

## **SPECIAL MEETING - APRIL 17, 2000**

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Special Session on April 17, 2000, in the Fort Walton Beach Administration Building, 120 Lowery Place, SE.

PRESENT: Rodney Walker, Chairman  
Cindy Frakes, Vice-Chairman  
Don Gaetz  
Howard Hill  
Lloyd Taylor

Walter Gordon, Superintendent  
C. Jeffrey McInnis, Esq., Attorney to the Board

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and reviewing the Okaloosa County School District Strategic Plan for 2000-2003 (Exhibit 00-229).

Mr. Gordon reviewed the planning process for the development of a comprehensive plan for the school district. In order to have as much community input as possible, the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation was asked to facilitate and endorse the process. The Foundation agreed to sponsor The Alliance to Protect the Future to assist in developing a strategic plan to guide the district in improving education over the next five years.

Bruce Ravan outlined the actions taken to determine the need for the different councils and determining their functions. He explained how the councils worked independently and collectively to make final recommendations.

John Keith stated that the community has been heavily involved in the development of the Strategic Plan and that the Plan is being presented with the support and endorsement of the community.

Mr. Gordon introduced members of The Alliance to present the recommendations of their respective councils and to respond to questions from Board Members.

Sheriff Charlie Morris - Safe Schools Council  
Richard Manley - Marketing and Communication Council  
Larry Sassano - Workforce Development Council  
Dr. Michael Barry - Educational Programs Council  
Roger Hall - Leadership and Staff Development Council  
Bruce Marshall - Extracurricular Activities Council

In summary, Bruce Marshall stated that the Strategic Plan was developed and being presented with broad-based community support. The Plan is presented as a "living" document that will be reviewed periodically in order to make appropriate revisions based on needs, funding and other influences that may arise. The Alliance will offer guidance and suggestions to district staff and schools in implementing the Plan.

Mrs. Frakes thanked the community members and staff for their efforts in developing and supporting the Strategic Plan. She added that some items in the Plan are not big budget items and some are already being implemented.

Mr. Gordon stated that staff is developing a budget to fund the Plan and these items will be included in the upcoming budget process. He recommended the Board's approval of the Strategic Plan subject to funding and staffing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Teresa Epperson, Recorder

---

WALTER C. GORDON  
SUPERINTENDENT AND

---

RODNEY L. WALKER  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

**SPECIAL MEETING - APRIL 17, 2000**

EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY