

**SALES SURTAX CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 7, 2024**

The Sales Tax Surtax Citizens' Oversight Committee met on May 7, 2024, 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; Bernard Johnson (arrived 4:05 p.m.); Vince Mayfield; Leslie Sheekley (via phone); Jeri Toolan; Monica Wallis; and Marcus Wilson. Absent: Cathy Ates, Mike Carroll.

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 4:00 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 Leslie Sheekley to participate via telephone. The motion was seconded by Marcus Wilson and carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Monica Wallis to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2024. 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. Discussion followed with Ms. Perry addressing questions and comments from committee members regarding sales tax revenue projections and expenditures.

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.

Mr. Belcher stated he would be presenting a Quarterly Progress Report on the work of the committee to the School Board at the May 28, 2024, School Board Meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Mari McGowan, Recorder



Jason Belcher, Committee Chairman

WORKSHOP MEETING – MAY 13, 2024

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Workshop Session on May 13, 2024, 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:

None

3. Recognitions (Regular Meeting Only)

3.1 Recognition of the 2023-2024 Kids Tag Art Program Winners, presented by Ben Anderson, Okaloosa County Tax Collector

3.2 Recognition of Meigs Middle School Archery Team as the 2024 State Champions in the National Archery State Program, Middle School Division, presented Superintendent Chambers

3.3 Recognition of Choctawhatchee High School Archery Team, 2024 National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) State Champions, High School and Grand Champion Divisions, presented by Superintendent Chambers.

3.4 Recognition of Okaloosa County School District Academic Team, 2024 State Champions, Division 2, Commissioner's Academic Challenge, presented Superintendent Chambers

3.5 Recognition of Choctawhatchee High School Boys Weightlifting Team, 2024 Florida High Athletic Association (FHSA) State Champions, 2A Traditional Division, presented by Superintendent Chambers.

4. Administrative Personnel Appointments (Regular Meeting Only)

4.1 Appointment of Principal, Southside Primary School, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.

4.2 Appointment of Assistant Principal I (10 Month), Choctawhatchee 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)

6. Committee and Staff Reports (Workshop Only)

6.1 Okaloosa County District School Board Internal Funds Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023, presented by Julie Perry, Chief Financial Officer