

## BUDGET WORKSHOP

August 21, 2000

The School Board of Okaloosa County met on August 21, 2000 in the School Board Conference Room at 120 Lowery Place, S.E., Fort Walton Beach, Florida to review the proposed budget for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Present: Rodney Walker  
Don Gaetz  
Howard Hill  
Lloyd Taylor

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

Absent Cindy Frakes

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Walker stated that at the next budget workshop, scheduled for August 28, any deletions or changes to the budget must be made public indicating where the money will come from and where the money will go.

Mr. Taylor presented budget amendment #1 to supplement the budgets of the following low enrollment schools: (Exhibit 00-514).

Bob Sikes - \$50,000  
Northwood - \$50,000  
Southside - \$50,000  
Edwins - \$50,000  
New Heights - \$20,000, {\$31,000}\*  
Edge - {\$69,000}\*  
Destin Middle - \$50,000

\*These monies were budgeted by schools to pay back what they were supplemented last year. These amounts are to be waived.

Mr. Taylor stated that this supplement would be a one-time-only action and that the money would be obtained from the District Carry-Over funds. Mr. Gaetz responded that he wanted to clarify the source of the funds as coming from District Departments to Schools. Mr. Gaetz further proposed to expand the amendment to state that these funds, which would come from administrative reductions, would be restricted to classroom instruction (i.e., teachers and aides) and that the school Principal and the elected Advisory Council would prepare recommendations that would be subject to approval by the majority of the school's faculty.

The Board Members arrived at a consensus and endorsed budget amendment #1.

Mr. Gaetz asked the Superintendent to forward to the Board an update on the projected and actual enrollments including any over-sized classrooms and any split classes.

Mr. Gaetz asked Jeff Roser if enough money was set aside in the Exceptional Student Education Department for the software and training for the proposed IEP computerized programs. Mr. Roser answered in the affirmative. The Board discussed the number of teachers who were on the list to receive lap top computers. Mr. Roser stated that he would survey the ESE teachers for a correct number. Mr. Foxworthy indicated that there were about 1500 teachers who initially took advantage of the computer program with approximately 95 teachers on the waiting list.

Mr. Hill requested Becky Spence to provide a list, by school, of teachers who are not carrying a full teaching schedule and to specify their present schedule. Mr. Gaetz stated that teachers should not be identified by name.

The Board discussed the addition of a School Resource Officer and the fact that the Shalimar Police Department discontinued Safety Officers for walkers. Mr. Taylor asked if the money for an additional resource officer would come out of Safe School Dollars. The Superintendent agreed that it would come from the Safe School Dollar category. Lt. Don Fountain asserted that the Resource Officer would be utilized in the crosswalks as well as going on bus trips allowing for additional support for the schools. The Board agreed to support another resource officer for the safety of students, the officer taking over the Shalimar crosswalk, and because funds cannot be used to solve over-crowding in our schools.

Mr. Walker proposed that Ms. Debbie Hurst be promoted to the Director of Finance position. Mr. Walker stated that the upgrade he was proposing is for an allocated position and does not need to be advertised if the Superintendent recommends the position upgrade.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Maryann Foreman, Recorder

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WALTER C. GORDON  
SUPERINTENDENT AND  
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY

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RODNEY L. WALKER  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD