

**SALES SURTAX CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

The Sales Tax Surtax Citizens' Oversight Committee met on November 14, 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; Vince Mayfield; Leslie Sheekley; Monica Wallis; and Marcus Wilson. Absent: Jacob Foreman, Susan Holley.

Others Present

C. Jeffrey McInnis, Esq., Attorney to the Board; Catherine Card, Public Information Officer; Steve Horton, Deputy Superintendent; 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 4:06 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 Bernard Johnson to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2023. The motion was seconded by Marcus Wilson and carried 7-0.

A financial update was provided by Julie Perry, Chief Financial Officer, on the sales tax revenue, projections, and the budget to date. Discussion followed with Ms. Perry addressing questions and comments from committee members regarding sales tax revenue projections and expenditures.

Monica Wallis asked that a summary of projects funded by the additional revenue that has been collected be provided at the next meeting.

Joel Lindner, Program Director, Jacobs/Titan Technologies, provided a comprehensive update on the projects currently funded by the sales surtax. Mr. Lindner detailed the progress being made on the multi-purpose buildings, classroom additions, cafeteriums, and HVAC projects. Discussion followed with Mr. Lindner addressing questions and comments.

Committee members discussed the completion of classroom additions and the recent ribbon cuttings at Longwood Elementary, Silver Sands School, and Elliott Point Elementary School.

Steve Horton, Deputy Superintendent, announced that the School Board will approve the 2024 committee membership in December. Two new members will join the committee in January.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2024, beginning at 4:00 p.m., in the Training Room, at the Central Administrative Complex in Niceville.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Mari McGowan, Recorder



Jason Belcher, Committee Chairman

WORKSHOP MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 2023

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Workshop Session on December 11, 2023, in the Training Room at the School District Central Administration Complex, located at 202 Highway 85 North, Niceville, Florida.

Members Present

Tim Bryant; Linda Evanchyk, Vice-Chairman; Marti Gardner; Diane Kelley; Lamar White, Chairman. Also present: Marcus Chambers, Superintendent, and C. Jeffrey McInnis, Esq., Attorney to the Board.

1. Opening of Meeting

1.1 Call to Order by the Chairman

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, the purpose of the meeting being to review Agenda items, thereby expediting the Regular Meeting. Items may be considered in random order to accommodate visitors and presenters. Routine items not discussed during the Workshop were reviewed prior to the meeting with no further questions or comments by the Board.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1 Changes to Agenda and Approval of Agenda

The Chairman made the following changes to the Agenda:

Consent Agenda: Added item 7.33 Appropriation of District 1 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Pryor Middle School; added item 7.34 Appropriation of District 2 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Pryor Middle School; added item 7.35 Appropriation of District 3 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Pryor Middle School; added item 7.36 Appropriation of District 4 School Board Member Capital Outlay Funds to Pryor Middle School; added item 7.37 Voluntary Prekindergarten Curriculum Expansion Reimbursement Grant.

Superintendent's Human Resources Recommendations: Deleted item 8.7 Employee Termination.

3. Recognitions (Regular Meeting Only)

3.1 Recognition of Okaloosa County STEMM Academy for being nationally recognized as a Blue Ribbon School, presented by Jim Bagby on behalf of Congressman Gaetz Office and Marcus Chambers, Superintendent.

3.2 Recognition of Fort Walton Beach High School's JROTC program on being the recipient of a \$5,000 donation from Forever Warriors, presented by Tiffany Orner, Forever Warriors.

4. Administrative Personnel Appointments (Regular Meeting Only)

4.1 Appointment of Principal, Pryor Middle School, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.

4.2 Appointment of Principal, Fort Walton Beach High School, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.

5. Public Comment

5.1 Members of the public desiring to address the School Board regarding Agenda Items only - Form MIS 5241 Discussion of Agenda Items (Blue Card)

The Chairman called for public comment; there was none.

6. Committee and Staff Reports (Workshop Only)

6.1 In-County Travel paid for October 2023, presented by Julie Perry, Chief Financial Officer.

6.2 Out of County Travel paid for October 2023, presented by Julie Perry, Chief Financial Officer.

6.3 Career & Technical Education Update, presented by April Branscome, Program Director, Career & Technical Education