

**SALES SURTAX CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 9, 2023**

The Sales Tax Surtax Citizens' Oversight Committee met on May 9, 2023, in the Training Room at the School District Central Administration Complex, located at 202 Highway 85 North, Niceville, Florida.

Committee members Present

Jason Belcher, Chairman; Mike Carroll; Bernard Johnson (via phone); Vince Mayfield; Monica Wallis; and Marcus Wilson. Absent: Jacob Foreman, Susan Holley, and Leslie Sheekley.

Others Present

C. Jeffrey McInnis, Esq., Attorney to the Board; Catherine Card, Public Information Officer; Julie Perry, Chief Financial Officer; Bill Smith, Program Director, Facilities Planning; Grant Meyer, Director I, Operational Services; and Joel Lindner, Program Director, Jacobs/Titan Technologies.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m., for the purpose of receiving reports related to the School District's Half-Cent Capital Outlay Sales Surtax Program.

A motion was made by Monica Wallis to allow Bernard Johnson to participate via telephone. The motion was seconded by Marcus Wilson and carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Vince Mayfield to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 14, 2023. The motion was seconded by Marcus Wilson and carried 6-0.

A financial update was provided by Julie Perry, Chief Financial Officer, on the sales tax revenue, projections, and the budget to date. Ms. Perry reported that the revenue collected continues to exceed the original estimates. She shared information related to the sales tax allocation and disbursement for Okaloosa's charter schools. Discussion followed with Ms. Perry addressing questions and comments from committee members regarding sales tax revenue projections and expenditures.

Catherine Card, Public Information Officer, Okaloosa County School District, shared video highlights of the recent site visits. Ms. Card will continue to coordinate individual project site visits per Florida Sunshine Law, for the other committee members during the summer months.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2023, beginning at 4:00 p.m., in the Training Room, at the Central Administrative Complex in Niceville.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Mari McGowan, Recorder



Jason Belcher, Committee Chairman

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13. Board Members' Announcements/Request for Information

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Board members provided reports regarding school visits and events:

The School Board Members noted the observance of National Teacher Appreciation Week and expressed appreciation to the teachers who go above and beyond every day in classrooms throughout the District.

Mr. Bryant reported the Davidson Middle School boys baseball team are county champs. He announced that the District is still accepting donations to their favorite participating Okaloosa County School District team or organization for a chance to win a 1956 Chevrolet Belaire. The car is currently on display at Crestview High School. Donations will be accepted through May 15, 2023.

Dr. White reported that valuable information regarding comprehensive testing and senior timeline activities could be found in the Choctawhatchee High School's newsletter, *The Tribe Life*. Meigs Middle School celebrated the kickoff of Teacher Appreciation Week with a breakfast. He wished the Choctawhatchee girls flag football team good luck in their regional finals game.

Mrs. Gardner made the following announcements: Fort Walton Beach High School has been recognized as a PLTW – Project Lead the Way Distinguished School for the 2022-2023 school year; the Fort Walton Beach High School Baccalaureate has been changed to Monday, May 22, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m.; the Fort Walton Beach High School boys baseball and girls softball teams have home playoff games this week as part of the 2023 FHSAA State Championships; and the Cox Inspirational Student HERO Program Awards will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, recognizing students who have overcome extreme challenges in their life.

Ms. Evanchyk reported that Attorney Franklin Harrison, Hand Arendall Harrison Sale, provided an excellent presentation at the morning's Board Workshop session regarding the ill effects of social media and the youth mental health crisis caused by social media addiction. She encouraged interested individuals to view the Workshop, which is available on the District's website.

14. Public Comment

14.1 Members of the public desiring to address the School Board with general comments- Form MIS 6120 General Public Comments (Yellow Card)

The Chairman recognized Keinah Lexia Fort, Program Director, Incubate Debate, who announced that Fort Walton Beach High School student William Kiker had been named the 2023 Incubate Debate State Champion.

16. Adjournment

16.1 Adjournment of the meeting by the Chairman

There being no further business, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Mari McGowan, Recorder



MARCUS D. CHAMBERS
SUPERINTENDENT AND
CORPORATE SECRETARY



DIANE KELLEY
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD