

REGULAR MEETING - JULY 10, 2000

The Invocation was offered by Mr. Taylor; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Gaetz.

The School Board of Okaloosa County met in Regular Session on July 10, 2000, in the Okaloosa County Courthouse, Crestview, Florida.

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 6:00 p.m. and welcomed visitors and presenters.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Gaetz withdrew his request for Consent item #14, IDEA Grant, to be moved to the Discussion Agenda with the understanding that it is subject to the later approval of the budget as stated by the Chairman at Workshop.

Mr. McInnis distributed corrected pages to the Charter School Contract with OWCC (Consent #17). He stated that the changes are technical in nature and there are no substantive changes to the contract.

The Chairman added under the Superintendent's Business notification from the City of Crestview of a change in the street of Crestview High School.

All other changes to the Agenda were approved by the Chairman at Workshop.

Motion to approve the Agenda as amended was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Frakes and carried unanimously:

Consent Agenda: Item #18B was deleted; item #21 was deleted; added as item #24, Agreement for Financial Consulting; added as item #25, Articulation/Dual Enrollment Agreement with Okaloosa-Walton Community College

Superintendent's Business: Added as item #1, Change of street address of Crestview High School

VISITORS:

1. Mark Holmes, Niceville High School student, was recognized as the State Pole-Vaulting Champion. A Resolution of Tribute honoring his accomplishment was presented by Mr. Gaetz. The Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board on a motion by Mr. Gaetz and seconded by Mr. Hill.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: No Request

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: None

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

1. Facilities Construction Update, presented by Bill Smith (Workshop Only) (Exhibit 00-417)

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended was made by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously:

1. Minutes of Workshop Meeting of June 19, 2000; Minutes of Workshop Meeting of June 26, 2000; Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 26, 2000; and Minutes of Workshop Meeting of June 29, 2000, recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
2. Budget Amendment #9, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-418).
3. Monthly Financial Report for June 2000, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-419).
4. Payment of Invoices dated July 10, 2000, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-420).
5. Warrants in the amount of \$33,041,820.70, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-421).
6. Acceptance of donation from Crescent Park Development, Inc., to Davidson Middle School in the amount of \$750.00, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-422).
7. Acceptance of donation from the Eglin Chaplain Fund in the amount of \$2719.14 to Oak Hill Elementary, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-423).
8. Acceptance of donation in the amount of \$11,000.00 from Summerhouse and Pandora's Golf Tournament to Silver Sands School, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-424).
9. Approval of FY 00 Inventories from all schools and departments having no missing items, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-425).
10. Request to remove missing property from the FY 00 Annual Physical Inventory, presented by Dennis Hundley and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-426).
11. Surplus Property List #00-21, items to be sold to the public, presented by Bill Smith and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-427).
12. Volunteer List, compiled by Gayle Grimes and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-428).
13. Community Education Class Fees for 2000-2001, presented by J. J. Steele and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-429).
14. Continuation of IDEA, Part B Entitlement Grant, presented by Jeff Roser and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-430).
15. Athletic Trainer Support Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Healthsouth, recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-431).

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16. Cooperative Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Focus Center for the 2000-2001 school year, presented by Mary Gunter and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-432).
17. Charter School Contract between the School Board of Okaloosa County and the Okaloosa-Walton Community College Charter High School, presented by Charla Cotton and Dr. Jill White and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-433).
18. Personnel Recommendations, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval:
 - A. New Hire Report (Exhibit 00-434)
 - B. Deleted - Leave Requests
 - C. Transfer Report (Exhibit 00-435)
19. Employment Separations, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-436).
20. Cleared Certification Requirements and Issuance of Contract for 2000-2001 School Year, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-437).
21. Deleted - School District of Okaloosa County Teacher Evaluation Handbook, Category I and II, presented by Becky Spence and recommended by the Superintendent for approval.
22. Zoning Waivers, presented by Emmett Windham and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-438).
23. Bids and Purchasing, presented by Rick Norris and recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-439; see bid file for additional information):
 - A. Approval of Bids and Purchasing Requests:
 - (1) Bid #01-B16 Wastewater Treatment Facility, Baker School, awarded to Jerry D. Mitchem in the amount of \$18,600.00
 - (2) Bid #01-B18 Lawn Services for Valparaiso Elementary awarded to Powell Lawn & Landscape in the amount of \$8500.00 for Contract Period No. 1
 - B. Rejection of Bids and Purchasing Requests: None
24. Agreement for Financial Consulting between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Nicola T. Roberts, recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-440).
25. Inter-Institutional Articulation/Dual Enrollment Agreement between the School Board of Okaloosa County and Okaloosa-Walton Community College, recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-441).

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

1. School Improvement Plan Requests, Responses and Updates, presented by Mary Gunter were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Taylor (Information on file in the District School Improvement Office):
 - A. District Waiver of P.E. for selected 8th grade students, Meigs Middle School
 - B. District Waiver of P.E. for 8th grade band and chorus students, Richbourg Middle School

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CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hill and carried unanimously to approve the Change Orders as follows:

1. Sverdrup/Delta Capital Outlay Program No. 2, Task Order No. 1, Change Order No. 20, recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-442).
2. Sverdrup/Delta Capital Outlay Program No. 2, Task Order No. 2, Change Orders No. 7 & No. 8, recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-443).
3. Sverdrup/Delta Capital Outlay Program No. 2, Task Order No. 3, Change Order No. 4, recommended by the Superintendent for approval (Exhibit 00-444).

BIDS AND PURCHASING: None

ATTORNEY'S BUSINESS:

The Chairman approved the request of Mr. McInnis to schedule an Executive Session of the Board on July 24, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. in the Fort Walton Beach Administration Building.

BOARD MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

Mr. Gaetz stated that he understands there is some speculation of split classes at some schools for the coming school year. He added that although this is unwanted but sometimes necessary, he hopes that there will be an educational impact note attached to any split class arrangements so that we will have some comfort that these classes are being split based on what the Superintendent believes will be the best educational result.

Mr. Walker stated that he has talked with the Superintendent and Mary Gunter regarding split classes and they have assured him that this is being carefully monitored.

Mr. Hill stated that he has been hearing that some of the schools are concerned about purchase orders not being processed with only five weeks before schools starts. He asked if there was need for some emergency action of the Board to allow schools to make purchases necessary for the starting of school.

Mr. Walker stated that the Superintendent has already directed the Purchasing Director to process orders for the starting of school. Also, the past year budget has been resolved and the books should be closed out by tomorrow so there will be no problem with processing purchase orders.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS:

1. Motion was made by Mr. Gaetz, seconded by Mr. Hill and carried unanimously to acknowledge the change of street address of Crestview High School as designated by the United States Postal Service in cooperation with the Okaloosa County Emergency Management and the City of Crestview (Exhibit 00-445).

There being no further business, and upon motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Teresa Epperson, Recorder

WALTER C. GORDON
SUPERINTENDENT AND
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY

RODNEY L. WALKER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD