meetings be held in the School District Administration Building in Fort Walton Beach beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Board will conduct a workshop at 9:00 a.m. on the Thursday preceding the first regular meeting in the School District Administration Building. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thigpen.

Ms. Thrush inquired about holding an additional workshop prior to the second meeting of the month. Following discussion, Mrs. Frakes' motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Walker called for nominations for the Legislative Liaison to serve on the Florida School Boards Association Legislative Committee. Nomination was made by

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Mrs. Thigpen to designate Mrs. Frakes as the Board’s Legislative Liaison on the Florida School Boards Association Legislative Committee. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Destin and carried unanimously. Nomination was made by Mrs. Thigpen to designate Mr. Destin as the alternate Legislative Liaison on the Florida School Boards Association Legislative Committee. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Thrush and carried unanimously (Exhibit 12-817).

Motion to authorize the advertisement for the position of Chief Officer, Quality Assurance and Curriculum, to provide a period of transition prior to Guyla Hendricks’ retirement, as recommended by the Superintendent, was made by Mrs. Thigpen, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously.

On a motion by Mrs. Thigpen and seconded by Ms. Thrush, the Board unanimously approved to continue using existing bank MICR signatures on the AS/400 and existing signature plate on the Burroughs check signing machine until the new signature plate and MICR signatures are received and installed.

There being no further business, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Jan Crawford, Recorder

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MARY BETH JACKSON  
SUPERINTENDENT AND  
CORPORATE SECRETARY

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RODNEY L. WALKER  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD