



# THE SUPERINTENDENT'S

## School Board Meeting

### HIGHLIGHTS

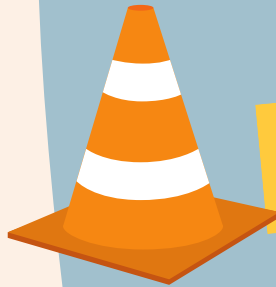
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I am pleased to present you with a few highlights from the most recent Okaloosa County School District School Board Meeting. A full agenda can be found on our website [www.okaloosaschools.com](http://www.okaloosaschools.com), or you can watch the meeting and the meeting workshop in their entirety by visiting the [School Board of Okaloosa County YouTube page](#). *-Marcus Chambers*

Superintendent  
Okaloosa County School District

### Under Construction! PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Progress continues on projects throughout the school district thanks to the 1/2 Cent Sales Tax and the districts regular capital budget. Several roofing, HVAC, and resurfacing projects were approved at previous Board meetings and are underway.



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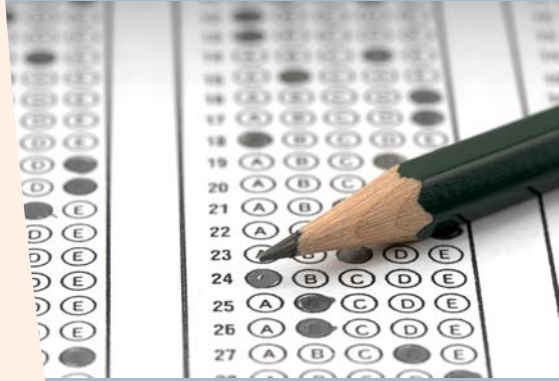
### Stadium & Campus Lighting Projects

This agenda item begins a multi-year program of replacing stadium and campus lighting with modern, LED systems that will function better at a reduced cost. Doug Griffith Memorial Stadium at Baker and Joe Etheredge Stadium at Choctawhatchee High School headline the lighting upgrades this year, with the other high school stadiums scheduled for next year.

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## Advanced Placement and AICE Exams Purchased for Spring Testing

This agenda item provides for the purchase of \$500,000 worth of exams for Advanced Placement and AICE classes offered in our high schools. High school students sit for these exams at the end of each school year. Students who earn passing scores on these exams receive credit at colleges and universities around the nation which lowers the cost of tuition for parents. Students earning college credit in this way can save Okaloosa County families approximately \$1,500,000 each year!



## Legislative Funding Request to Continue Kids' CODE TEACHING ELEMENTARY STUDENTS THE BASICS OF CODING

Kids' CODE (Creative Online Developmental Education)- If approved by the Florida Legislature, this request will provide continued funding to teach elementary-aged students the basics of coding through interactive curriculum. Superintendent Chambers initiated this program two year ago as part of his K-12 vision for creating the Next Generation of Okaloosa Schools. The six-week course is led by STEM coaches at elementary schools and will reach over 3,000 students in the 2021-2022 school year across every elementary school. Special thanks to Representative Maney and Senator Gainer who are providing support for this request.



[Watch our  
feature on  
Kids'  
CODE!](#)

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### School Donations

At each meeting, the School Board is presented with a list of school donations that have been received since its last meeting, as well as a running total of donations received for the school year. A special thank you goes out to all those who generously support our teachers and students. Since July 1st, \$141,244.98 has been donated! We appreciate you!!!



### Shared Savings Declared on Previous Capital Projects Brings Funding Back to the School District

Five capital projects that were completed within the past year all came in under budget!! For each of these projects, the School Board was presented with and approved a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) before construction began. A GMP is competitively bid among construction firms and protects the district from cost overruns that can be typical of construction projects in any industry. When the cost of construction stays below the GMP, the district recoups previously budgeted funds. In the five projects included in this Board item, the district is recouping \$1,578,600 which can be used for other capital projects going forward!



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difference we  
are making!

## Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation Provides an Update to the School Board

Michele Burns, President of the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation, provided the School Board with an update regarding teacher grant programs, the Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program, and many other topics. The Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting excellence in Okaloosa Schools.

Tutoring is in progress in  
the schools!  
"We are trying to be  
'aggressive' so to speak  
on how we meet the  
needs of our students."

- Tutoring
- Curriculum Update
- ESSER III Update
- Covid Update
- Enrollment
- Capital Funds
  - Single Point of Entry projects complete ahead of schedule!



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